SDC – Nutrition in City Ecosystems (NICE) Project

Phase I: 2021-2025

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Problematic

Malnutrition
- Suboptimal diet
  - 1/3 of global malnutrition
- Over 2 billion people do not have access to **sufficient safe and nutritious**
- **COVID 19**

Sustainability
- Food systems
  - greenhouse gas emission globally
  - over-use the natural resources
  - pollute water, soil and air
  - loss of biodiversity
- 12 plant species and 5 animal species
  - **75 percent** of all human food

Urbanization
- **Secondary cities** rather than in mega-cities

Poverty
- **Women and youth**
  - sustainable food system
  - food security and healthy nutrition

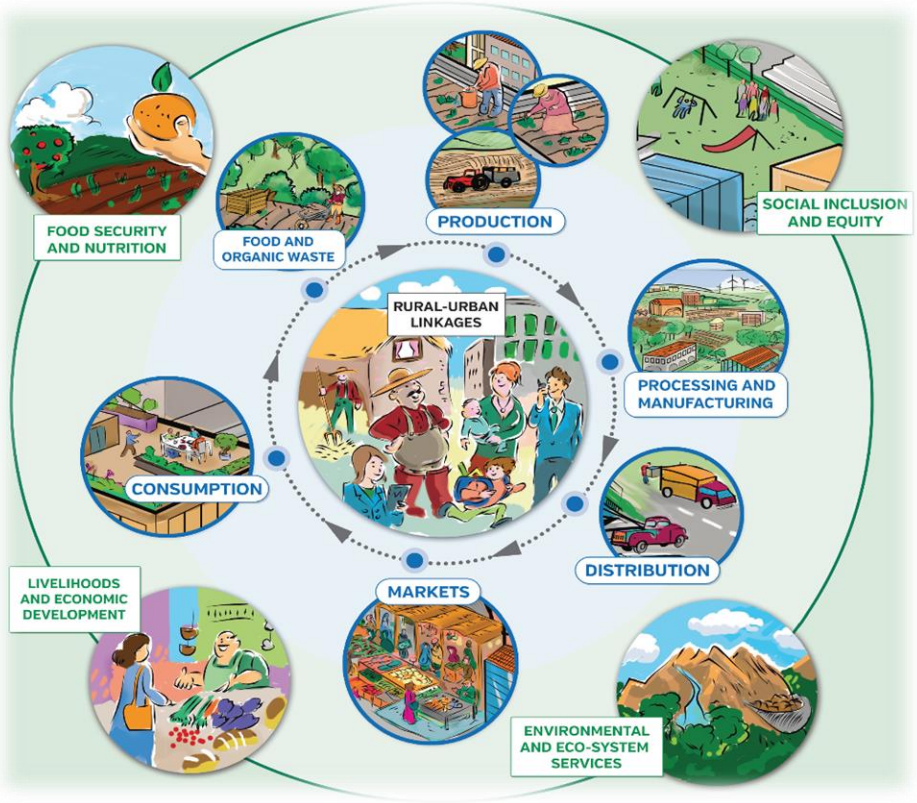
Project Goal

Improve health and nutrition & contribute to reduce poverty
for populations of city regions,
especially women, youth & vulnerable groups

Project's Vision

City governments, private sector and civil society improve food systems governance, collaborate across sectors, and mobilise resources for nutrition (Outcome 1)

learnings and best practices are disseminated
an active scale up strategy is pursued (Outcome 4)



Populations: demand and access an affordable healthy diet (Outcome 3)

