

# Multisectoral collaboration as a recipe to address malnutrition and environmental challenges in secondary cities

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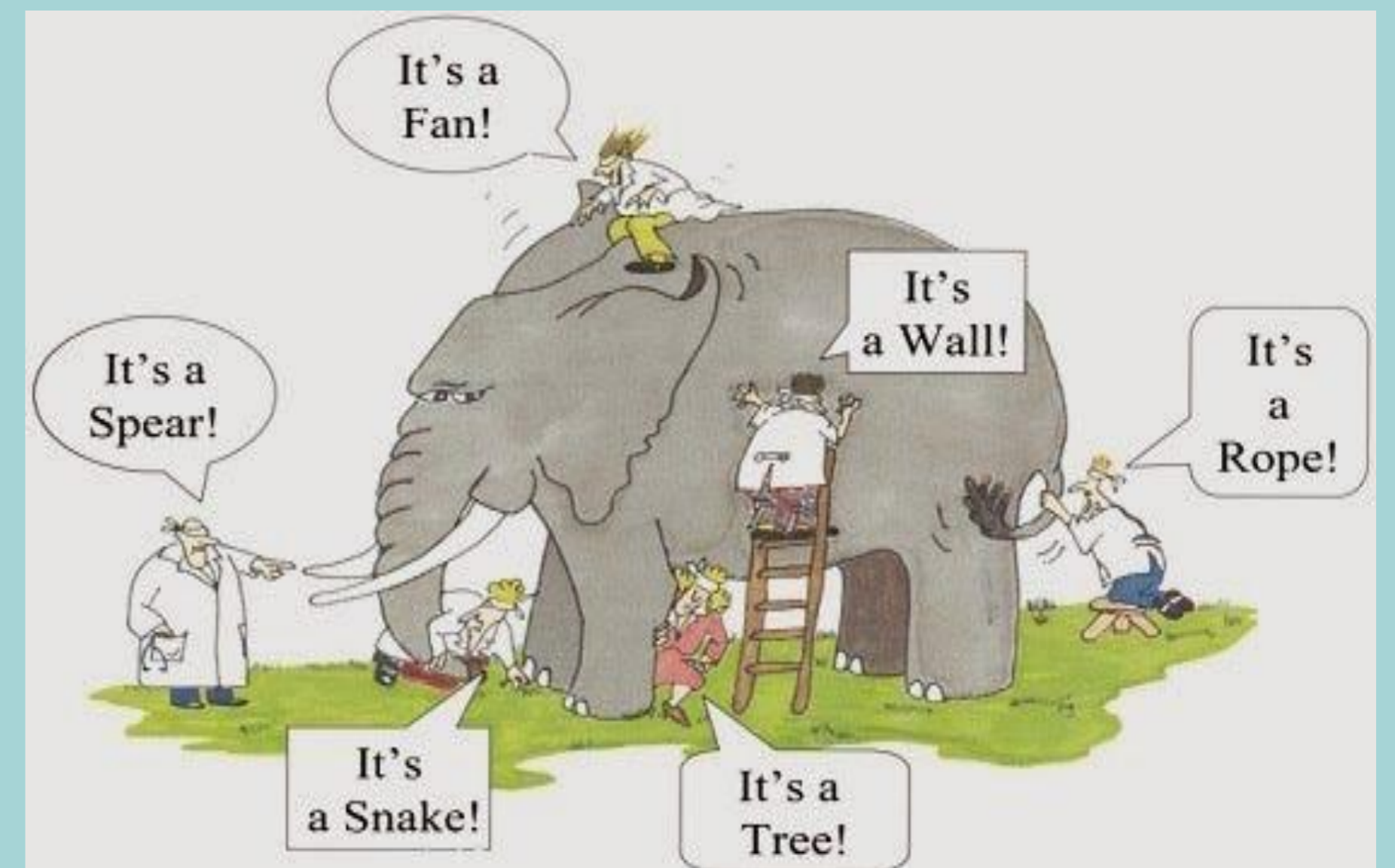
## 1. Objectives

The **Nutrition in City Ecosystems (NICE)** project strives towards sustained and resilient food systems to improve health, nutrition, and livelihoods for urban populations in six secondary city eco-systems.

## 2. Rationale

In Bangladesh, poor-quality diets and malnutrition persist and highlight the malfunctioning of food systems, especially in secondary cities. Despite exploiting co-natural resources, food systems are not able to provide an adequate diet to all people.

## 3. Introduction



Visualization of the blind men and an elephant parable indicating how the same thing, e.g. the food system, can be grasped extremely different depending on the perspective and component that is seen, leading to completely different decisions, priorities and work packages.

Source: <https://medium.com/betterism/the-blind-men-and-the-elephant-596ec8a72a7d>



## 4. Results

In Bangladesh, the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Plan of Action for Nutrition 2016-2025 (NPAN-2) actively promotes multisectoral collaboration. **City-Level Multisectoral Nutrition Coordination Committees (CLMNCC)** serve as a collaborative platform for **joint capacity building and sharing of information**. A **city-wide plan of action for nutrition** has recently been developed in Rangpur City, implementation of which is regularly monitored in the meetings.

Emphasizing the importance of institutionalizing food system governance at the city level and ensuring nutrition remains on the agenda of city corporations and municipalities, Rangpur City also established an official **Standing Committee on City Nutrition and Food System**.

The standing committee on nutrition and food system strengthens the city food system on behalf of the city administration and in collaboration with the nutrition and food system related stakeholders.

## Standing Committee on City Nutrition and Food Systems

- ✓ Supervising organ for City-Level Multisectoral Nutrition Coordination Committees
- ✓ Advocacy and push for city government food security programs
- ✓ Multisectoral, multi-stakeholder collaboration to facilitate safe, transparent and nutritious food supply chains
- ✓ Sensitization and awareness raising
- ✓ Food systems monitoring for evidence generation
- ✓ Women and youth empowerment
- ✓ To transform Rangpur into a **model nutrition vital city with a food system charter**

