

Economic Implications

Breakout Session 10

Areas where progress has been made

- Systematic conceptualization of food systems to understand the links between ag. and nutrition

Knowledge gaps

- Harmonized protocol for collecting food security and consumption data
- How to replicate successful boutique operations cost-effectively? How to sustain success after the “project” (financial sustainability)?
- Role of different food commodities in achieving appropriate diet accessible to the poor
- Implications for policy including trade-offs and substitution effects
- Demand analysis (market, culture etc.) to identify appropriate design interventions (emphasize demand creation, tackle cultural taboos, nutrition education, profitability etc.)

Examples of partnerships

- Research org. to pilot innovative approach with active engagement of Govt, to be scaled up with additional donor or national support
- A4NH's coordination role in forming multisectoral teams across expertise and commodities

Innovative scientific approaches

- Acknowledge role of medium/large farmers when needed
- Shift from production dominated research agenda to a stronger focus on consumption (urban & rural) – can we feed the world a adequate nutritious diet?
- Long-term projections to underlie longer-term research: Systems approach/scenario analysis to put nutrition objectives into a food systems context, and how different food systems contribute to an appropriate diet
- Analyze net-benefit by explicitly addressing unintended negative impacts (women's time, zoonotic etc.)