MDD-W: From Collection to Action

EVENT 3

“Promoting Diet Diversity of Women: Boon for SDG2”

25.11.2020, 14:00-16:30 (CET)

General Information

The event intends 1) To raise awareness of the role MDD-W can play in international initiatives like SDGs, encouraging political support and resource mobilization for its continued & expansive global use. 2) To illustrate how MDD-W results can be used for policy making, emphasizing its relevance in the broader context of healthy diets and food systems transformation, and 3) to advocate for its use in large scale, national surveys by showcasing available tools and networks that enable its collection and use.

Expected outcomes: Increased awareness of policy makers and decision takers on the pertinence to collect and analyse data on dietary diversity for women in reproductive age.

Programme

1. Welcome and introductions

2. High-level political advocacy for MDD-W
   - Emphasising the relevance of MDD-W in the context of healthy diets and food system transformation and to inform a holistic COVID-19 response
   - Positioning the event as a stepping stone in the lead up to upcoming global events in particular the Food System and Nutrition for Growth Summits in 2021 and highlighting them as important platforms to further advocate for the use of MDD-W.
   - Advocating for MDD-W as a potential SDG indicator by highlighting the advantages of MDD-W (global, diet indicator, gender sensitive, etc.).

3. Showcasing global, regional and country examples
   - Global level: Collecting MDD-W as part of the Demographic and Health Survey
   - Regional level: Inclusion of MDD-W in CAADP
   - Country level: How MDD-W results have been or will be used for programs/policy making, e.g. to
     - Target at-risk populations
     - Measure the impact of programs and policies
     - Monitor and evaluate programmes that seek to improve diet quality
     - Track and report on progress in dietary changes at population levels


5. Closing