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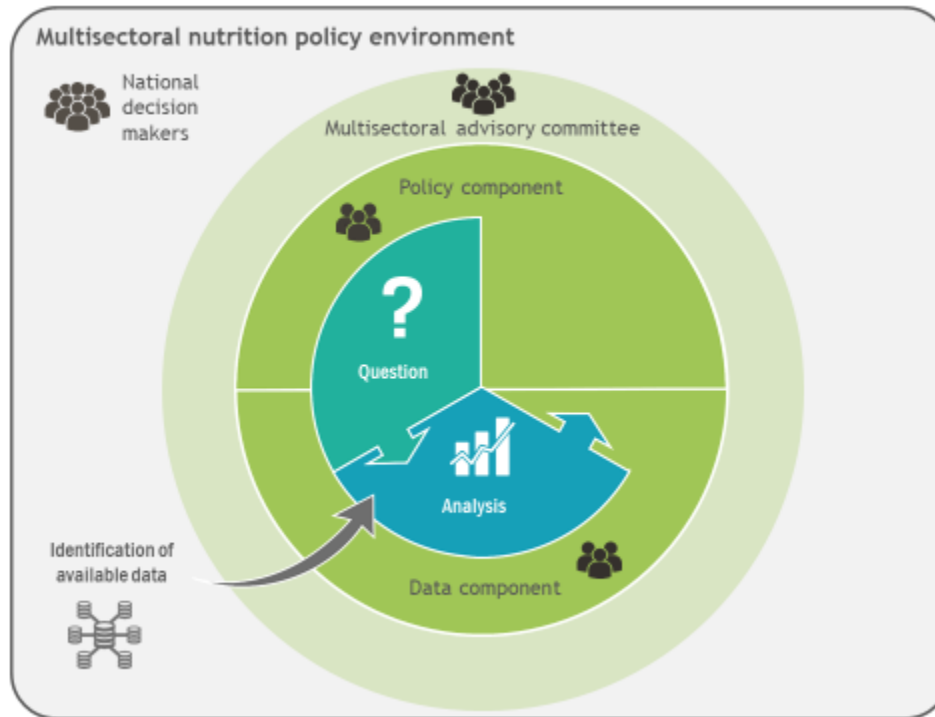


**Morning session:  
Identify & formulate  
nutrition policy  
relevant questions**

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# Focusing on the challenges related to question formulation



