



BOGOR, INDONESIA

NOURISHING FOOD PATHWAYS FOR LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

At the local level, the Nourishing Food Pathways programme strives to facilitate inclusive food systems governance and mobilise local agency to transform urban food environments, advancing access to food security and safe, healthy diets for all.

This Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition's (GAIN) pathways initiative is active in the intermediary cities of Bogor (Indonesia), Pemba (Mozambique) and Arusha (Tanzania).



THE CHALLENGE

Street food vendors are a vital part of Bogor's everyday life: bringing residents, including school children, together to buy, eat and talk food, offering cultural and traditional meals, supporting livelihoods of low income vendors, energising the city's culinary tourism economy and connecting various food value chains.

Of an estimated 10,000-12,000 street food vendors who are spread through-out Bogor's network of streets, 3790 are legally registered with a national level Business Identification Number (NIB), of which 431 street food vendors hold a city-region operating permit.¹ Furthermore, most sell through a physical and digital marketplace.

This registration gap and dual marketplaces present challenges in managing street markets, providing basic services, like water and electricity, ensuring compliance and enforcement of food safety regulations, and designing and implementing solutions, like those that aim to reduce traffic congestion and street food waste.

Additionally, although 30% of women are registered street food vendors they are not represented in the vendor association leadership.

THE INTERVENTION

In Bogor, GAIN works together with leadership from the city government and 13 street food vendor culinary centers - including women vendor representatives. Within the framework of appreciating Bogor's food culture and the specifics of the local context, leaders are empowered with evidence and ONENutrition knowledge - where safe, healthy diets are presented as a food systems lever for change and an outcome.²

Leaders, together with GAIN, have further mapped key stakeholders including women vendor groups, policy and governance mechanisms and engaged stakeholders to co-design a governance mechanism that for the first time involves street food vendors.

¹ September 2025 quarterly communication from Bogor City Office of Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Trade, and Industry

² Trevenen-Jones, A., Greenwood, M., Muketha, M., & Kebenei, M. (2025). Empowered local agency, infrastructure investment, and governance: a model and case for traditional food markets. <https://doi.org/10.36072/wp.49>



THE IMPACT

To date, 35 stakeholder groups participated in the co-design of Bogor's 2025-2029 Regional Action Plan for Food and Nutrition (RAD-PG) – including multiple city government departments from Food Security and Agriculture to Health, Cooperatives and MSMEs, Trade, and Industry to Education and Environment, the Regional Bogor City Enterprise for Markets, and local organisations, such as street food vendor associations, Bogor's Farmers and Fishermen/women Association (Kontak Tani Nelayan Andalan - KTNA), and youth groups (RISE Foundation and Gen-Re).

3 Key Takeaways:



RAD-PG includes Standard Operating Procedures for inclusive governance for four cross-sectoral issues: Street food vendors, Food loss and waste, Monitoring price stability of food commodities, Ensuring proper consumption of diverse, balanced and healthy foods



RAD-PG aims to increase the (i) availability (ii) accessibility of diverse, nutritionally balanced, and safe food and (iii) use of food and nutrition services, alongside (iv) strengthening inclusive food systems and nutrition governance.



Following further socialisation with residents, the RAD-PG was finalised in March 2025.



WAY FORWARD

The Regional Food and Nutrition Action Plan (RAD-PG) is currently in the legal process of being established as a Mayor's Regulation (Perwali). As part of this process, a technical implementation forum was established. This Bogor City Food and Nutrition Security Forum also serves as a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation.

In September 2025, the RAD-PG was incorporated into the planning documents of the city, including the Regional Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMD) which informs the public budget, and the strategic plans (Renstra) of various city departments, including Health, Cooperatives, MSMEs, Trade and Industry, Education, Food Security and Agriculture.

Following initial training on gender and social inclusion in market governance, city government officials are reviewing theirs, GAIN's and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact framework indicators with further training and technical support planned to deepen gender and social inclusion mainstreaming in Bogor.



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