



Transition Pathways

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Objectives and methods

How to support and facilitate transition processes effectively, by developing transition pathways to sustainable food system with stakeholders, taking a transdisciplinary approach?

A methodology was developed and an inventory of tools was done. These were applied in several case studies. Both literature and cases have led to a reflection on the transition pathway approach and the relevance of several transition pathways.

Results, solutions and contribution to transitions

Methodology to develop transition pathways:

- An operational framework has been developed to support cooperation among stakeholders to find structural solutions in the 'stagnant' food system¹. An interactive booklet describes approaches, methods and techniques for transitions².

Theoretical reflection on the relevance of pathways:

- The concept of "transition pathways" is often approached in a rather instrumentalist way, generally emphasizing the role of technology and innovations. We conclude that it is also necessary to look at the implications of underlying dynamics and potential political agendas of stakeholders, adding aspects of equity, resilience and more (cultural) value-driven principles to be carefully considered³.

Contributions to transitions in practice:

- Elaborated pathways for healthy and sustainable diets in Accra and the future of the dairy sector in Ethiopia, contribution to developing pathways: Bangladesh, Ghana

External partners

- Ghana: Netherlands Food Partnership, several local organisations (e.g. Ghana Health Service, Agriculture and Climate Empowerment Centre Ghana)
- Ethiopia: SNV and local partners (research partners and public partners) engaged with the Ethiopian dairy sector



Cover of the interactive booklet **TOOLS for TRANSITION** (<https://doi.org/10.18174/554460>)

What's next?

• Synthesis

The developed methodology, learnings from the cases, a characterisation of relevant transition pathways, and the usefulness of the Transition Pathway Approach will be described in an authoritative publication (E-Brochure). This publication targets actors in more strategic positions (e.g. programme funders and manages, policy-makers).

• Valuing

The practical aspects of using the Transition Pathway Approach will be described in a practical guide: the Transition Pathway Handbook. An outreach strategy for this handbook will be developed together with end-users, practitioners who work directly with local stakeholders.



Future vision of the Accra food environment as a result of the first workshop.

Questions for audience

- What are your experiences with describing pathways, scenario's, Theories of Change (pro's, con's, useability)?
- How do they contribute to transitions?
- What aspects should we cover in the practical guide?



Key publications

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