

# EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRIORITY SETTING AND DECISION- MAKING IN NUTRITION IN GHANA

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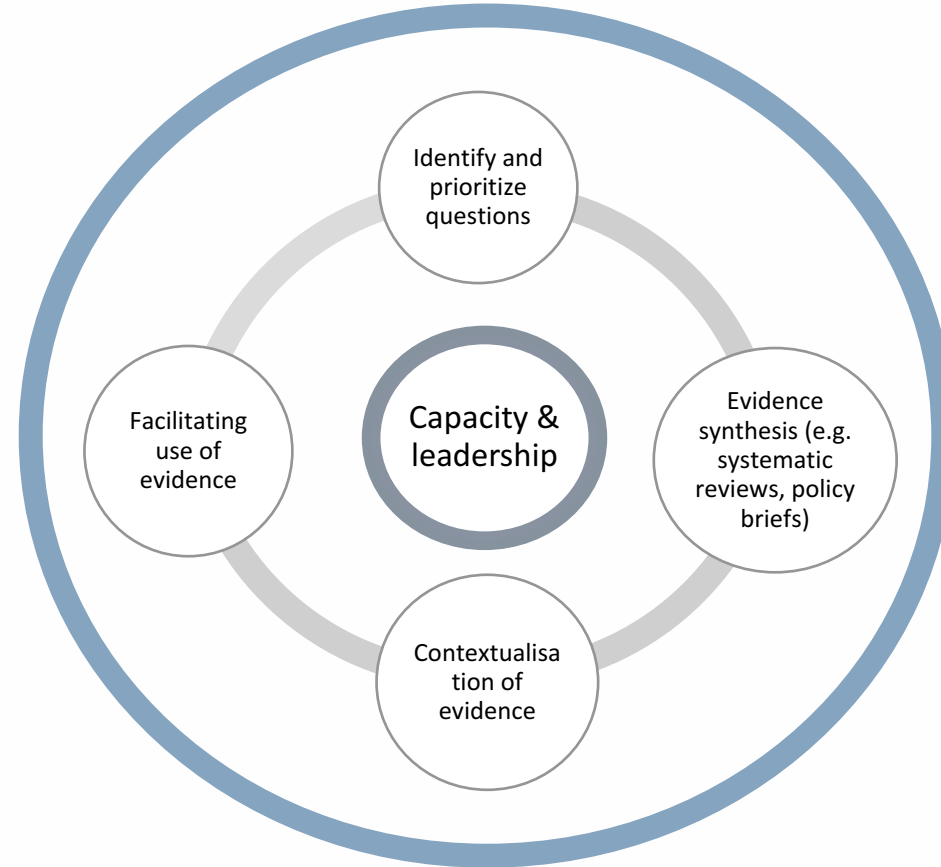


# Why EVIDENT?-SUNRAY

- Gaps in Nutrition research in Africa
  - Research not adequately linked with local priorities
  - Research and policy community not linked
  - Research waste



**PROBLEM-ORIENTED AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING**



**HORIZONTAL COLLABORATION**

## **Overall Objective:**

Identify the gaps and opportunities for utilizing evidence in prioritizing and making decisions in Nutrition policies and programming in Ghana.

## **Specific Objectives:**

- Map out the key stakeholders who influence priorities and decisions in nutrition in Ghana
- Identify and describe the barriers and limitations for evidence utilization in decision making in nutrition in Ghana.
- Develop a framework for how to integrate evidence to inform priorities and decisions in nutrition policy and programs in Ghana.



# Implementation Process

Protocol development

Ethical approval for protocol

Linking up with SUN Academic platform

Initial stakeholder workgroup meeting

Data collection and analysis (development of 'stakeholder maps')

Validation and dissemination workshop (confirmation of 'maps')

Dissemination

# Preliminary findings from stakeholder engagement

Limited engagement between academia and decision making

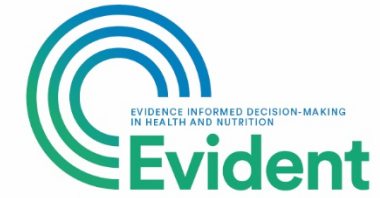
Research agenda is not influenced by decision making

Nutrition priorities largely driven by external influences

Adhoc committees provide local contextual evidence

Decision making rarely employs comprehensive evidence review

# Who is in EVIDENT?



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