

Delivering for Nutrition in South Asia

Connecting the Dots
Across Systems

December 3, 2024



Why delivering for nutrition?

Main Idea

- Achieving nutrition goals requires bringing together researchers, implementers, and policy makers to discuss the latest evidence and future research needs.
- 'Delivering' draws attention to the process of how interventions are implemented. Any solution with poor delivery will likely fail to improve nutrition.

Where We've Started, How We've Grown

D4N2024 is the 7th edition. *What's changed?*

• Greater reach

- India-specific (2016, 2019, 2020) → Regional (2021-2024)
- Engagement (~200 in person participants from India → >1,300 registrations globally)
- Half day → 3 days

• Enhanced inclusivity

- In person → virtual → hybrid

• Deeper collaboration

- Led by IFPRI → co-owned and co-hosted by 30 organizations (10 global, 8 regional, 12 country-level)



This year's theme

- Malnutrition results from a complex interplay of factors.
- To accelerate progress towards mitigating the complex multifactorial nutrition issues, all relevant sectors need to unite to create solutions.
- We have policies but there are major challenges around implementing, monitoring and evaluating these current programs and policies.



D4N2024 in Numbers

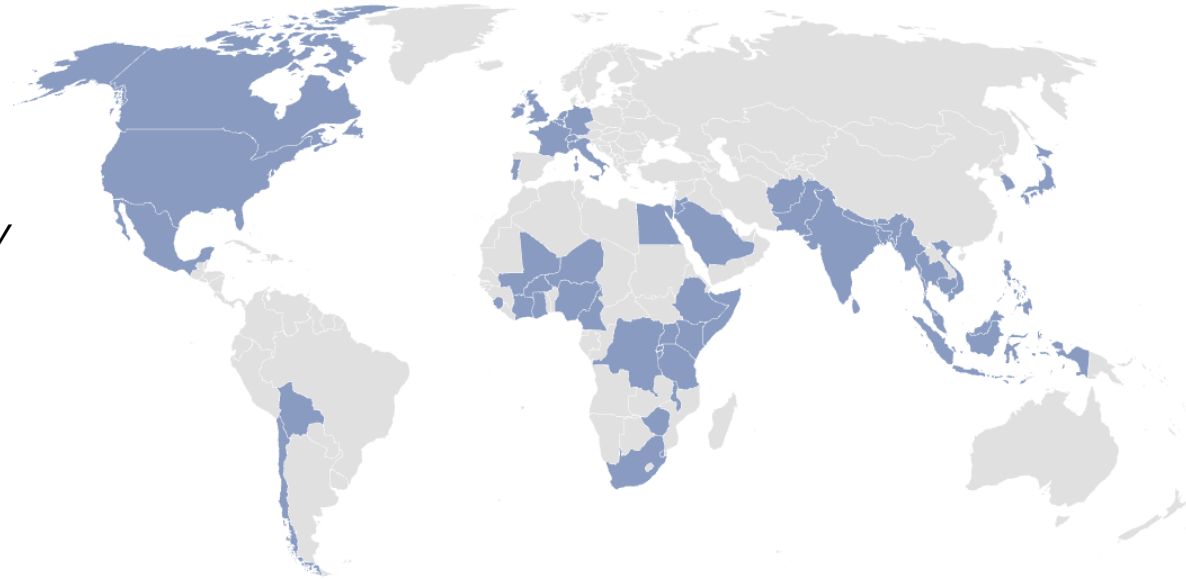
- **Open call for abstracts**

- Received: **510** (*highest turnout ever!*)
 - ...from all **8** SAARC countries (*first time!*)
- Programmed:
 - **63** oral and **56** rapid-fire presentations (*mostly in person*)
 - Presenters from **12** countries (mostly India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka)

- **General registration**

- **>1,350** individuals (**486** in person, **>800** virtual)
 - **55** countries

