How has COVID-19 changed the game on reaching nutrition goals?

Tuesday, 8 September 2020, 14:00-15:30 CEST on Zoom

Generation Nutrition is honoured to invite you to an invitation-only roundtable discussion on how COVID-19 has changed the game on reaching nutrition goals. The direct exchange serves as a substantial contribution to keep up momentum on the urgency of an EU integrated approach to nutrition in the COVID-19 crisis response and recovery phase to support the most vulnerable women and children and build resilient communities.

The roundtable discussion is all the more important, given the uncertainties around the planning for the postponed and/or cancelled key political and pledging nutrition events of 2020. It thus aims to provide a forum to exchange ideas and to refine action and pledge commitments from EU key stakeholders.

The virtual roundtable intends to:
1. Provide a forum to highlight the importance of closing the gap towards EU’s nutrition goals, especially in light of the unique and urgent challenges of the COVID-19 response and;
2. Explore EU’s leadership around key nutrition moments, such as EU’s COVID-19 recovery response, the upcoming NDICI programming cycle, and global moments such as World Food Day, the postponed Nutrition for Growth Summit and the Food Systems Summit.

SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Speakers:
Mr. Dr. David Nabarro – WHO Director-General’s Special Envoy on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

Ms. Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana – Member of the European Parliament and Vice Chair of the Development Committee

Mr. Martin Hoppe – Head of Division for Food and Nutrition Security, Global Food Policy, Fisheries at the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Ms. Sihem Sassi – Team Leader of the Human and Social Sector at the EU Delegation in Burkina Faso

Mr. Mike Khunga - SUN Movement Youth Leader from Malawi

Ms. Christelle Huré- Member of the SUN Movement Executive Committee and Action Against Hunger’s Regional Head of Advocacy for West and Central Africa
Mr. Dan Irvine – World Vision International’s Senior Director on Health and Nutrition

Ms. Elisa Pozzi – Save the Children’s Senior Advisor on Food Security and Livelihoods

Participants: Heads of Units at the European Commission (DEVCO, ECHO), representatives from the Scaling Up Nutrition CSO network, technical nutrition advisors, Members of the European Parliament, and representatives from Permanent Representations to the EU

FORMAT
The highly interactive discussion is divided into two sessions and participants are invited to actively engage.

Session One: How has COVID-19 changed the game on reaching nutrition goals, and how should we respond? What do we need to see more of/less of in the upcoming EU programming cycle to close the gap on nutrition goals across the EU Nutrition Action Plan and the SDGs during the COVID-19 response and recovery?

Session Two: Leadership and political will for nutrition in a COVID-19 context: with factors like the postponement of the Nutrition for Growth Summit to December 2021, lack of concreteness in the relevant external aspects of the Farm to Fork Strategy, and the fact that the EU Nutrition Action Plan may need to be updated before its lifespan is complete, what are our best ideas to assemble the financial and political will to keep the fight against all forms of malnutrition, especially for the most vulnerable, prioritised across EU and Member States’ partner country action?

REGISTRATION
To RSVP or express interest, please email info@alliance2015.org.

The event is hosted by Generation Nutrition, which gathers NGOs advocating for the fight against malnutrition at the EU level. Members of Generation Nutrition include Action Against Hunger, Alliance2015, Care International, Global Health Advocates, Save the Children, WaterAid, and World Vision International.