



Food, Nutrition and Gender: Lessons learned and recommendations for future action

28 April 2009, 8.45 - 15.30

Venue: Eigtveds Pakhus - Asiatisk Plads 2 G, 1448 Copenhagen K

Programme

- 8.45 – 9.15: Registration
- 9.15: Official opening by Secretary of State, Ib Petersen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 9.30 – 10.15: *Causes of nutrition problems and interventions: Presentation of evaluation study* by Dr. Pat Pridmore, Institute of Education, University of London (incl. Q&A session).
- 10.15 – 10.30: Coffee break
- 10.30 – 11.15: Brief presentations of experience from the field: case-studies on interventions for improved nutrition from Bangladesh, Tanzania and Afghanistan:
 - *Farmers Field Schools as a Tool for improving Food and Nutrition in Bangladesh* presented by Mr. Golam Mohammed Idris, Master Trainer, Agricultural Extension Component, ASPS, Bangladesh
 - *Iringa nutritional Programme: Lessons learned and Implications for the Future* presented by Urban Johnsson, Executive Director, The Owls and former Regional Director of UNICEF, Eastern and Southern Africa.
 - *Gender Relations and Nutrition – lessons learned from Afghanistan* presented by Charlotte Dufour, FAO AFG
- 11.00 – 12.30: Group discussions on experiences with different approaches in the field of nutrition and possible recommendations for future policies and interventions.
- 12.30 – 13.30: Sandwiches
- 13.30 – 14.00: Feed-back from group discussions
- 14.00 – 14.15: Presentation by Alexander Müller, Chair of UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (SSN) about the work of SSN and on policy measures for improved nutrition
- 14.15 – 15.00: Policy 'round table discussion':
 - Alexander Müller, UN standing committee on nutrition (SSN) FAO
 - Urban Johnson, Executive Director, The Owls
 - Chairman of Danida Board: Klaus Bustrup
- 15.00 – 15.30: Coffee



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Background and purpose of the seminar

Fluctuations in food (and fuel) prices over the past few years as well as the recent financial and economic crisis have intensified problems of food insecurity and malnutrition on a worldwide basis. At the same time, progress made to achieve the first Millennium Development Goal – focused on reducing poverty and hunger - has for various reasons been pushed backwards during these years, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia.

Women and children; the urban poor and the landless population in rural areas are among the groups facing the most severe problems in terms of securing sufficient food and proper nutrition. Moreover, while women play a major role in producing, processing and preparing food, they are themselves still among the most mal- or undernourished groups in society. Development efforts for changes have not been able to alter this situation.

The seminar on 28th of April, organized by the Evaluation Department and the Technical Advisory Services in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the three research networks (ENRECA Health, DDRN and the Danish Water Forum) will provide an opportunity to discuss interventions and policies to combat causes of malnutrition and make suggestions for future policy changes.

Results from a recently commissioned evaluation study on existing knowledge about causes of nutrition problems and interventions in the field will be presented and followed up with brief presentations of case-studies from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Tanzania, where food policy for some time has been a high priority at national level.

Registration

Participation in the seminar is free of charge, but registration is required. Please send an e-mail to Marianne Lindblad: maped@sund.ku.dk no later than Thursday 23 April 2009

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