Going Global: D4N2024 Registrations



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SRI LANKA TIME	DAY 1 (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3)		DAY 2 (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4)		DAY 3 (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5)	
9:00-9:15	CONFERENCE OPENING LOTUS BALLROOM					
9:15-9:30			PLENARY SESSION III: RESEARCH SHOWCASE: CONNECTING DOTS ACROSS SYSTEMS FOR BETTER NUTRITION LOTUS BALLROOM		PLENARY SESSION V: APPROACHES TO CONNECT THE DOTS AROUND FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION: EVIDENCE TO POLICY & ACTION LOTUS BALLROOM	
9:30-9:45						
9:45-10:00	PLENARY SESSION I: KEYNOTE LOTUS BALLROOM					
10:00-10:15						
10:15-10:30						
10:30-10:45	TEA BREAK & GROUP PHOTO		TEA BREAK		TEA BREAK	
10:45-11:00						
11:00-11:15	T1A: Agriculture and food security & nutrition pathways	T1B: Multisectoral approaches to improving maternal and child nutrition	T3A: Why we eat what we eat: Drivers of food choice	T3B: Examining linkages between climate change and food systems	T5A: Food access: Constraints and facilitators	T5B: Addressing nutrition challenges in vulnerable populations
11:15-11:30						
11:30-11:45						
11:45-12:00	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER
12:00-12:15						
12:15-12:30						
12:30-12:45	LUNCH THE LAWN (LEVEL IV)		LUNCH THE LAWN (LEVEL IV)		LUNCH THE LAWN (LEVEL IV)	
12:45-13:00						
13:00-13:15						
13:15-13:30	T2A: Methods and metrics to improve nutrition through sustainable agriculture	T2B: Natural and built food environments	T4A: Making social protection nutrition-sensitive	T4B: Gender and social inclusion	T6A: Nutrition knowledge and access to information	T6B: Digital innovations across food and health systems
13:30-13:45						
13:45-14:00						
14:00-14:15	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER	LOTUS BALLROOM	SAFFRON & GINGER
14:15-14:30						
14:30-14:45	TEA BREAK		TEA BREAK		TEA BREAK	
14:45-15:00						
15:00-15:15	LL1A: Establishing nutrition surveillance system & analyzing longitudinal data LOTUS BALLROOM	LL1B: Nudging for good: Real-time AI-driven diagnostics and behavior change to improve adolescents' diets & nutrition in Sri Lanka SAFFRON & GINGER	LL1C: Transforming food systems for better nutrition: The power of fortification TAMARIND	LL2A: Qualitative data handling in nutrition research LOTUS BALLROOM	LL2B: Unlocking opportunities for policy wins SAFFRON & GINGER	LL2C: What it takes to accelerate anemia reduction in South Asia TAMARIND
15:15-15:30						
15:30-15:45						
15:45-16:00						
16:00-16:15						
16:15-16:30	CHANGE ROOM		CHANGE ROOM		CHANGE ROOM	
16:30-16:45						
16:45-17:00	PLENARY II: ALIGNING ACTIONS ACROSS SECTORS TO ACHIEVE HEALTHY DIETS & NUTRITION GOALS LOTUS BALLROOM		PLENARY IV: BREAKING NORMS FOR BETTER NUTRITION LOTUS BALLROOM		CONFERENCE CLOSING & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION LOTUS BALLROOM	
17:00-17:15						
17:15-17:30						
17:30-17:45						
18:00-ON			NETWORKING DINNER			

Sessions in store:

- 💡 5 program/policy plenaries
- 💡 12 abstract-based thematic sessions
- 💡 9 learning labs

Schedule

💡 Sessions will be held across 3 venues: the Lotus Ballroom, Saffron & Ginger (Spice Rooms), and Tamarind.

- 💡 Each venue will have its daily schedule posted.
- 💡 Full 3-day agenda is provided in your agenda booklet.

Daily reflection poll

- 💡 2-4 simple questions
- 💡 Via mobile
- 💡 Complete the polls and be entered into a raffle for a prize.