

UN-Nutrition & Healthy Diets Coalition Workshop on Brazil Study Trip Learnings

Thursday, 29 January 2026, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CET)

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From 15 to 20 September 2025, UN-Nutrition, the Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems (HDSFS) Coalition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger of Brazil, in collaboration with the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, brought together 10 nutrition policy professionals from 10 countries for a unique study visit to Brazil. The goal was to create an immersive learning opportunity where participants explored Brazil's innovative nutrition programs while sharing their successes and challenges.

Participants engaged in **meetings with key ministerial representatives across a broad range of sectors, participated in field visits** in Brasília, and finally attended the 2nd School Meals Coalition (SMC) Global Summit in Fortaleza on 18 and 19 September

At the end of the stay, a **learning workshop** was held to share key takeaways, and identify areas of interest for further exploration. The workshop served to consolidate the insights gained during the week-long study visit, and participants discussed how to apply these learnings within their specific country contexts. This peer to peer exchange was made possible with financial support from **Irish Aid**.

As a follow-up to the study visit, the HDSFS Coalition and UN-Nutrition Secretariat are organizing a workshop to share key take aways and insights with a broad set of partners, including all member countries and entity partners of the HDSFS Coalition. This will help amplify learnings from the Brazil study visit and engage the wider network in discussion and reflection on how to translate this experience in different contexts.

1. Objectives

1. **Share and reflect on Study Visit learnings:** Present key activities and learnings about successes and challenges identified.
2. **Share the best practices in intersector collaboration for nutrition results:** Present successful examples from Brazil and other countries who participated in the study visit, highlighting enabling factors that contribute to positive outcomes
3. **Share and reflect on challenges:** Discuss obstacles and challenges encountered in Brazil and in other countries who participated in the study visit, understand underlying drivers and reflect on possible solutions
4. **Document lessons learnt:** Capture insights and knowledge that can inform future intersector policy action.

2. Target Audience

- Members of the HDSFS Coalition including member countries and entity partners (including UN, CSOs, Academia and Research Organizations).
- UN-Nutrition full membership
- Members of the SUN Movement
- Other interested entities, donors, foundations and other Coalitions - including the School Meals Coalition

3. Format

90 minutes webinar with presentations from one representative of the study trip organizers (HDSFS Coalition, UN-Nutrition, WHO, SUN), Brazil and participant countries, School Meals Coalition Secretariat and Irish Aid. [Interpretation available in English and French](#).

4. Expected Outcomes

1. **Enhanced collective understanding** of what works well and why.
2. **Strengthened network for collaboration and communication** among participant countries and others
3. Additional **insights and learnings on both successes and challenges** and on **integration of lessons learnt** into ongoing work in countries

Agenda

Moderator: Anna Horner, Senior Coordinator, UN-Nutrition

Time	Segment	Speaker/Role
2'	Welcome	Anna Horner , Senior Coordinator, UN-Nutrition
3'	Opening remarks	Nancy Aburto , Deputy Director, Food and Nutrition Division, FAO
8'	<u>Setting the scene: Why Brazil and the dimensions of learnings</u>	Lina Mahy , former WHO and member of the HDSFS Coalition Secretariat

35'	<p><u>Country learnings panel: Lessons learnt and integration of these lessons into ongoing work in selected countries</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nenebah Jalloh, National Coordinator Scaling Up Nutrition and National Curator Food Systems Coordination Unit, Office of the Vice President, Sierra Leone • Yvonne Mavhunga, Director of Programmes, Food & Nutrition Council, Office of the President and Cabinet, Zimbabwe • Mathews Mhuru, Deputy Director, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Zambia • Bruno Bindamba, Directeur National, Programme National De Nutrition, Democratic Republic of Congo • Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy & Advocacy of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Pakistan
30'	<p><u>Partners' discussion</u></p> <p><i>Reflections from the host</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>	<p>Janine Coutinho, Project Coordinator, Office of the National Secretariat on Food and Nutrition Security. Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaio Rodrigues, Technical Advisor, General Coordination of Food and Nutrition. Secretariat of Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health, Brazil and HDSFS Coalition SC member • Emilie Sidaner, Coordinator of the School Meals Coalition Secretariat

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Francisca Gomez Cisterna, SUN Movement Regional Representative, Latin America and the Caribbean
5'	Closing Remarks	Paul Troy, Nutrition Policy Lead, Irish Aid

Resources

- [About the Study Visit to Brazil](#)
- [Brazil Study Visit Outcomes - Report](#)
- [Event page](#)