

# Panel Discussion: Scaling up nutrition services – What does it take? Global Trends and Regional Experiences

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Kyoko Shibata Okamura, Senior Nutrition Specialist, World Bank

- **Kyoko Shibata Okamura is a Senior Nutrition Specialist at the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population global team with over 20 years of experience in the areas of health policy research, nutrition financing and accountability, healthy diets and food systems analytics, and large-scale multi-sectoral nutrition program management.**
- **She represents the World Bank at the Global Nutrition Report Stakeholder Group and other global nutrition fora.**
- **She holds a graduate degree in human nutrition from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.**



**Dr. Roland Kupka, Regional Advisor  
Nutrition, UNICEF**

- **Roland Kupka, ScD is the UNICEF Regional Nutrition Adviser for East Asia and Pacific, providing strategic support to 14 countries.**
- **Dr Kupka previously worked at UNICEF Headquarters, the Regional Office for West and Central Africa, and the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. He has assumed various organizational leadership roles, including as a member of Board of Trustees of the Micronutrient Forum, Board of Directors of the Iodine Global Network, and Executive Management Team of the Food Fortification Initiative.**
- **Over the last 20 years, Dr Kupka's work has focused on studying the role of nutrition in maternal and child health and on devising related intervention strategies. He has documented these experiences through more than 75 publications in peer-reviewed journals.**
- **Dr Kupka completed his doctoral training in Nutrition and Epidemiology at Harvard University.**



Tuti Sukardi, Deputy Assistant for Human Development of the Secretariat of Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia

- **Tuti Trihastuti Sukardi is Assistant Deputy for Human Resource Development under the Deputy of Policy Support for Human Development and Equality Secretariat of the Vice President (SoVP). She has over 25 years of experience in government affairs.**
- **In her current role she oversees various critical issues in human resource development, including youth, sports, religion, and public health. Since January, she has been managing the stunting program and coordinating the SoVP tasks for the Investing in Nutrition and Early Years Phase II program.**
- **Previously, she served as Assistant Deputy for Domestic Governance and Regional Autonomy in the Deputy for Legislation and Administration Law, Ministry of State Secretariat, where she was responsible for various regulatory matters. She is known as a spokesperson and instructor for legislation at national and regional levels.**
- **She earned her Bachelor's degree in Law from the Faculty of Law at Andalas University (Unand) Padang, West Sumatra and Master's degree in Economic Law from the Faculty of Law, and in Public Administration from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia (UI).**



**Dr. Truong Tuyet Mai, Deputy Director of National Institute of Nutrition, Ministry of Health Vietnam**

- **Truong Tuyet Mai, MD, PhD is the Deputy Director and Associate Professor of the National Institute of Nutrition in Vietnam Ministry of Health, Vietnam and Adjunct Professor for the School of Medicine Hai Phong, School of Medicine Hanoi, Vietnam.**
- **She is a key advisor for the development of nutrition policies in Vietnam and development, implementation and monitoring of key national plans for nutrition including the Vietnam National Nutrition Strategy, The National Plan of Action on Nutrition, and the National Action Plan for Food Systems.**
- **Dr Mai is the co-chair of the Technical Working Group on Nutrition and on the board for the National Nutrition Strategy and is a member of the steering committee of Vietnam Nutrition Association, Vietnam Food Safety Association, Vietnam Preventive Medicine Association.**
- **Dr Mai has undertaken numerous studies leading to multiple publication in both national and international journals. She is member of editor board for the national journal in preventive medicine and the national journal in nutrition in Vietnam.**
- **Dr Mai has a PhD in Nutrition from the Japan's Women's University in Tokyo, Japan.**

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**Prof. Dr. Mayfong MAYXAY,**  
Vice President of Health  
Sciences University.

- **Professor Mayfong MAYXAY is the Vice-Rector and a Professor in Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease at University of Health Sciences; he's also Visiting Professor in Tropical Medicine at University of Oxford and Visiting Professor in Public Health at the National University of Singapore. He is a Member of Parliament (MP) of the Lao National Assembly (9th legislature).**
- **He initiated many important academic entities in Laos, he co-founded the Lao One Health University Network of which he is currently the Chairman, and he co-established the Lao Infectious Disease Society where he is currently the President.**
- **Prof Mayfong has been in many important international and regional positions such as: Advisor of Pan Asia Communication Disorders Association; Chairman of Asia Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health; Governing Board Member of SEAMEO TROPMED; Honorary Consultant for the Mekong One Health Innovation Program; and Mahidol-Oxford Research Unit Governing Committee Member of Thailand-Laos Major Oversea Program.**
- **Professor Mayfong is an outstanding researcher recognized internationally and locally with more than 25-years experience, with multiple awards. He has published 246 papers which are indexed in Pubmed.**



- **Mrs. Bounnack DALANGAKEO is currently the Vice Minister and Deputy Head of The Prime Minister's Office.**
- **She has over 40 years experience working for the Laos government. Prior to her current appointment, she served as Director of Department of Organization and Personnel of The Prime Minister's Office.**
- **She holds a Master's Degree in Administration from National Academy of Politics and Public Administration.**

**Mme. Bounnack DALANGAKEO, Vice Minister, Deputy Head of the Prime Minister's Office**





Mr Phouvong KITTAVONG, Vice  
Minister, Ministry of Finance

- **Mr Phouvong KITTAVONG is the current Vice Minister of Finance, in Lao PDR. He has been part of the Ministry of Finance for 20 years, working in different departments, most recently as Director General of the State Budget Department.**
- **He's an economist by profession, with a Bachelor of Economics from Chaing Mai University, Thailand and a Master of Financial and Economics from Dongkhamxang College, Laos-Vietnam.**



**Mme. Amphaivone LOMBOUNPHENG,**  
Secretary General of the National Assembly

- **Mrs Amphaivone LOMBOUNPHENG serves currently as a Member of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly, Secretary General of National Assembly of the Lao PDR. She's a Member of the National Assembly, Constituency 08 Huaphan, and a Member of Provincial People's Assembly, Constituency Xam Neua District.**
- **Mrs Amphaivone has been part of the National Assembly for 13 years, since the 7th Legislature.**
- **She started her career at the Office of the People's Prosecutor, Huaphan Province, where she worked for 18 years and reached the post of Vice President.**
- **Mr Amphaivone holds Advanced Diplomas in Law, and in Politics and Public Administration, and a Bachelor Degree in Law from the National University of Laos.**



**Mr. Sivilay SENGCHALEUN, Vice Governor of Xiengkhouang Province**

- **Mr. Sivilay is the Vice Governor of Xiengkhouang Province since 2020.**
- **Prior to this position, he served as Director of the Department of Science and Technology of Xiengkhouang Province, and Governor of Pek District.**
- **He has 20 years of experience in the education sector as a teacher, Deputy School Principal of Phonsavanh Secondary School and Head of Pedagogical Advisors Center for Lower and Upper Secondary Education, and Head of General Education Section of the Provincial Education and Sports Service of Xiengkhouang Province.**
- **Mr Sivilay holds a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from National University of Laos.**