

The Role of the Formal Food Industry in Addressing Malnutrition and Improving Population Diets in South Africa



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Recommendations for the food industry to address undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies: A Systematic Review

Background

Many low- and middle-income countries experience high levels of **undernutrition** and **micronutrient deficiencies** alongside rising rates of **overweight and obesity**

The **food industry** is a key player in **influencing food environments**

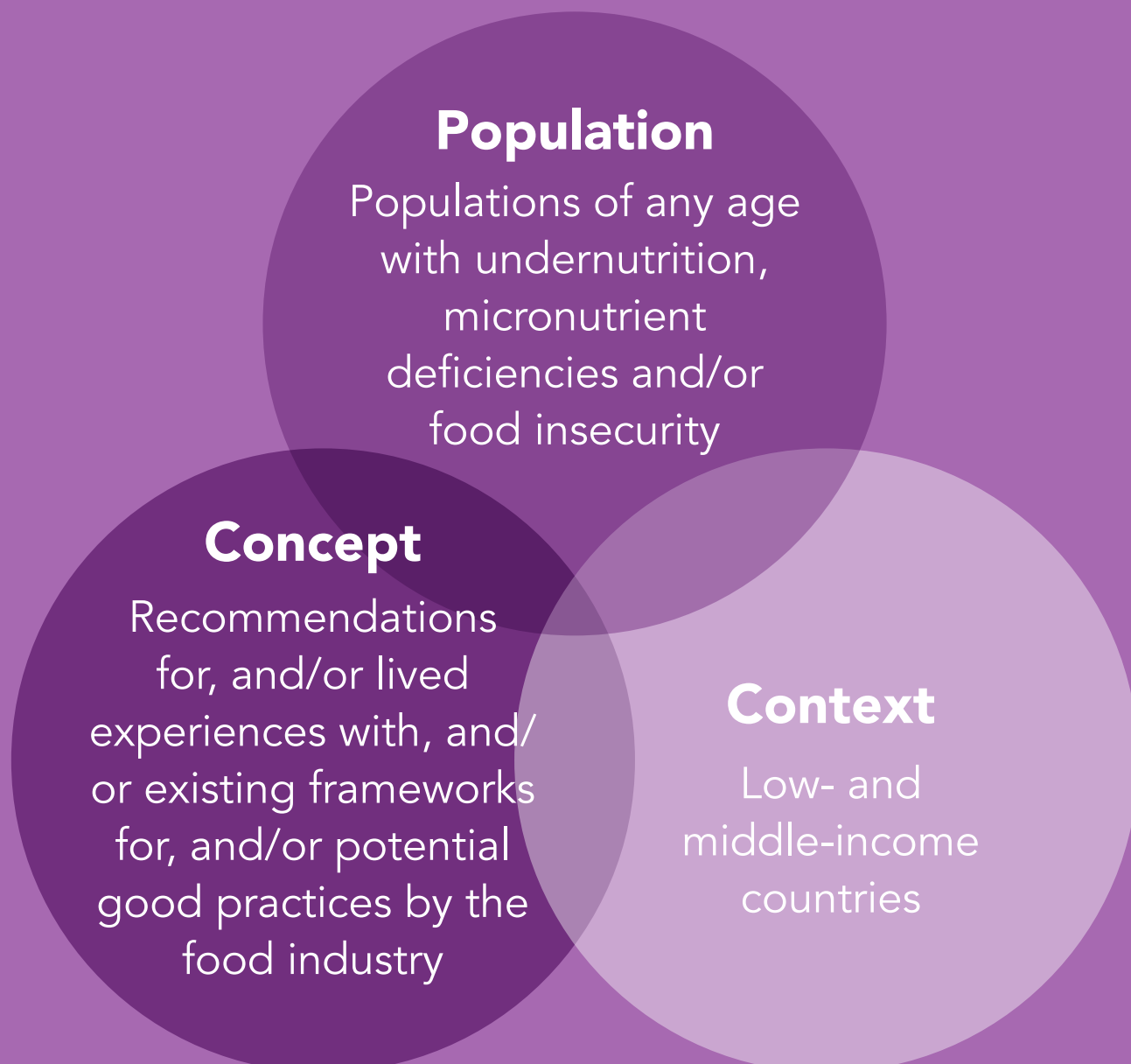
The **INFORMAS BIA-Obesity** (Business Impact Assessment - Obesity and population-level nutrition) tool aids in **assessing and benchmarking industry's voluntary commitments and practices**

