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Integrating nutrition and gender in food environment research projects

Nutrition and gender are inextricably linked. The retail market food environment influences availability, accessibility, safety, affordability, and consumption of nutritious foods by low-income consumers. In the Sub-Saharan Africa context, gendered barriers limit consumers from accessing and consuming nutritious and healthy foods for improved nutrition and health outcomes. Researchers and academia also encounter challenges while constituting multidisciplinary research teams and using integrated methods in their research. This learning session will provide an opportunity for participants to strengthen their knowledge and skills while integrating nutrition and gender in food environment research. We will highlight selected nutrition methods and metrics, gender concepts, and analysis relevant to food environment research. Using one of the Policy Analysis for Sustainable and Healthy Foods in African Retail Markets (PASHFARM) research projects, we demonstrate the process of integrating gender into food environment research projects. To maximize engagement, motivation, and application of newfound knowledge effectively, we will employ interactive methods such as live polls, multimedia elements like videos and interactive power point presentations, chats and discussions, Question & Answer sessions, and reflection opportunities.

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