Enabling Environment

The Rwanda Consumers' Rights Protection Organisation (ADECOR) play a crucial role in implementing an enabling environment for healthy, sustainable, and nutritious diets in Rwanda

**1. Facilitating Legal Registration of Farmer Cooperatives**

* **Role:** Assist in the establishment and legal registration of professional farmer cooperatives to empower local producers and ensure their voices are represented in policy discussions.
* **Actions:**
  + Provide guidance on the registration process, helping cooperatives navigate legal requirements.
  + Organize workshops to educate farmers about the benefits of cooperative structures, including access to markets and resources.

**2. Promoting Nutrition Field Farmer Schools (NFFS)**

* **Role:** Establish and promote Nutrition Field Farmer Schools as a platform for education and skill-building in sustainable agricultural practices and nutrition.
* **Actions:**
  + Collaborate with agricultural experts to develop curricula focused on nutrition, sustainable farming techniques, and food security.
  + Facilitate the establishment of NFFS in various communities, ensuring accessibility for all farmers.

**3. Advocacy and Policy Development**

* **Role:** Engage with government bodies to advocate for policies that promote consumer rights and healthy diets. This includes lobbying for regulations that support sustainable agricultural practices and access to nutritious foods.
* **Action:** Conduct research and policy analysis to provide evidence-based recommendations for legislation that enhances food security and nutrition.
* Advocate for local and national policies that support the establishment of cooperatives and the implementation of NFFS.
* **Actions:**
  + Engage with policymakers to highlight the importance of supporting farmer cooperatives and nutrition education in agricultural policy frameworks.
  + Conduct campaigns to raise awareness about the benefits of such initiatives for food security and community health.

**4. Capacity Building and Training**

* **Role:** Provide training and resources to farmer cooperatives and participants in NFFS to enhance their agricultural practices and nutritional knowledge.
* **Actions:**
  + Organize training sessions that focus on sustainable farming, crop diversification, and nutritional education.
  + Develop partnerships with agricultural extension services to provide ongoing support and expertise.

**5. Monitoring and Evaluation**

* **Role:** Implement systems to monitor and evaluate the impact of cooperatives and NFFS on local diets and food systems.
* **Actions:**
  + Establish indicators to measure changes in dietary practices, agricultural productivity, and community engagement.
  + Regularly report findings to stakeholders, including government bodies and community organizations, to promote transparency and accountability.

**6. Collaboration with Stakeholders**

* **Role:** Build coalitions with other NGOs, government agencies, and private sector actors to create a supportive network for farmer cooperatives and nutrition education.
* **Actions:**
  + Facilitate forums and meetings to foster dialogue among stakeholders and encourage collaboration on shared goals.
  + Leverage resources and expertise from various sectors to enhance the effectiveness of initiatives.