**Supporting information Table S1** Participants of the regional workshops

|  | Tanzania | Benin | South Africa |
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| Academia | * Ethiopia: Hawassa University
* Ghana: Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana, Millennium village project; Noguchi memorial institute for medical research & University of Ghana
* Kenya: University of Nairobi & Kenyatta University
* Malawi: Department of nutrition HIV & AIDS
* Nigeria: Department of Human Nutrition, Faculty of Public Health, University of Ibadan
* Tanzania: Sokoine University of Agriculture; Open University of Tanzania
* The Gambia: MRC International Nutrition Group
* Uganda: Makarere University, School of Public Health & Uganda Action for Nutrition
* Zambia: University of Zambia
 | * Benin: University of Abomey-Calavi
* Burkina-Faso: University of Ouagadougou; Institute for Research and Applied Sciences and Technologies
* Burundi: University of Bujumbura
* Cameroun: Department of Biochemistry, Center for Food Research and Nutrition, IMPM/MINRES & University of Douala
* Central African Republic: University of Bangui
* Chad: Chadian Institute for Agricultural Research and Development
* Cote d’Ivoire: University of Cocody
* Republic of Guinea: University of Conakry & National Institute for Public Health
* Madagascar: University of Majunga
* Mali: Nutrition Department, National Institute for Research in Public Health
* Niger: University of Adbou Moumouni
* Senegal: Laboratory of Nutrition, Faculty of Sciences et Technology, University of Cheikh Anta Diop
* Togo: University of Lomé
 | * Botswana: University of Botswana & Princess Marina Hospital and for Government
* Cape Verde: University of Cape Verde
* Ghana: University of Ghana
* Lesotho: National University of Lesotho
* Mozambique: Eduardo Mondlane University
* South Africa: North-West University, Stellenbosch University, University of Pretoria & University of the Free State
* Zimbabwe: University of Zimbabwe
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| Government | * Liberia: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
* Malawi: Department of Nutrition & HIV; Office of Presidential Labor/ANHA
* Nigeria: Federal Ministry of Health, Family Health Department Nutrition Division
* Rwanda: Ministry of Health
* Seychelles: Public Health Department, Ministry of Health
* South Sudan: State Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
* Tanzania: Food and Nutrition Centre; Ministry of Agriculture Food Security & Cooperatives
* The Gambia: National Nutrition Agency
* Uganda: Ministry of Health
* Zambia: National Food and Nutrition Commission
 | * Benin: President of the National Assembly; Directorate of Family Health, Ministry of Public Health
* Burkina-Faso: Directorate of Nutrition, Ministry of Health
* Burundi: Nutrition Unit, Ministry of Health
* Central African Republic: Ministry of Health
* Chad: National Centre for Nutrition and Food Technology, Ministry of Health
* Ivory Coast: Directorate of Research and Health; Service of food and nutrition, Ministry of health and Environmental Sanitation
* Republic of Guinea: National Nutrition Program, Ministry of Public Health
* Madagascar: Office National de Nutrition
* DR Congo: National Nutrition Program
* Republic of the Congo: Ministry of Health
* Togo: National Service of Nutrition, Ministry of Health
 | * Guinea Bissau: Ministry of Health
* Lesotho: Dietetics Department at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
* Mozambique: Ministry of Health & Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security at the Ministry of Agriculture
* Sao Tomé: Ministry of Health
* Swaziland: Swaziland National Nutrition Council & Ministry of Health
* Zimbabwe: Ministry of Health and Child Welfare
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| Stakeholders that participated on day 3 | * Kenya: FHI 360
* Rwanda: FHI 360 & Rwanda Nutrition Society
* Tanzania: World Food Program, Helen Keller International, Tanzania consortium of nutritionists; Said Salim Bakhresa & Co Ltd, Tanzania Food & Drug Authority; The Centre for Counseling, Nutrition and Health Care; USAID
* Uganda: World Food Program, Regional office
* Zambia: Nutrition Association of Zambia
 | * Benin: Belgian Embassy, European Commission
* France: Action Against Hunger
* Senegal: UNICEF Regional office
 | * South Africa: South African Nutrition Society; Oxfam; Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition; South African Sugar Association; Private Food and Safety Consultant
* Swaziland: Swaziland Infant Nutrition Action Network
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