There are many schools of thought on building a sustainable school feeding programme. In Ghana, the experts have made several prescriptions on putting the Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP) on the path to sustainability. Effective collaboration of the agriculture, education and health sectors with programme implementers for instance is considered an important success factor. Others see legislation and/or a clear national policy in favour of the GSFP, as against the policy of any single government, as the surest way to conserve the Programme. Another popular view is that any attempt at sustaining the Programme should begin with a thorough self-examination aimed at correcting issues like the poor targeting and the linkage with local agriculture production which has been a challenge since the inception of the first phase in 2007.

Such issues have been raised in many quarters however; no attempt had been made to bring these ideas together. The workshop on the theme ‘Planning for action: Building a sustainable GSFP through collaboration and partnership’ which was organised from February 15 to 17, 2011, with support from the Partnership for Child Development (PCD) provided a platform for discussing all the issues about the GSFP in a holistic manner and finding solutions. Read more about the workshop.