## Morning session

### Collectively learn about & improve how we formulate nutrition policy relevant questions

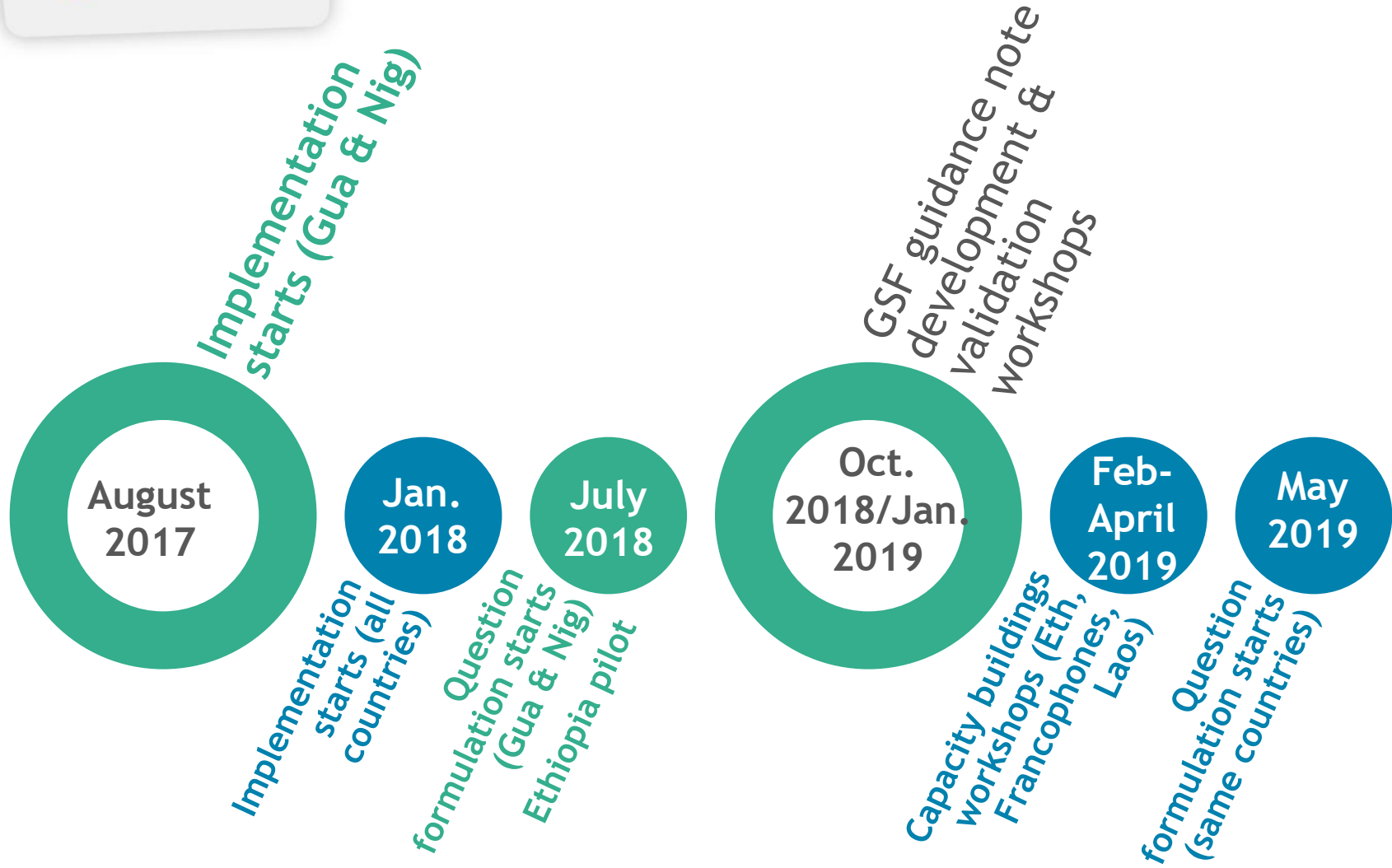
- Share country experience on question formulation about:
  1. the process
  2. its outputs
  3. related opportunities & challenges
- Discuss and exchange on **common issues, challenges and solutions collectively**
- Reflect by country on the challenges and adjustments / solutions



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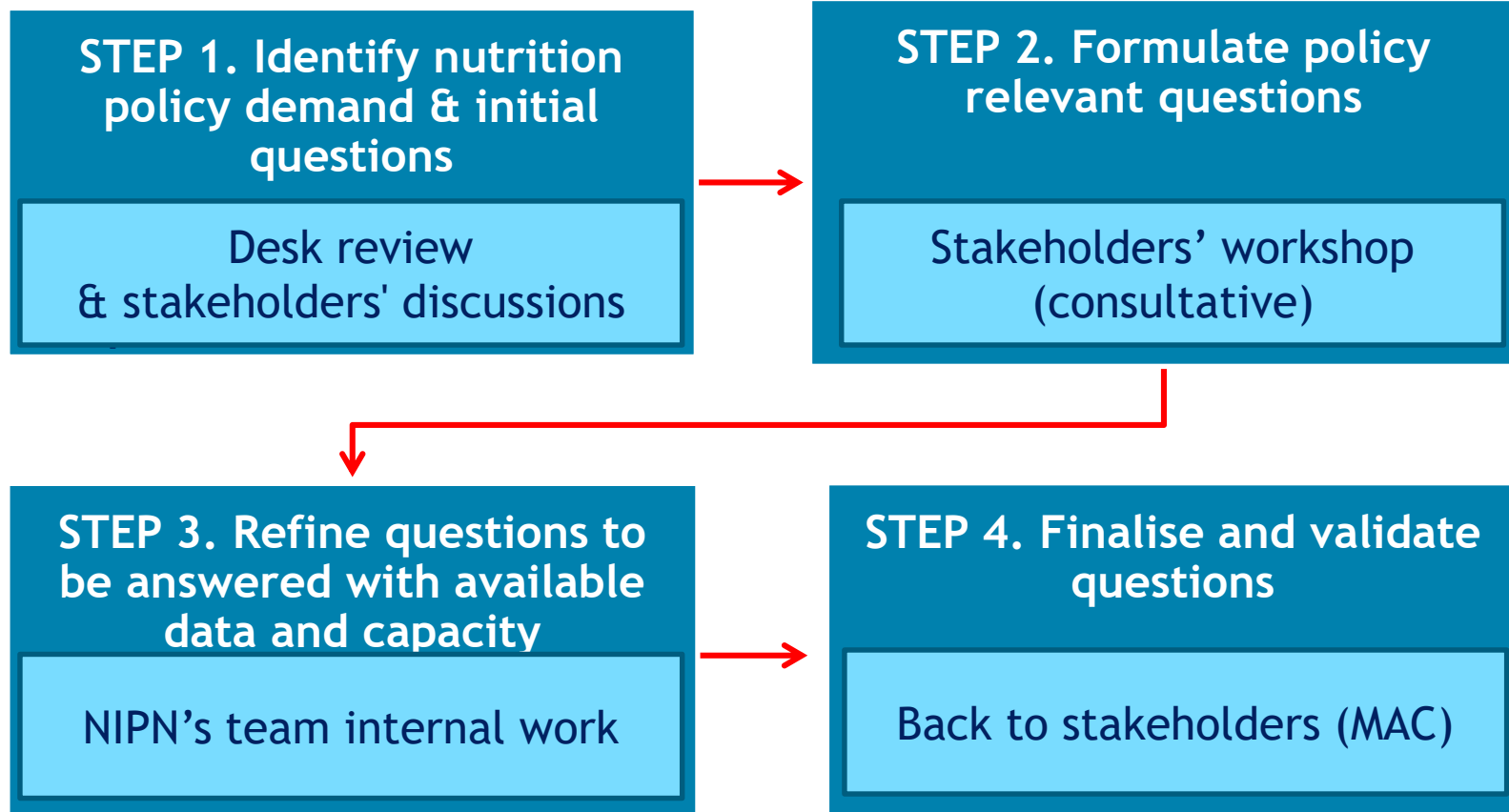
## What do we mean by “nutrition policy-relevant question”?

