**Nutrition Champions Training**

It is essential to recognize the influence nutrition advocates on Scaling Up Nutrition as well as their power in enhancing collaboration.

Through advocates more awareness is created about nutrition and malnutrition as these vital stakeholders have proximity to their influencers.

Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition Uganda (CISANU) in partnership with Action Against Hunger (Kenya & Uganda) have undertaken a **Nutrition Champions Training** under the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) arrangement.

The three (3) day training (20th - 22nd April 2021) had over 15 participants from different parts of Uganda (Kampala, Kyanguali & Adjumani) as well as Kenya (Isiolo & Nairobi). They were selected from various categories including: media, youth, university students, civil society organizations (CSO), refugee communities, persons with disability, community leaders and women.

The training aimed at strengthening champions’ capacity to create awareness about nutrition from an informed perspective. And to encourage them to ensure nutrition remains high on governments’ agenda and that the right policies, governance structures and actions are put in place to advance responsibility across stakeholders.

The interactive topics covered; advocacy, policies, nutrition analysis of Uganda & Kenya, SUN engagement in Uganda & Kenya, communication, media engagement, lobbying and develop work plans

As a result of the training the champions acquired knowledge about the significant roles they play in raising awareness and influencing the nutrition agenda. Additionally, the champions shared what they learnt on their social media platforms which attracted engagements.