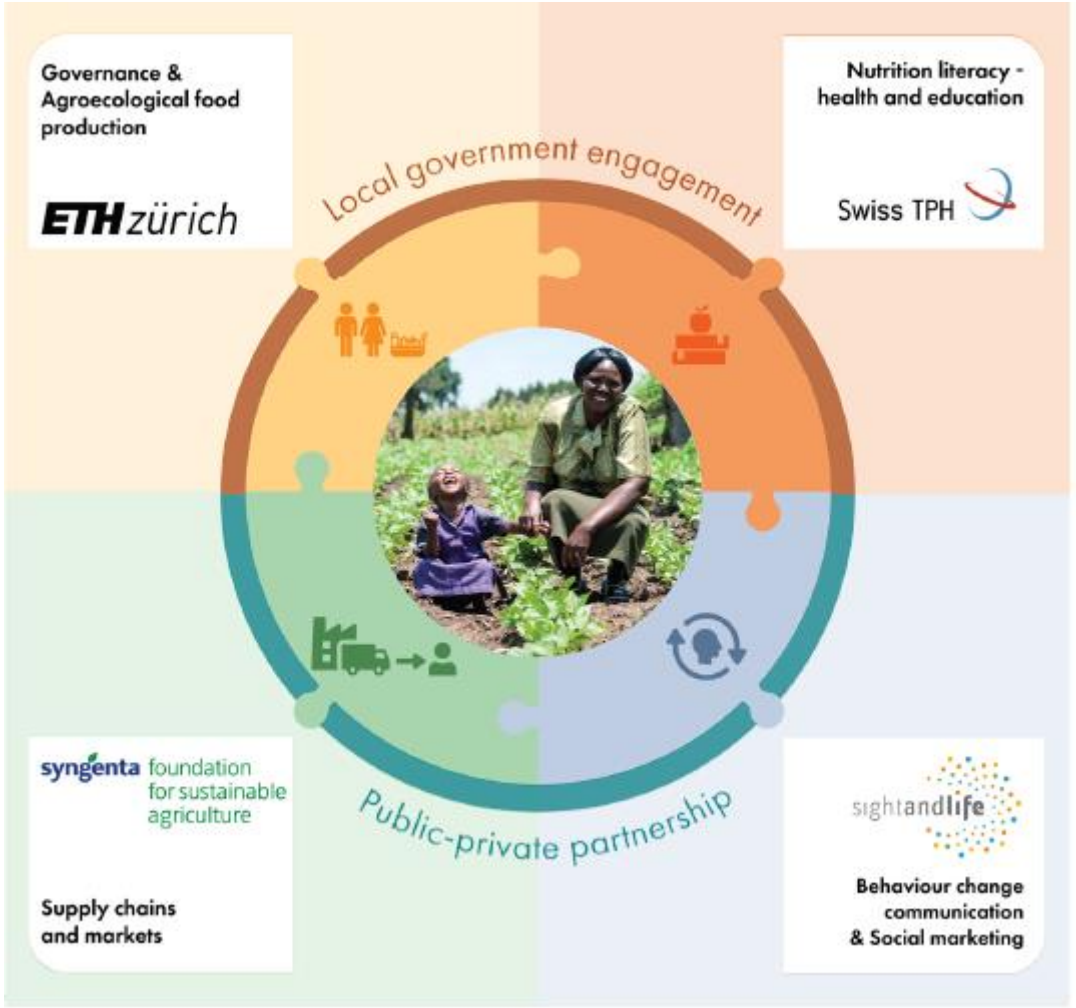
Farmers and food producers, local enterprises and start-ups along the value chain, encourage the entrepreneurship of women and youth (Outcome 2)

Increasing the supply of local, safe, nutritious, diverse and affordable food to city markets (Outcome 2)

Source: http://www.element6.eu/portfolio/fao-food-for-the-cities/

SDC launched the call for proposal and co-finances the project

- Agroecology
- Food systems
- City region resilience
- Evidence and policy



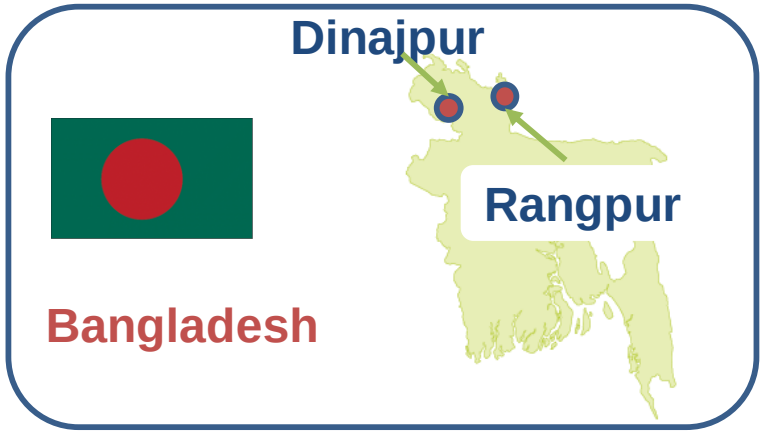
- Public health
- Governance
- Monitoring and evaluation

