Questions / Discussion

I) Discussion about the implementation of CQI - Continuous Quality Improvement - Initiatives, routinely monitoring and comparing the current status to the goals to constantly improve the quality of the training/CD activities. In Uganda, such initiative is found in sectors such as Health, would it be useful to implement such initiative in CD activities?

Most CD Trainings in Uganda are led by a very reduced number of experts - usually one or two. When implementing CQI, training can be done on-site, limit it to about 5 to 8 experts, and constantly including members of other sectors to ensure the knowledge is not lost. This practice ensures continuity.

II) In previous CD exercises, was there any kind of post follow-up to ensure the level of knowledge remains after, i.e., three months? How were trainers trained for the exercises, what were the formats and materials?

In Niger, coaches were trained at sub-national level. This example of “cascade” could be replicated in other countries.

III) What aspects of Gender CD need extra attention?

While NIPN has not yet included the Gender dimension in its trainings, C4N has recently developed some Quick Tips on Nutrition, one of them was on Gender equality, women’s empowerment and nutrition. In parallel, C4N-NIPN Global Support is currently working on the development of Gender Technical Guidance Notes which will be made publicly available once finalised.

IV) With Phase II in mind, how were different CD Activities perceived by the various stakeholders? What could be further strengthened in the future? What are the expectations from the different sectors?

Several examples could be pointed out where training was linked to a specific NIPN output, i.e. products derived from the trainings were actually used as direct NIPN outputs (i.e., Ivory Coast’s training on writing Policy Briefs resulted in the formulation of an actual Policy Brief for NIPN). Other examples are the LiST exercises from Burkina Faso and Côte d’Ivoire (presented during the March 2022 NIPN Webinar), which were used directly for country data analysis.