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Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed workshop is to share innovative experiences from low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) concerning governance/leadership at sub-national level and to build on these experiences by actively involving the audience to enhance capacity in these fields.

Success stories in case study format from LMIC (India, Zambia and South Africa) will be shared by the researchers who have led these studies. A facilitated discussion will draw on the success factors identified in the literature, the case studies and participants' needs and experiences.

The target audience is public health nutritionists in general and those in management positions specifically.

Motivation:

In countries that have made good progress in maternal and child nutrition outcomes, strong leadership has been highlighted as a common element of success. Although good governance and leadership for nutrition is receiving more attention on the global agenda, a lack of knowledge of effective leadership practices; a lack of capacity; and the lack of capacity building of the public health nutrition workforce is a major constraint in moving forward.

The call for leadership in advancing nutrition is therefore clear, but leaders in public health nutrition operating at all levels face many challenges. Practitioners often express a desire to hear of the experience of others working at similar levels and facing similar constraints. This workshop will allow for networking and collaboration among many different stakeholders, with expert facilitation, to build strategic capacity; and shared

awareness and understanding of the challenges and opportunities for innovation in nutrition leadership sub-nationally.

The overall objective is to facilitate understanding of improved nutrition governance and leadership at sub-national level and highlight the room for innovation and momentum at sub-national levels.

Workshop facilitation plan:

Introduction: 5 minutes

Current research and case studies: 30 minutes with 10 minutes Q&A

Group discussions on 1) sub-national barriers to effective leadership 2) sharing (participants') new lessons of success; hope and innovation 3) ways of systematically building sub-national leadership capacity: 25 minutes

Plenary feedback: 15 minutes

Concluding remarks: 5 minutes

A foreseen outcome of the session is a draft document on exploring innovation in governance and leadership for public health nutrition at sub-national levels. A full length article could be prepared subsequent to the congress and submitted for publication in Public Health Nutrition journal.

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None of the contributors have any potential conflicts of interest.