

FoodPlus Round Table

30th April 2013
Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya

“Thought for Food”
Securing better health through nutrition



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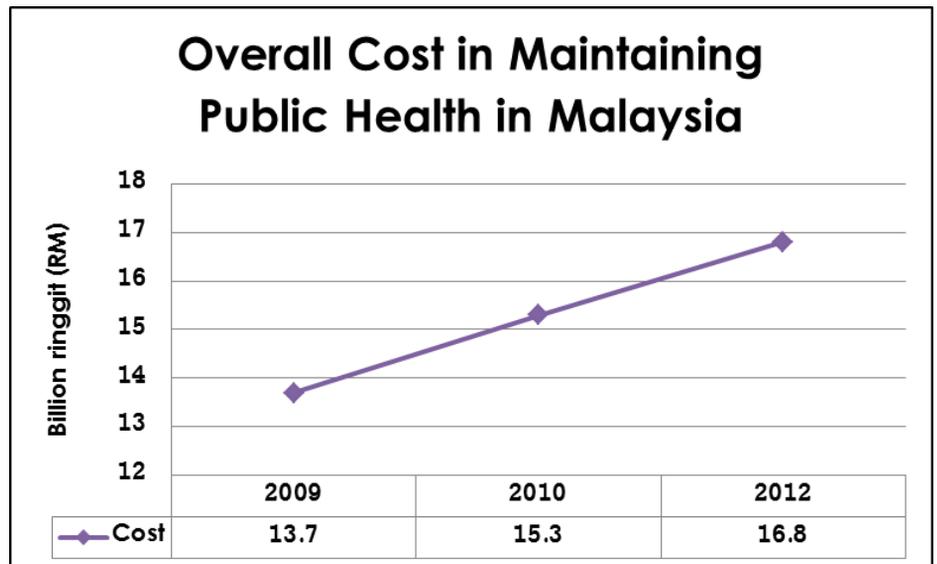


BACKGROUND:

- Micronutrient deficiencies or “hidden hunger” affect one third of the world’s population.
- This has contributed to substantial increases in the numbers suffering from non-communicable diseases (NCD’s) including obesity, Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular illnesses.
- Across the world the importance of considering a community’s access to essential nutrients (nutritional security), is replacing access to calories (food security), as a policy goal.
- Research shows that the prevalence of NCDs in Malaysia has been on the rise over the past three decades, adding billions to the public and private health care bill.
- However, greater efforts by stakeholders, including the general public can help to reverse the rise of NCDs and safeguard the health of future generations of Malaysians.

If it is to benefit the nation and its people any policy on food and nutritional security for the future must recognise the importance of improving community nutrition through enhanced micronutrient availability. By integrating policies in many fields including; agriculture, food and nutrition greater synergies can be achieved in delivering better nutritional and health outcomes.

This one-day round table discussion brings together experts by invitation in the fields of underutilised crops research, supply chain management, food, nutrition and public policy from government organisations, the private sector and NGOs to discuss the challenges of achieving better health through nutritional security.



OBJECTIVES:

- To identify the potential of underutilised crops (UUCs) to fill the micronutrient gap.
- To validate the ingredient supply chain analysis model developed by CFFRC.
- To examine the alternative methods of food preparation with the view to place more emphasis on functional foods and bioavailability of nutrients for humans.
- To identify issues at policy and institutional level which will need to be addressed in order to enhance nutritional security.
- To improve nutrition outcomes through agricultural interventions.