While **BIA-Obesity** allows for a comprehensive assessment of voluntary food industry action regarding overweight, obesity and unhealthy diets, it does not **systematically address issues related to undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies**

Methods

Inclusion criteria

Any form of academic or grey literature | Population | Concept | Context



Systematic searches in bibliographic and grey literature databases, via Google (Scholar), key institutions' websites, expert consultation and citation searching

Results

Food industry (general)
75 documents

F&B manufacturers	Retailers	Quick-service restaurant	Wholesale	Independent retailers	Caterers
104 documents	38 documents	7 documents	5 documents	5 documents	5 documents

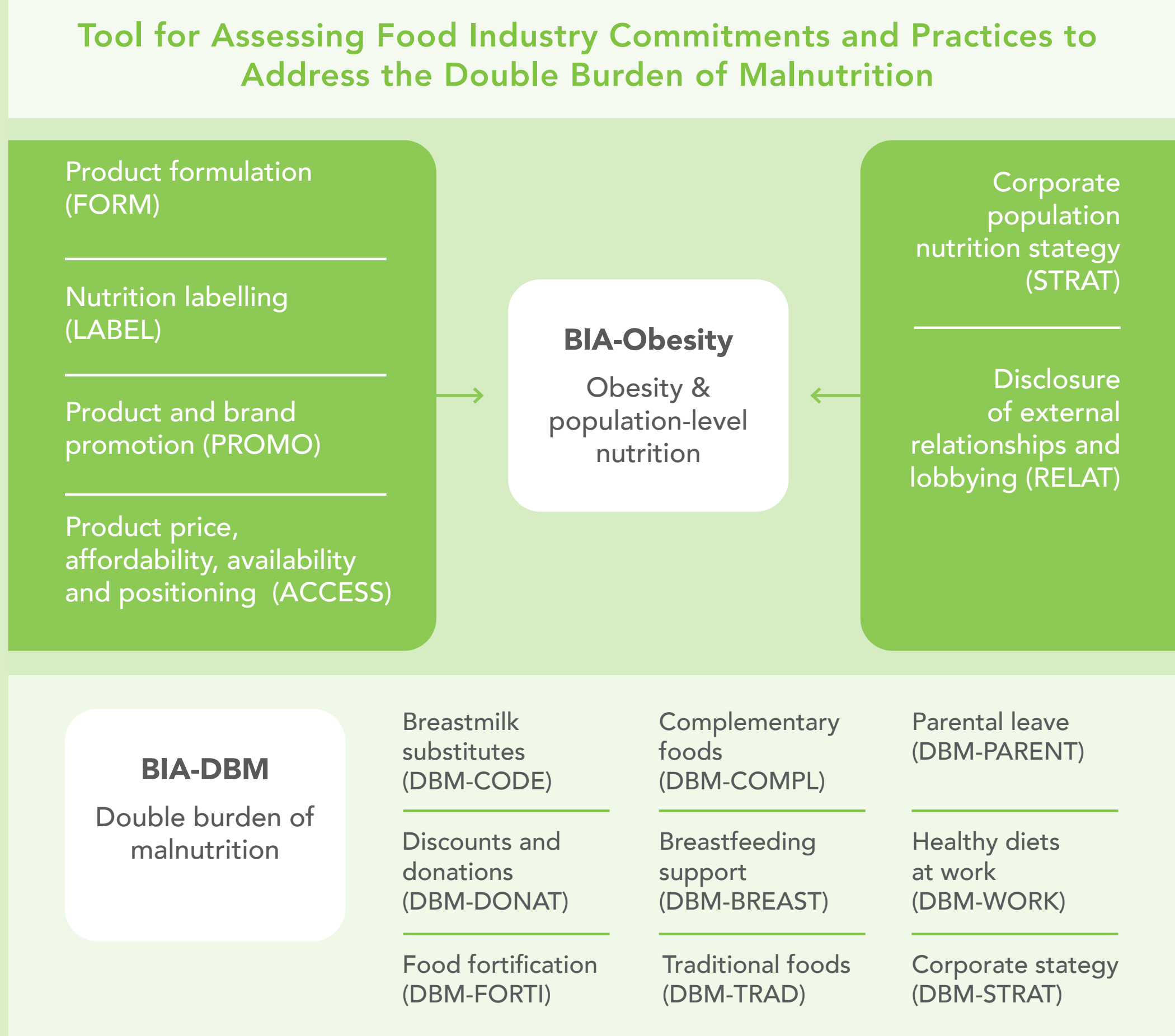
Most prominent domains

- Product formulation
- Product accessibility
- Relationships with external organizations

