

## ***Comprehensive strategy to accelerate sustainable development Goals related to child malnutrition – voices of the unheard: putting The last first***

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### ***Biography:***



### ***Abstract***

Although India has shown progress in improving child nutrition, undernutrition continues to be unacceptably high. UNICEF's (1990) conceptual framework of the determinants of child malnutrition illustrates the multisectoral nature of the problem. It indicates that inadequate dietary intake and diseases at individual level are immediate determinants of malnutrition, resulting from underlying causes like inadequate food security, poor feeding practices and poor water and sanitation conditions at community level. These are largely linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Zero Hunger and Good Health and Wellbeing. Assam is one of the first states in India to integrate the SDGs into its policy making and planning process. It has set up the Centre for SDGs (CSDGs), a think tank on all issues relating to visioning, planning, monitoring and evaluating plans and programs directly linked to furtherance of SDGs and works in close coordination with all the government departments. The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS), a multi stake holder alliance comprising of policy makers, program leaders and experts, in partnership with the World Bank provided technical support to Government of Assam and in particular its Centre for SDGs to strengthen its efforts aimed at improving health, nutrition and early childhood development outcomes. As part of the technical support, the Coalition carried out series of consultation on Assam specific malnutrition issues with Government Leaders, CSOs and other key stakeholders, conducted multi-stakeholder nutrition advocacy workshops at state and district level, and formed Nutrition Working Groups- Strategic think tank for Government of Assam. The Coalition in close coordination with CSDGs organised series of policy seminars to gather the field perspective and recognise gaps in inter sectoral convergence of key departments and identify probable solutions.

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### ***Speaker Publications:***

1. "Linkages between Family Planning and Nutrition "

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