

**THE ROLE OF WOMEN AND YOUTH IN TRANSFORMING THE BROKEN FOOD SYSTEMS TOWARDS ENHANCING THE ARCHIEVEMENT OF THE AGENDA 2030 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Date: 13/09/2021**

**Time: Cape Verde 8:00am/ Cameroon 10:00am (WAT)**

**Location: Zoom (To be shared soon)**

**DIALOGUE SUMMARY**

*To enhance the resilience of our food systems and foster food security, there are serial and interconnected challenges that have to be addressed among which include poverty reduction, social inclusion, health care, biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation, which can not be accomplished without the meaningful engagement of youths and women. With the global youths population fast escalating, it is just evident enough that their participation and involvement is significant towards ensuring resilience of our food systems. Women are delivering micronutrients enriched, biofortified foods to their communities improving the nutrition and health of their household members, they are also key players in transforming the food systems to deliver healthier diets for example a mother in Zambia who tends her vitamin A maize field, harvesting and storing the crop to feed her family, the woman who sells her nutrients iron beans in Rwanda market, a young woman agropreneur who produces nutritious food products made with vitamin A cassava in Nigeria*

*Harvestplus learned that women have different roles in the adoption of and access to new technologies, participation and access to markets and decisions about processing and storing crops, both gender perspectives must be carefully considered when delivering nutritious sensitive agriculture interventions*

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

*Despite the role of women and youth in the food system they have been neglected in many areas especially in decision making in which they are suppose to be at the forefront of any developmental in agriculture.*

**EXPECTED OUTCOME**

*To scale up job creation in the food systems by meaningfully engaging more youth and women in policy making and to archieve gender equality by 2030*

**TARGETED POPULATION**

**Women farmers, youths, people living with disabilities, researchers**