SI FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAY

The SI draft food systems pathway is being redesigned because it is not radical enough to create transformation spirit and synergy. We are going underground, looking at the roots, at the prevailing assumptions that are not delivering food security & nutrition at the household level naturally. The key food security & nutrition issues at the beneficiary level are high income gaps and growing NCD and stunting. These are normally white noise issues at policy level. Our messaging needs a new energy to create the critical national attention and support for enabling a systemic effect. The food systems pathway is the one side of the coin of the dual Agriculture NewDay Strategy (ANS) hence it is a normal agriculture development strategy.

The first strategic step is to create a sustainable exponential opportunity to harmonize and accelerate the basic production function at the smallholder household and family level.

The basic production function is the smallholder household and their community context. Harmonizing and synergizing this creates a new context and meaning. This creates synergy relevant to the present and future socio-economic and food security and nutrition creating a valid hegemon in the mindset and perception of the farmer and value chain for motivating the household to ensure the deliberate focus and patience is created and sustained until new cascades are triggered. It raises the farmer profile from problem constrained to innovative creativity able to start from wherever they are and utilizing the community energy to operationalize a more valid and relevant production function.

The momentum has to be driven by local smallholder appropriation. Each smallholder and their communities can possess their own sustainability.

We have three pillars
- motivation
- seed
- energy

This will create natural growth. It is cross-sectoral and support must be harmonized and integrated.

We are making the human component the common denominator including youth and women and the entire community. We are stepping behind the scene to what is causing the visible present food security and nutrition gaps. The system must flow otherwise it is not sustainable. We are customizing the SDG to what it means at practical and applicable level at the farmer level. Here our deliberateness is ‘slow is fast’. The focus is to make it practical at the farmer family level and their community.

The food systems pathway will be submitted as soon as it is completed for FAO information. Nevertheless implementation of the pillars are already underway.

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