

International technical webinar on home grown school feeding

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Topic to be addressed by AUDA-NEPAD:

The role and importance of national governments engagement in planning and implementing HGSF programmes to ensure sustainability: the presenter is expected to highlight the important value that governments bring into design of HGSF and ensuring national ownership, smooth transition and sustainable HGSF programme.

The home grown school feeding concept is ***linking school feeding directly with agricultural development through the purchase of locally/domestically produced and/or processed food***

Local small-holder farmers will be given the opportunity and the initial assistance to provide schools in their vicinity with the necessary food products.

Therefore, HGSF, by its ***nature and concept***, should be (is) a country-led multi-partner alliance initiative, with the country government in the driving seat,

Moreover, the ***key principles*** applying to this great initiative are: leadership and ownership by the government, to be translated into firm and long-term commitment in term of resources (finance, logistic, human expertise) and institutional coordination,

Sustainability will be secured by predictability of resources and mutual accountability of all partners (local community, domestic private sector and any identified external development partners)

The role of the Government shall be as follows:

- briefing to local communities (agriculture producers in the vicinity of the targeted schools and who also are the parents of the students); development partners; domestic private sector and other stakeholders on the rational behind the HGSF;
- Create the enabling environment by mainstreaming the home-grown school feeding programme into existing National agricultural, Nutrition and Food Security Investment Plan
- Establishment of a formal alliance/agreement, with a coordination mechanism;
- High political will by adopting a legislative text to formalize the HGSF as a key strategic priority and thereafter the subsequent regular financial resources be allocated within the national budget – role of the national parliament -
- **building institutional and technical capacity of smallholder farmers to enable them to become reliable and competitive entrepreneurs and partners**
- **To undertake coherent and progressive harmonization** of school feeding relating activities across and among global partners working on SF in a given country, in order, if so required, to align to the concept of a real home grown school feeding programme

- **Pursue mobilizing** further resources, combined with slowly increasing contribution from local community and the possible buying-in of domestic private sector (in particular those being actors);
- Monitoring and evaluation, to measure the level of mutual accountability of all stakeholders

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