**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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |