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How to engage
sectors in
multisectoral
nutrition approach
such as NIPN ?

Tips and best
practices

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**Collaboration
across sectors is
hard work and
fraught with
challenges...**



What are the challenges encountered when collaborating with sectors ?

What is in it for them?



What are some of the best practices to overcome these challenges ?

1. Pro-active and regular communication on NIPN, its purpose, activities and progress
2. Establishing transparent rules of engagement
3. Ensuring transparent communication
4. Ensuring formal representation of sectors in a steering committee
5. Creating a win-win situation for the sectors contributing to nutrition



1. Pro-active and regular communication on NIPN, its purpose, activities and progress



2. Transparent rules of engagement

Example:

Protecting privacy by
data anonymisation



3. Transparent communication

- Message to all partners
- Avoid bilateral communication
- Value face-2-face meetings
- Use email effectively



4. Formal representation of sectors

In your Advisory Committee

with well-defined Roles and responsibilities



5. Creating a win-win situation for the sectors contributing to nutrition

- a. Establish and maintain strong individual relationships with focal points in sector ministries
- b. Identify what their key priorities are - how can NIPN help them to advance these?
- c. Be a knowledge broker to the sectors
- d. Offer capacity building opportunities by inviting them to NIPN workshops or trainings
- e. Offer them a service, such as joint elaboration of an impact pathway, or support in data cleaning or data analysis
- f. Deliver high quality concrete outputs



5a. Establish individual relationships

- Stakeholder mapping
- Nutrition focal points
- Informal relationships



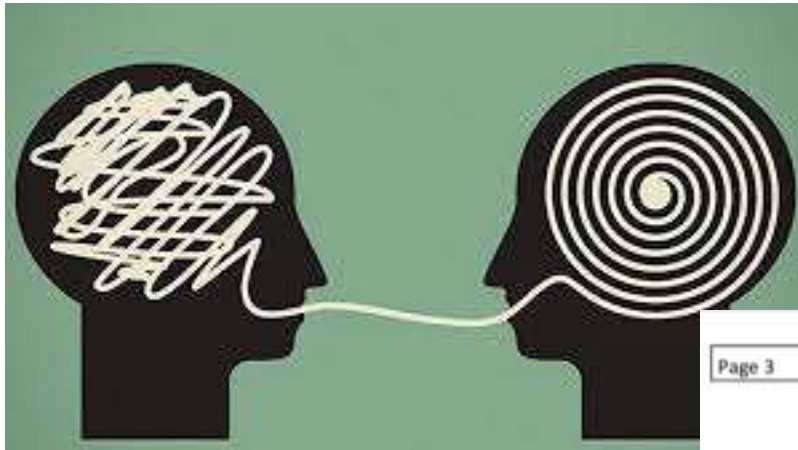
5b. Contribute to sectors' priorities

- Sector focus on policy review or data landscape
- Nutrition-sensitive impact way
- Access to global evidence
- Identify relevant metrics & indicators

Recap: The Clean Household Approach (CHA)



5c. Be a knowledge broker for others



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The Sixth NIPN Seminar Held With The Topic “Remoteness, Urbanization, and Child Nutrition”.

The National Information Platform for Nutrition (NIPN) has conducted its sixth Nutrition Policy and Research seminar on the topic “Remoteness, urbanization, and child nutrition” on September 6, 2019 at the EPHI training center.



stressed the importance of establishing a data repository.

He added that such seminars enable to connect researchers, decision makers and stakeholders that can influence policy makers at a high level.

The seminar presentation was delivered by Dr. David Stifel from Lafayette College, USA. He explained the disparities in nutritional health between urban, rural and remoteness as far as accessibility to markets and urban cen-

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(Dr. David Stifel from Lafayette College, USA)

to the impairments in cognitive development, reduced school attainment and

5d. Offer capacity building opportunities

- Strengthens individual capacity
- Enhances understanding of NIPN
- Motivates engagement in future activities



5f. Engagement of sectors in high-quality, concrete outputs

- Review of indicators to monitor NPAN
- Data harmonisation & creating data repository



“ Engaging sectors is not about one ad-hoc event but about long-term, trust-worthy and value-adding relationship”