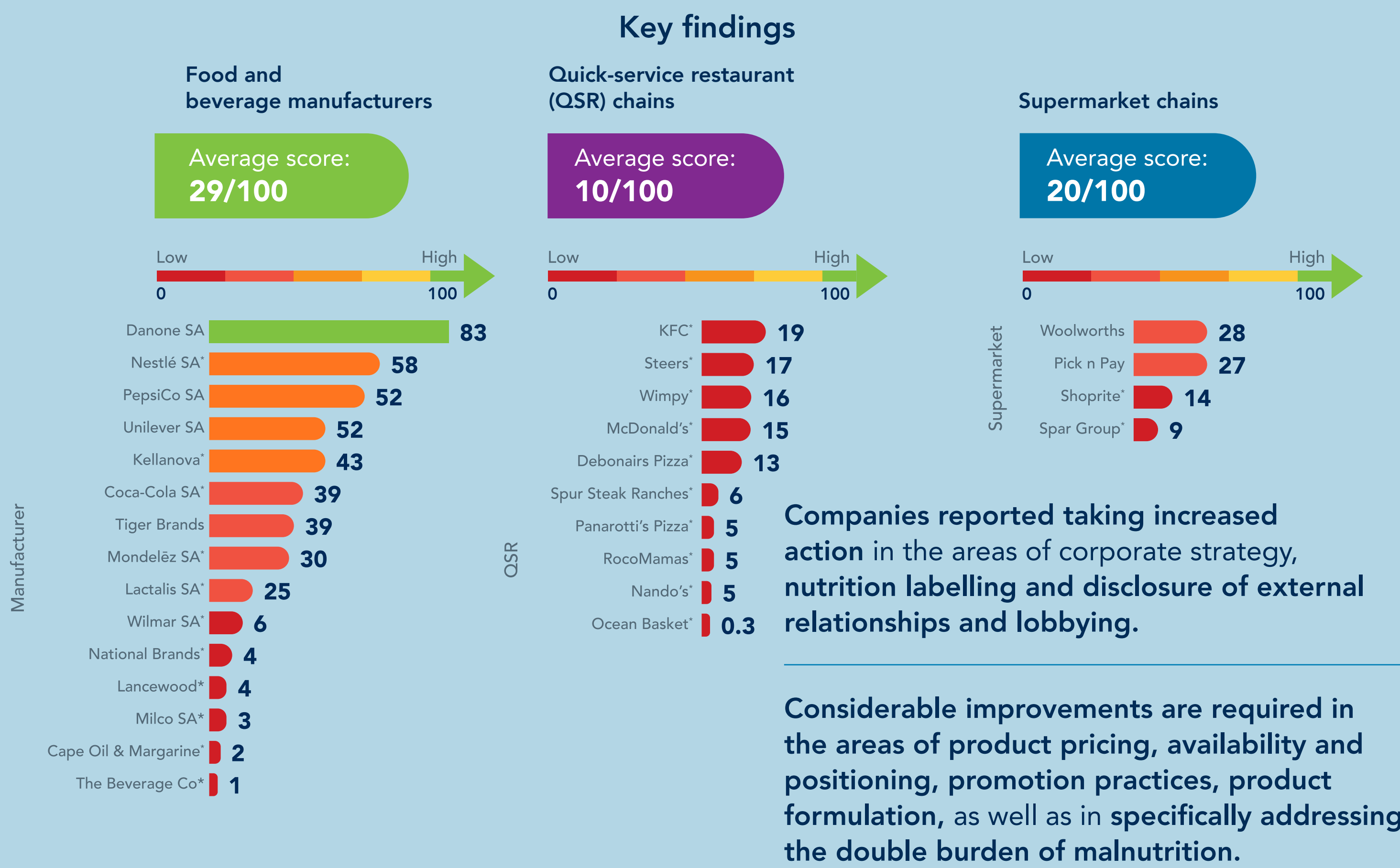
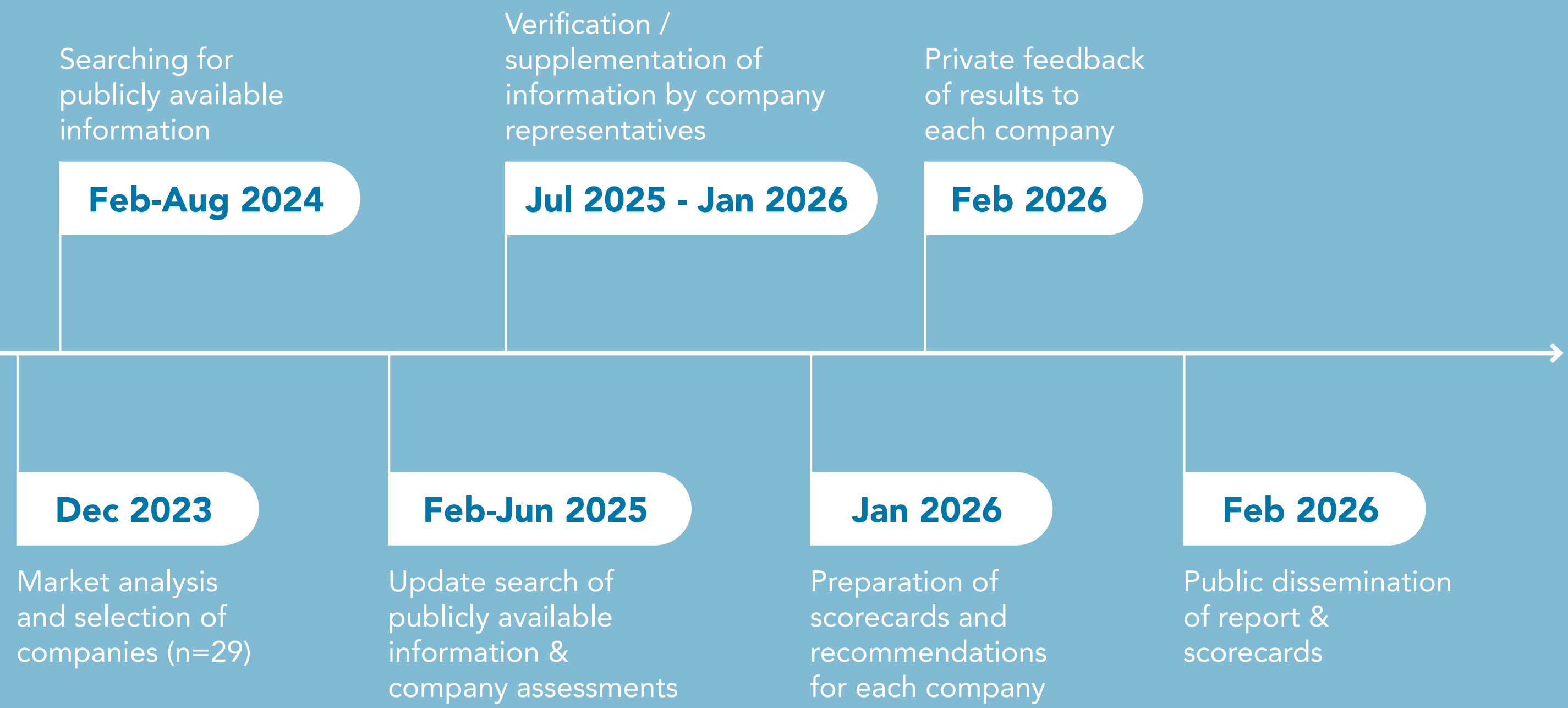
68 Academic documents	81 Grey literature documents	47% Nongovernmental / civil society organizations
		36% UN organizations
		7% Governmental organizations
		6% Food industry

28 synthesized recommendations for the general food industry to address undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies (based on extracted recommendations, lived experiences and existing frameworks)

Tool for Assessing Food Industry Commitments and Practices to Address the Double Burden of Malnutrition: A Delphi Study



Assessment and benchmarking of the food industry's voluntary commitments and practices for addressing malnutrition in South Africa



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