A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO ENHANCE EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING AND POLICY-DRIVEN RESEARCH IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION ON A GLOBAL LEVEL
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

Capacity & leadership

Identify and prioritize questions

Facilitating use of evidence

Contextualisation of evidence

Evidence synthesis (e.g. systematic reviews, policy briefs)

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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.
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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
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