

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM



DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 23 September 2022 09:30 GMT -05:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Houston National Urban League
CONVENED BY	Lorraine Winslow
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Region/City Houston
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://goodfooddialogues.com/dialogue/52253/

The outcomes from the Dialogues will be of use in developing the pathway to a healthier and hunger-free America. Each Dialogue will contribute in three distinct ways:

- Direct submission to the White House in advance of the Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health (for events and feedback received prior to the July 15th deadline)
- Published as public facing and searchable documents on the Good Food Dialogues website
- Rolled into a final report that synthesizes the feedback, ideas, and challenges shared throughout all the Good Food Dialogues. This report will not only be submitted to the White House but will also be used to inform a movement for change well beyond the White House Conference.

1. PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

22

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18 1 19-30 0 31-50 0 51-65 0 66-80 0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

0 Male 1 Female 0 Non-binary 0 Prefer not to say or Other

PARTICIPATION BY RACE

0 American Indian or Alaska Native 0 Asian
0 Black or African American 0 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
0 White

PARTICIPATION BY ETHNICITY

0 Hispanic or Latino 0 Not Hispanic or Latino

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

0 Academia/education 0 Agriculture 0 Economic empowerment
0 Environment and ecology 0 Finance 0 Food consumer
0 Food distributor 0 Food production 0 Food processing
0 Food retail 0 Government 0 Healthcare
0 Health insurance 0 Hunger 0 Livestock
0 Nutrition 0 Public Policy 1 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0 Academic/Expert 0 Advocate
0 Corporation 0 Community Organization
0 Direct Service Provider 0 Farmer/Food Producer
0 Financial Institution 0 Impacted Individual
0 Logistics provider 1 Non-Profit
0 Policy Maker (current/former) 0 Small business
0 Student 0 Supplier
0 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

HOW DID YOU ORGANIZE THE DIALOGUE SO THAT THE PRINCIPLES WERE INCORPORATED, REINFORCED AND ENHANCED?

The Dialogue was organized quickly and without much delay, considering this, the Principle of acting with urgency was incorporated and reinforced as the feedback from this Dialogue was taken and quickly synthesized to be included in the Good Food Dialogues Final Report.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The Dialogue reflected the Principle of Embracing multi-stakeholder inclusivity as the Houston Area Urban League (HAUL) is not only unique in the communities they serve but also in how they serve them. This Dialogue highlighted how HAUL takes a holistic approach to serve its community by integrating education, entrepreneurship, wellness, social justice, and youth development. This perspective had not been shared on the Good Food Dialogues platform and this dialogue acknowledges the need for inclusivity for a variety of stakeholders.

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR OTHER DIALOGUE CONVENORS ABOUT APPRECIATING THE PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT?

It's important to ensure that marginalized voices are being centered, especially when having conversations involving disparities and equitable access. Prioritizing the Principles of Engagement helps to focus on what makes your Dialogue unique to those engaging with it.

3. METHOD

The outcomes of a Dialogue are influenced by the method that is used.

DID YOU USE THE SAME METHOD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONVENORS REFERENCE MANUAL?

Yes

No

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The recurring theme in this Dialogue is that those with funding should disseminate that funding to the organizations that are already doing the work. Too often money is given to large organizations, and they outsource the smaller organizations to do the work for them when the money should just go directly to the smaller organizations, or in this case NUL.

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- 4. Support physical activity for all
- 5. Enhance nutrition and food security research

KEYWORDS

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- Healthcare
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MAIN FINDINGS

The National Urban League and organizations like it are in need of more funding that can be specifically allocated for more staff to do the work that systems of oppression create. A lot of the assistance that was given to families during COVID is no longer available, and this places more of a demand on organizations like HAUL. HAUL acknowledged that while the issue at hand is hunger, health, and nutrition, these issues converge with other issues such as poor housing, unaffordable healthcare, poor education, and more.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/4

The cost of living allowances needs to be recalculated based on recent inflation. It is unrealistic for financial assistance funds to remain the same while the cost of living is increasing exponentially.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/4

One participant shared that COVID put low-income families in even more of a deficit, the participant shared, "Having SNAP benefits with no money to pay their rent causes people to act desperately. It is not uncommon for clients to sell their SNAP benefits to pay their rent"

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/4

Financial assistance programs need to consider the application process as it can be challenging for those with an educational deficiency. Literacy, comprehension skills, and a lack of technological understanding create barriers for people to apply for financial assistance.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/4

The White House Pillars aren't enough if the White House doesn't find people/organizations to execute and implement the pillars. This implementation requires adequate funding that goes beyond just food but to housing, healthcare, education, and safety as well.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The consensus was that if White House Pillars 1-4 were addressed, then there wouldn't be a need for Pillar 5.

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