

## National Food Systems Summit Dialogues in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Viet Nam incorporate A4NH evidence around food systems for healthy and sustainable diets as part of the UN Food Systems Summit

**Project Title:** P332 - Increased awareness and capacity among key partners and stakeholders, including other CRPs, about diet-food system linkages

**Description:** The national Dialogues helped Member States to develop pathways towards sustainable food systems and solicit expressions of intention to support these pathways from a broad range of stakeholders.

**Is new?:** Yes

**Stage of Maturity of the Process:** Stage 1

**Policy/Investment Type:** Policy or Strategy

**Amount:** <Not Applicable>

**Geographic Scope:** Multi-national

**Country(ies):**

- The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
- Bangladesh
- Ethiopia

**Outcome Impact Case Report:**

- 4367 - A4NH researchers contribute evidence around food systems transformation for safe, healthy and sustainable diets to the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) process (<https://tinyurl.com/yboxkewh>)

**Innovations:** <Not Provided>

**Narrative of Evidence:** In the lead up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in September 2021, Member States were encouraged to initiate multi-stakeholder Food Systems Summit Dialogues between November 2020 and May 2021, which were expected to help them develop national pathways towards sustainable food systems in the coming months. A4NH researchers in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Viet Nam, participated quickly mobilized evidence that informed these nationally-led processes. In some cases, these engagements led to other research outputs and outcomes in the countries. In Bangladesh, A4NH researchers worked closely with and through partners with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) as part of an UNFSS independent dialogue <https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/20073/official-feedback-20073-en.pdf?t=1627804353> and [https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/UNFSSPathwayDocument\\_Bangladesh.pdf](https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/UNFSSPathwayDocument_Bangladesh.pdf). Although the documents do not acknowledge A4NH involvement, CGIAR resources were used. In Ethiopia, the A4NH country coordinator coordinated a background paper (<http://www.moa.gov.et/documents/20181/35819/EFS+Background+paper.pdf/e9756478-9b80-4a7a-9bb6-128b8889f93b>) and also participated in and provided more inputs into the national Dialogues ([https://summitdialogues.org/explore-dialogues/?dm\\_country=ethiopia&dm\\_type=national](https://summitdialogues.org/explore-dialogues/?dm_country=ethiopia&dm_type=national) and <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Ethiopian-Food-System-Conceptual-Framework-Using-the-Theory-of-Change-scaled.jpg> and <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/DRAFT-Ethiopian-Food-System-Technical-Synthesis-Report-09012021.pdf> and <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/DRAFT-Ethiopian-Food-System-Position-Paper-09012021.pdf>). In Viet Nam, A4NH participation in the UNFSS led to opportunities to inform the ongoing development of a National Action Plan for Food Systems Transformation and a Food Innovation Hub ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YH7VxHNQaVg&ab\\_channel=HuuTuyenTruong](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YH7VxHNQaVg&ab_channel=HuuTuyenTruong)).

#### **Milestones:**

- 12 stakeholders across the 4 focus countries use results of systematic assessment of different scaling and anchoring options for food systems

#### **Sub-IDs:**

- 41 - Conducive agricultural policy environment

#### **Contributing Centers/PPA partners:**

- IFPRI - International Food Policy Research Institute
- CIAT (Alliance) - Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT - Regional Hub (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical)
- WUR - Wageningen University and Research Centre

#### **Contributing CRPs/PTF:**

- RTB - Roots, Tubers and Bananas
- A4NH - Agriculture for Nutrition and Health