

WORKING GROUP III:

The scale up of production and distribution of RUF products

Models of production, quality assurance
and distribution systems

Recommendation 1: Demand forecast and financing

- Present demand is seasonal.
- Financed by emergency funds
- National demands – programs needed to drive forecast and financing request
- Need more stable mechanism for financing

Recommendation 2 : Revisit standards

- Ensure standards are appropriate (doable locally, not too restrictive, but ensure safety)
- Share and clear protocols needed for acceptability studies, clinical trials for new recipes
- WHO: to call an expert panel to review standards (nutritionist, food technologist, microbiologist)
- Establish country mechanism to ensure protection against fake products (food and safety board)

Recommendation 3: Create a patent pool

- RUF should be considered as a public good (New RUF should be in principle develop under open source)
- Existing patent holders are encouraged to agree to non exclusive open license (for example through patent pool)
- Financing of R & D (children should not pay indirectly for that)