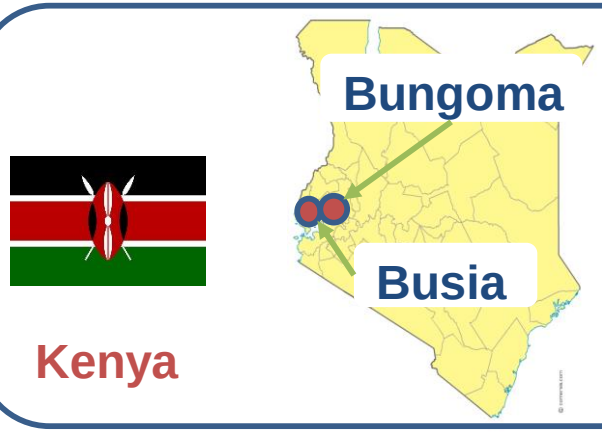
- Agriculture
- Agribusiness
- Value chains and market
- building capacity across public and private sectors

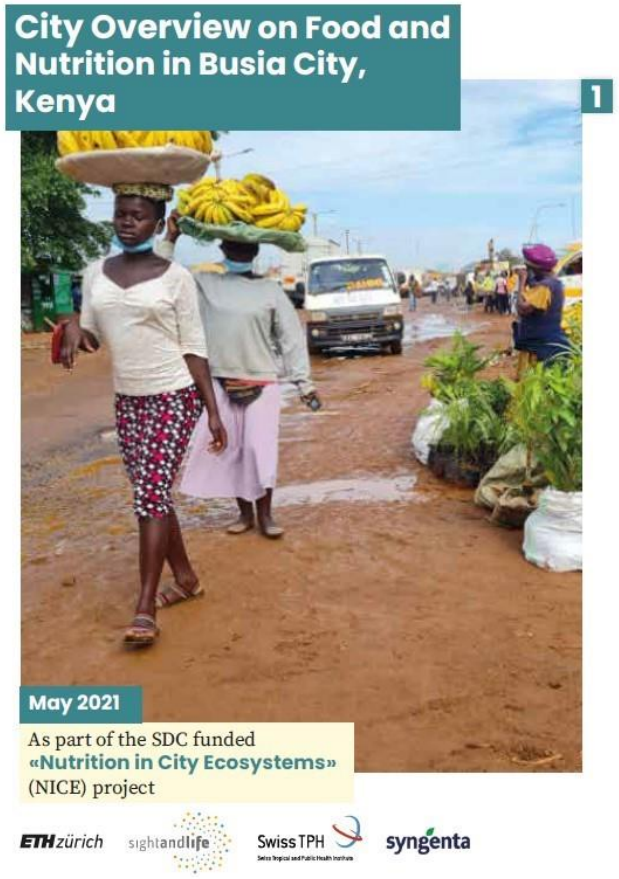
- Building public private partnerships (PPPs)
- Nutrition
- Behavior change communication
- Advocacy

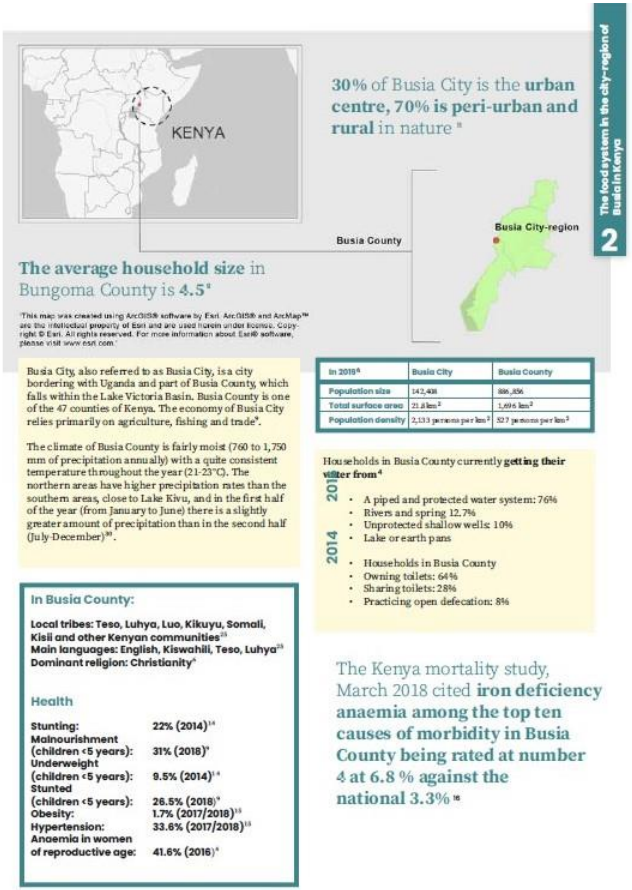
World Food Programme HQ endorsed our proposal and exchange to define collaboration areas is in process in all 3 countries

