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Guidelines for Discussion by the Working Groups

The purpose of these guidelines for discussion is to identify and analyze the specific areas in which ministries of health have immediate responsibility as a sector, and as catalyzers and technical guides to the other sectors taking part in the formulation and implementation of national food and nutrition policies and plans.

1. Which are the nutrition programs that should be given priority attention in health planning for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition?
2. What is the role of the health sector in the formulation and implementation of national intersectoral food and nutrition policies and plans?
3. Is it known what scientific and technological information on nutrition exists in the countries, and is research directed toward finding feasible solutions to the problems?
4. Do programs exist for personnel training and acquisition of skills in nutrition, and are these programs in keeping with the real needs of the countries?
5. Is there in the ministries of health the necessary infrastructure for planning, implementing, supervising and evaluating nutrition programs? What needs to be done to strengthen the infrastructure?