



# The Role of CSO's in Support of Nutrition

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# Vision of CSO's

- Joint visions: ICN2, CFS, CONCORD
- Human rights and rights-based approach to food and nutrition security;
- Coherent and coordinated management of nutrition throughout the lifecycle and at all levels;
- Sovereign local food and agricultural systems based on agro-biodiversity;
- Democratic governance of food and nutrition and global and national regulatory framework.



# Roles of CSO's



Concord ( NGO network): As a group of NGOs we recognise it is essential that we ourselves are in solidarity with the self-organised movements of people most affected by hunger and malnutrition

Outreach and based in the (most affected) communities

- Lobby and advocay: Claim rights, policy advises
- Implementation and facilitation and strenghtening of local CSO's

# ICCO: Food and Nutrition Security Program



**Strengthening CSO's** (both nationally and locally) is central to the program in order to:

- Develop and strengthen local and sustainable food systems (from producers to consumers): Agriculture, alternative incomes, employment, nutrition awareness

→ Benin: all members ICCO FNS coalition now eligible for WB funds to improve nutrition

- Claim rights and propose (alternative) policies at national, regional and global levels

→ Gender!

# Example national program



Integrated program in Uganda:

- Nutrition education and messaging
- Local and regional value chains: eg. orange fleshed potatoes and chili
- Production improvement and diversification
- Policy interaction (local)

# Nutrition Governance



Parts -----Whole



# Nutrition Governance

CFS is the foremost inclusive global platform working on food security and nutrition issues at international level

Right based approach: advocacy for enabling environment

Financial resources

Accountability

Local ownership

CONCORD paper: Justice, democracy and diversity in our food system





# Nutrition Governance

In the next biennium Nutrition will be major work stream in CFS, plus will be standing issue for the longer term

Many actors have asked for a discussion about :  
Good nutrition in changing food systems



# Partnerships

Nutrition brings on board many actors, including private sector actors

Profit making, adding value → income → food and nutrition security (under certain conditions)

- Adding value as low in the chains as possible
  - Product development
- Reaching the BoP (consumers and producers)

Private sector could bring in resources, including knowledge



# Partnerships

But.....

Governance: who controls the food system

Conflicts of interest: not easy, don't close your eyes...systemic issue?!

Eg. CSR policy: also for NGO's who work with companies

“ traffic light system” : exclusion and inclusion policy





THANK you for your attention