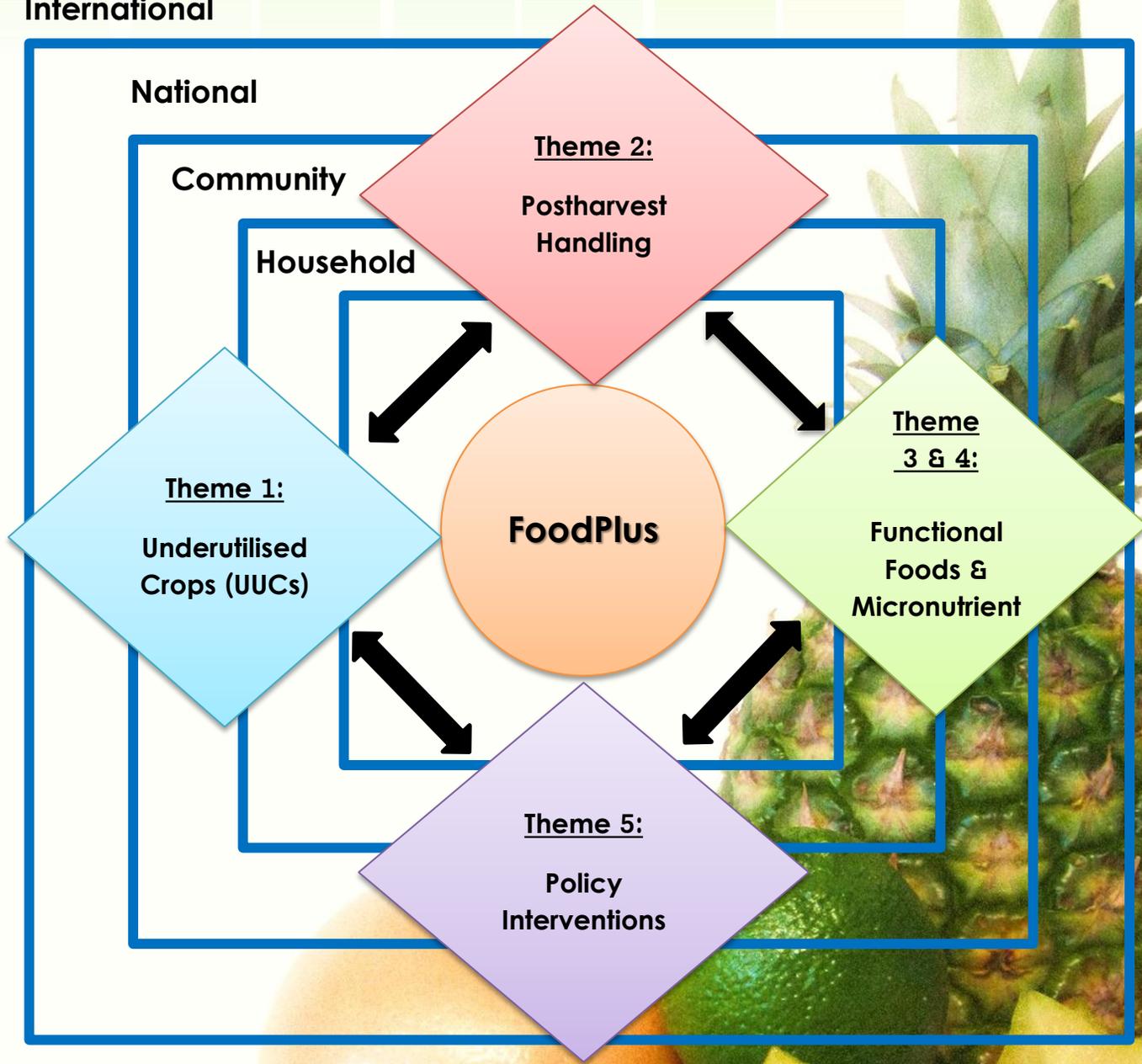
BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:

International

National

Community

Household



Theme 1:
Underutilised
Crops (UUCs)

Theme 2:
Postharvest
Handling

Theme
3 & 4:
Functional
Foods &
Micronutrient

Theme 5:
Policy
Interventions

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PROGRAMME

Session 1: Plenary Session

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| 8.30 – 9.00 am | Arrival of Guests and Registration |
| 9.00 – 9.20 am | Welcome Remarks and Introduction of CFFRC Prof. Sayed Azam–Ali, CEO CFFRC |
| 9.20 – 9.40 am | Keynote Address: “Increasing the Availability of Micronutrients as a Public Health Strategy” Prof. Khor Geok Lin, Dean School of Health Sciences, IMU |
| 9.40 – 10.00 am | Agriculture, Food and Health: Building Malaysia’s Real Golden Triangle Patrick O’ Reilly, Research Programme Manager CFFRC |
| <i>10.00 – 10.20 am</i> | <i>Tea Break</i> |

Session 2: Parallel Working Sessions – 1

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| 10.20–10.40 | FoodPlus Programme Concept and R&D Themes Azizi Meor Ngah, Director FoodPlus |
| 10.40 am – 12.40 pm | Theme 1: Underutilised Crops (UUCs) Theme 2: Postharvest Handling Theme 3 Functional Foods Theme 4: Micronutrients/Nutrition Theme 5: Policy Interventions (Policy Framework only) |
| 12.40 – 1.00 pm | Session 1 Summary |
| <i>1.00 – 2.00 pm</i> | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2.00 – 4.00 pm | Parallel Working Sessions – 2 |
| 2.00 – 2.10 pm | Aims and Objectives of Session 2 Azizi Meor Ngah, Director of FoodPlus |
| <i>4.00 – 4.20 pm</i> | <i>Tea Break</i> |

Session 3: Group Presentations

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| 4.20 – 4.40 pm | Group 1: Underutilised Crops (UUCs) |
| 4.40 – 5.00 pm | Group 2: Postharvest Handling |
| 5.00 – 5.20 pm | Group 3: Functional Foods |
| 5.20 – 5.40 pm | Group 4: Micronutrients/ Nutrition |
| 5.40– 6.00 pm | Group 5: Policy Interventions (Policy Framework only) |

Concluding Remarks and Thanks