Using National Pathways as a platform for enhancement of public policies with close support from the UN system – cases of Guatemala, Peru, and Guyana


Background and objectives
The LAC region is a good example of adaptive responses to shocks and crises. Countries like Guatemala, Peru, and Guyana have updated their National Pathways documents using them as a tool to analyse and align public policies, related to food security, social protection, and school feeding, to facilitate food systems transformation.

The Regional Task Force on Food Systems provides coordinated support to countries in the implementation of national pathways in close collaboration with UN Resident Coordinators. The task force is currently establishing close connections with national convenors, developing workplans in support of the implementation of the national pathways, and organizing regional-level activities to improve joint advocacy, decision-making, policy creation, and joint programming.

Objectives:
- Present case studies of Guatemala, Peru, and Guyana on how the National Pathways have been used to promote alignment among public policies.
- Share the experience of the LAC region Task Force to support the three countries.
- Address the challenges to transform food systems in LAC

Expected outcomes
Policymakers and government entities will be presented examples of the use of National Pathways as a tool to develop and align public policies related to food systems. Additionally, the side event will showcase the pivotal role of UN agencies and partners and the current ecosystem at the regional level.

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