

Leveraging existing data and insights into the policy process to accelerate progress toward achieving sustainable diets in the Global South

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SUSTAINABLE DIETS

- Urgent imperative to reshape human diets to 1) safeguard human **health**, 2) mitigate **climate change**, and 3) support **livelihoods**
- Major barrier is defining clear **interventions points** that will provide a net-positive systemic influence across sectors
- **Segregation of data** collection and analysis within sectoral silos; prevents information from **reaching relevant decision makers**
- **Actionable research question:** How can existing data and insights into the policy process be leveraged to inform decision making on where and how to intervene to effectively shift multiple axes of food systems toward enhancing the sustainability of diets?

PROJECT SUMMARY

- **Iterative consultation process** with decision-makers and experts in 2 case study countries (Kenya and Vietnam)
- **Identify critical decision making needs**, data gaps, and insights into the policy process, and generate **information packages** aimed at informing systems-level decision making on sustainable diets
- **4 phases:** 1) data aggregation and synthesis; 2) interviews with stakeholders; 3) collaborative data analysis and communication; 4) follow-up engagement with stakeholders
- **Outputs:** 1) data profiles; 2) analysis and communications plans; 3) information packages; 4) problem-solving workshops; 5) guidance document; 6) articles and presentations; 7) assessment report

SOLUTIONS ORIENTATION

- **Phase 2 (stakeholder interviews):** 1) characterize processes for policy agenda setting, implementation, and evaluation; 2) determine the role of information; 3) identify information gaps; 4) determine how information may be best communicated; and 5) identify unresolved food systems policy issue
- **Phase 4 (present and reflect on information packages):** carry out individual meetings and multi-actor problem-solving workshops to determine usefulness of information packages, and to identify solutions
- Overall **goal of informing decision-making needs** of stakeholders by examining relations, synergies and trade-offs among domains of sustainable diets

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (CIAT)

- CIAT has **committed to a sustainable food systems research and action agenda** with primary research hubs in Kenya and Vietnam



- CIAT's **goals are directly aligned** with those of the project
- Outputs will **inform decision making** by CIAT and the network of research and development partners it serves
- Strong **external advisory committee** of 6 global experts

THANK YOU!