Scaling up multi-stakeholder collaboration and investments in the implementation of the food systems transformation pathways in Nigeria
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Background and objectives
Following the UNFSS and the emergence of the National Food Systems Transformation Pathways (NFSTP) for Nigeria, the Government of Nigeria (GoN), through the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (MFBNP) and the office of the National Convenor, began coordination of implementation of the Pathway actions in 2022, beginning with three prioritized interventions that were deemed critical to the achievement of other transformation actions. In 2023, six more priority early actions were adopted by government to continue to drive the achievement of the Pathways and to ensure that Nigerians have equitable livelihoods, are resilient to vulnerabilities, shocks, and stresses, and consume sustainable and adequate quantities of safe, nutritious foods produced using sustainable and nature-positive approaches.

To move forward with implementation in a comprehensive way, the GoN is developing a collaborative and all-inclusive implementation strategy leveraging strong multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder consultations through decentralized coordination and reporting across all the six Geo-political Zones including Federal Capital Territory. This is in addition to setting up a National Steering Committee involving all the six Geo-political Zones, Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Groups and an Implementation Task Team.

Implementing the Pathways is complex, requiring the commitment of all actors in the food system, as well as the effective mobilization and active participation of national and international partnerships, as well as the Government’s strong political and strategic commitment.

Expected outcomes
1. Increase visibility for the on-going efforts of the GoN to increase food production, availability, and improve nutrition.
2. Provide opportunity for cross-learning about implementation best practice.
3. Galvanize technical assistance for the NFSTP.
4. Mobilize private sector and diaspora support (financial and technical) towards implementation of Nigerian food systems transformation pathways.
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