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11-15 November, 2024

28

28 people participated

3

3 countries - Lao PDR, Ethiopia, Kenya

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1 agenda on nutrition data management

"I recognize and appreciate the importance of the NiPN project in continuing to equip the relevant sectors in our province with the necessary skills to generate evidence and track progress on nutrition."

By Mr. Somchay Ounchit,
Vice Governor of Salavan, Lao PDR

NIPN Country Exchange Visit Fosters Global Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing

A recent country exchange visit hosted by Lao PDR, brought together representatives from Ethiopia and Kenya to share insights on nutrition challenges, strategies, and sustainability planning. Common challenges were identified across the countries, emphasizing the need for long-term sustainability plans. Kenya highlighted the importance of securing budgets and engaging stakeholders, while Laos focused on stakeholder workshops to ensure institutional and financial sustainability. Ethiopia's communication strategies offered valuable lessons on enhancing visibility. The exchange strengthened collaboration, improving nutrition governance through better data utilization and evidence-based policymaking. This exchange has not only broadened the understanding but has also paved the way for continued partnerships, knowledge exchange, and a collective commitment to addressing the nutrition challenges faced by our populations.

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Following the meeting with the Vice Governor, delegates visited few local health facilities (hospital and health center) to observe how data is collected, managed, and used for nutrition programming. This hands-on experience offered valuable lessons in the practical challenges of gathering accurate data at the provincial and district levels, as well as how that data can be leveraged to inform nutrition interventions. The field visits were complemented by discussions on how to overcome common barriers to make the most of the available data.

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NIPN-NIS Collaborative Workshop, Savannakhet

5-6 December, 2024

The NIPN-NIS collaborative workshop in Savannakhet brought together key sectors to enhance data quality (completeness, timeliness and correctness) and analysis for policymaking. It focused on identifying key nutrition issues at the district level in order to support effective budget allocation.



Theory of Change (TOC) & Sustainability Plan Workshop

16-20 December, 2024

The TOC & sustainability plan workshop was led by key facilitators and stakeholders from multiple sectors (Planning, Health, Education & Sports, Agriculture). The sessions focused on identifying nutrition challenges, addressing bottlenecks, and defining systemic changes needed for long-term impact.

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Advisory Board Meeting 11 January, 2025

The meeting reviewed project progress, challenges, and lessons learned, with six targeted provinces reporting the project implementation in their province. Discussions focused on the project's sustainability beyond 2025, with participants providing feedback for finalization.



**Vice Minister
Dr. Sthabandith Insiengmay
emphasizing importance of nutrition
data on implementation & policy**

What's Next?



Annual national nutrition forum & research conference is scheduled on 18 March, 2025 to keep track of the nutrition situation & implementation and identify achievements of the year. In addition, it will showcase new research findings, insights that can be used as evidence to influence the policy planning.