A nutrition policy relevant question is a question:

- responds to a **relevant** policy need or decision maker demand
- **can be answered** using the existing data and technical capacities available to NIPN
- provides **timely** output for policy use
- Which answers lead to **actionable** recommendations & decisions to stakeholders



## Steps & criteria proposed to formulate questions



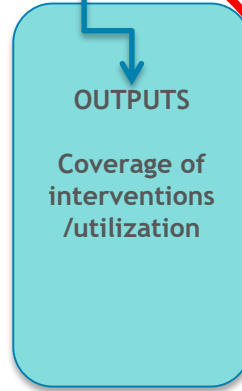
# An impact pathway approach to formulate & refine questions

Were financial investments made as planned in the MPPA? Was funding increased as compared to the previous MPPA? How was the funding distributed at subnational level?

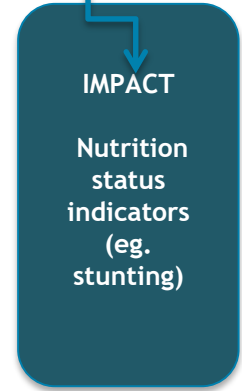


Did availability of nutrition-specific interventions increase in the period of MPPA-II, as compared to the previous MPPA-I? Did the quality of the services improve?

Has coverage improved at subnational level? Has coverage increased in regions with high stunting levels as compared to MPPA-I?



Has increased coverage of nutrition-specific interventions such as breastfeeding promotion led to higher rates of exclusive breastfeeding, early initiation of breastfeeding and continued breastfeeding?



Is the country meeting its targets for reduction of stunting? Will the current trend allow to meet the target?





## A bit of self reflection

- What worked well
- What worked less well
- What we would like to continue improving

→ This is just the beginning...

Now, we will collectively ensure this is turned into practice



## Important take away points

- Different entry points
  - Ex: analysis can stimulate demand & provide triggers
- A guideline for a process; not a method
- Creating & sustaining demand
- The time element!
- Know your ‘target’ and/or your ‘window of opportunity’

We have a board meeting coming up and could use a little input from the evaluation team.



Sorry, we're not scheduled to provide input until year 3.



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# Countries presenting

## NIGER

- Outcome produced and validated by their MAC
- Road map for the next 2 years

## GUATEMALA

- Different levels involved: national level (high political & sectoral level) and decentralized one

## ETHIOPIA

- Try and learn conducting a ‘pilot’ approach while awaiting for GSF guidance
- Strengthen capacities

## BURKINA FASO

- Started the process & gearing up in engaging sectors



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## The experts' views 😊

What did I hear?

What are the opportunities / good practice to learn from?

What are the main/common issues & challenges?

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# Country working groups

You have **45mn to discuss**

Discuss challenges & how to overcome them in your particular context:

→ it can be about the process, the outputs, the support needed...any aspect you like or all together

At the end, please report back to all on one particular issue or challenge in your context and solutions to overcome it - **2mn to report**