3 countries, 6 Cities



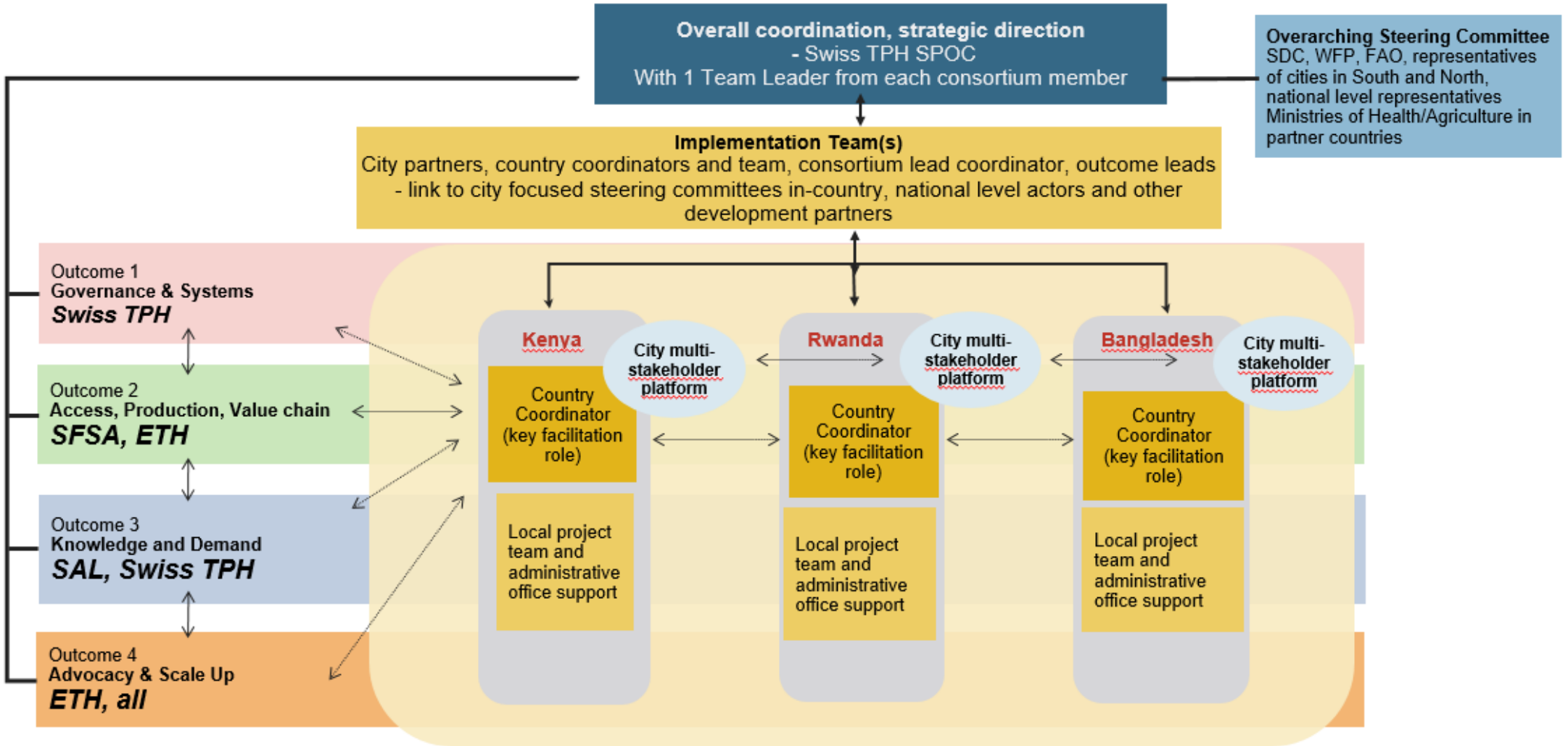






Identification of value chains and of local Partners

Project implementation



Inception phase – January-June 2021

- Stakeholder mapping
- Consultative workshops with city stakeholders
- Context assessment
- Peer learning event between cities to further validate the data
- Primary data focused on the cities themselves to furnish the logframe baseline

Implementation Phase I: +/-August 2021-July 2025