



**Netherlands
Food
Partnership**

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Ghanaian Urban Food Environments coalitions

Short overview of Netherlands Food Partnership work

1st Africa Food
Environment
Research Network
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The Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP)

The leading Dutch instrument that facilitates the necessary acceleration in achieving SDG2, NFP supported by the Dutch government.

Our purpose

The NFP enables powerful collaboration between relevant Dutch organisations and international partners to achieve urgent changes that contribute to sustainable food systems and nutrition security and reach SDG2 by 2030.

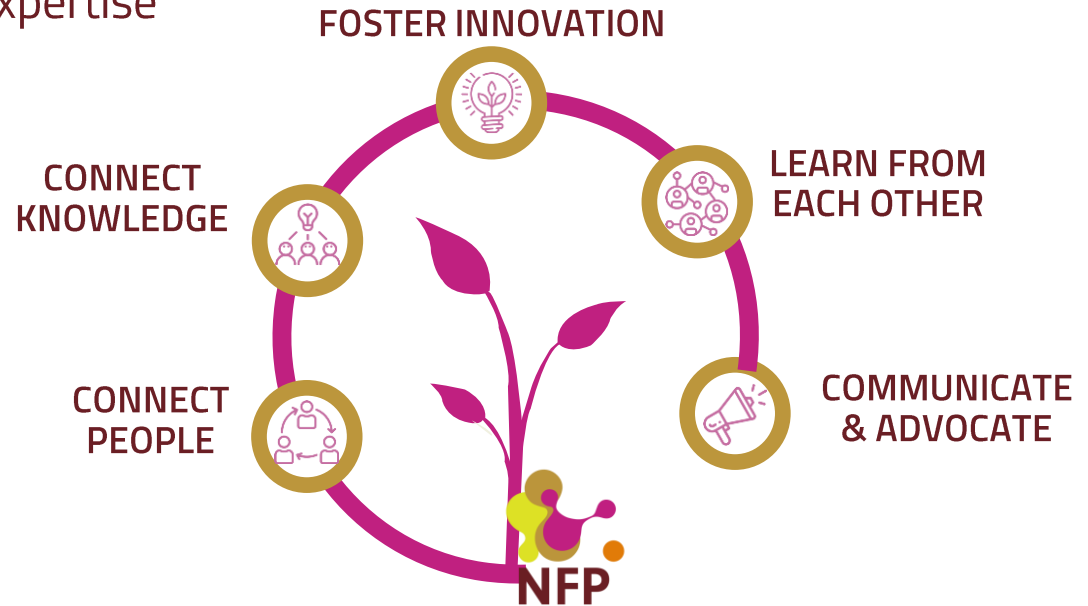
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Boosting transformative approaches for sustainable food systems and healthy diets by:

- Accelerating coalitions
- Connecting knowledge and expertise



Ghanaian Urban Food Environments

- Theme derived from F&BKP/APF nutrition & food systems work;
- Underexplored but huge potential to change food systems and improve food & nutrition security;
- Building further on measuring food environments focus by applying a practical approach for effective interventions;
- Ghana as a starting case – Frontrunner research and policy wise and building further on existing NL-Ghanaian ties;
- Content (direction, leverage points etc.) to be developed with relevant stakeholders and exact city to be defined jointly;
- Working towards one core coalition with sub coalitions?



The process so far in 2020

June-July: Literature mapping and inventory of actors working on this topic.

August-September: Exploration talks with experts and practitioners.

-> Potential coalition members confirmed that support to form a coalition is critical and expressed a big need for multi-stakeholder partnerships because various great initiatives often work isolated.

September: Drafted and shared first version of background document, serving as a starting point for coalition work.

October: 1st inventory meeting with potential coalition members & meeting report and next steps composed.

(Urban) food policy

- Contribute to food policy direction and implementation
- Strengthen advocacy
- Further develop and implement clear national product nutrition standards
- Promote healthy food consumption

Coherent and integral approach

- Increase coherence across actors and processes in (city region) food systems
- Shorten value chains - farm to fork
- Facilitate more sustainability, circularity, resilience and value in food environment and related chains

Knowledge work

- Disseminate information
- Develop strategy for knowledge implementation
- Generate more evidence for advocacy
- Capacity building

Public-private cooperation

- Encourage private-public initiatives and action
- Engage authorities and regulators
- Support nexus PPPs (Water Food Energy)
- Encourage private sector to take the lead

Urban planning

- Link city planners and architects to food environments
- Address food system infrastructure

Leverage points seen by potential coalition partners

Linking Dutch & Ghanaian actors

- Identify relevant stakeholders
- Facilitate participation of Dutch and Ghanaian companies and local policy makers
- Deliver practical support on the ground to bring different stakeholders together

Knowledge work: sharing, generating, disseminating

- Study what has been done and worked (elsewhere)
- Develop joint research
- Evidence generation and synthesis
- Contributing specific content

Urban planning

- Work on food accessibility and urban infrastructure
- Address architectural design issues
- Implement cross disciplinary approach

Advocacy

- For adaption and adoption of national nutrient profiling criteria / guidelines
- Against advertising unhealthy (processed) foods
- For healthier food intake by urban consumers

Implementation / support

- Support in development of strategy for financial independence / sustainability
- Support in implementation at community level
- Supply food

Education and capacity building

- On nutrition, food quality and cultivation

Potential coalition contributions by potential coalition partners

Next steps by NFP

- Continue introductory and follow-up calls with potential coalition partners.
- Draft and share first proposal for coalition shape, leverage points, start-up activities and preliminary action plan for 2021.
- Relevant coalition knowledge products to be developed, as suggested by potential partners include:
 - Overview paper of relevant knowledge and leverage points
 - Further mapping of of institutions and individuals who can make a difference on the ground
 - Inventory of lessons of (similar) programmes that worked in Ghana context >> how translate knowledge to policy and into action?
 - Development of a plan to involve and link stakeholders in the generation/mapping of more data and evidence for concrete actions and policy implementation.
- Possible next (sub)coalition meeting beginning 2021.



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Thank you!

