

# Review of: "A Policy Dialogue for Nutrition of Women and Adolescent Girls: Sustainable Development Goals Matters Arising"

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## Feedback on the review

### Introduction section

Introduction is well done. This being a policy dialogue, I suggest that the introduction section includes a few sentences on policy to make it more coherent. An example would be addressing the components of the strategic triangle created by Mark H. Moore (Moore, 1995) which describes that a successful policy is one that is technically correct, politically supportable, and organizationally implementable.

### Nutrition through the life cycle.

The three sections on “how nutrition affects women”, “newborns and children” and “how nutrition affects national economies” could be under a section titled nutrition through the life cycle. Also perhaps discuss a conceptual framework discussion for consequences of malnutrition to give legitimacy to the discussion on how nutrition affects national economies.

### Policy options

You present three policy options namely - Improving women’s diets, access to nutrition services, and nutrition and care practices for improving nutritional status. Perhaps provide a clear description of what programs exist to address nutrition of women and adolescents and how they have been contextualized in Rwanda. Include clear statements on how programs for nutrition of women and adolescents contribute to SDGs 2, 3, 5 and 17 – perhaps progress in the last decade. This will give a status of these policy options in Rwanda.

### How Rwanda is doing against global nutrition targets.

I suggest you identify some nutrition targets e.g.– stunting, anemia, low birth weight, exclusive breastfeeding and give a status update to track progress of these nutrition targets.

**The call for action section** is good and gives five broad multisectoral themes however these are generic statements without evidence attached and no clear indication of how they relate to the policy option discussed above. For each of the call for action themes, include some evidence of how they relate to the policy options, the extent to which these thematic



areas have been implemented and the gaps that exist.

Overall, a fair written policy dialogue but requires some additional work.