

Engagement Strategies and Recommendations for Ethiopia's Food Systems and Nutrition Stakeholders



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PUBLIC SECTOR

Stakeholders from diverse groups have a role to play in transforming Ethiopia's food system to address complex challenges arising across the supply chain that contribute to food insecurity and malnutrition.

Recommended strategies for **Public Sector** stakeholders in order to: enhance collaboration, align efforts, and work towards a more sustainable and resilient food system in Ethiopia include:



Enhance collaboration on food systems transformation between ministries and agencies.



Organize regular workshops to foster dialogue and share best practices among different ministries involved in food systems.



Facilitate meetings to ensure that policies across sectors (agriculture, health, and environment) are aligned and support food system transformation.



Provide training programs on food systems management and stakeholder engagement to enhance the skills of public officials.

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RESEARCH & ACADEMIA

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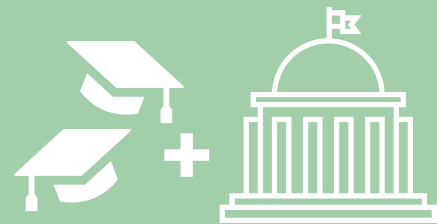
Recommended strategies for **Research & Academia** stakeholders in order to: enhance collaboration, align efforts, and work towards a more sustainable and resilient food system in Ethiopia include:



Integrate relevant food systems research findings into policy-making.



Foster innovation in implementing game changing solutions for food systems.



Establish partnerships between academic institutions and government agencies to facilitate evidence-based policy-making as it relates to food systems.



Share findings of research to policymakers and practitioners.



Encourage collaborative proposals for funding between academic institutions and other stakeholders to further work to transform food systems.

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PRIVATE SECTOR

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Recommended strategies for **Private Sector** stakeholders in order to: enhance collaboration, align efforts, and work towards a more sustainable and resilient food system in Ethiopia include:



Increase investment in food systems and innovation.



Foster public-private partnerships in support of food systems transformation.



Host roundtable discussions to identify opportunities for investment and collaboration in food system initiatives.



Organize events that connect private sector stakeholders with public entities and NGOs to foster partnerships in the food systems space

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DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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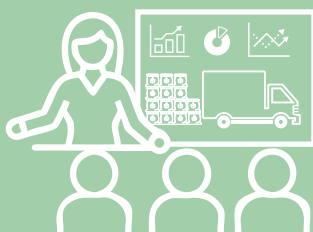
Recommended strategies for **Development Organisations & International Partners** stakeholders in order to: enhance collaboration, align efforts, and work towards a more sustainable and resilient food system in Ethiopia include:



Enhance coordination of development initiatives related to food systems.



Ensure alignment with local food system needs and capacities. Hold regular meetings to discuss ongoing projects, share resources, and avoid duplication of efforts with respect to food systems transformation.



Offer training and support to local organizations to strengthen their capacity to implement food systems development initiatives.

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CIVIL SOCIETY & INTEREST GROUPS

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Recommended strategies for **Civil Society & Interest Groups** stakeholders in order to: enhance collaboration, align efforts, and work towards a more sustainable and resilient food system in Ethiopia include:



Amplify community voices in food system discussions.



Organize campaigns that raise awareness about food systems issues and encourage stakeholder participation in decision-making processes.



Provide training for civic society groups on advocacy strategies to influence food policy.



Provide feedback on food policies and initiatives, ensuring key concerns are raised.

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