



Global Nutrition Report Independent Expert Group co-chairs to step down for 2019

The co-chairs of the Global Nutrition Report's Independent Expert Group (IEG), Corinna Hawkes, Jess Fanzo and Emorn Udomkesmalee will finish their term at the end of this year, and will be passing their roles to new co-chairs.

In their notice to the IEG, Corinna, Jess and Emorn explained that *"now is the right time to step aside and allow others to take a fresh look at the report in a changing context. Rotation of the co-chairs every two or three years is a healthy process."*

Lucy Sullivan, Executive Director at 1,000 Days and co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report's Stakeholder Group (SG), said: *"I'd like to say an enormous thank you to Jess, Emorn and Corinna for their hard work. Their leadership of the Global Nutrition Report has been invaluable and the entire Independent Expert Group and Stakeholder Group are extremely grateful for their passion and effort in ensuring the Report is the force that it is today."*

Abi Perry, Senior Nutrition Adviser at the UK's Department For International Development and co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report's SG, added: *"The Stakeholder Group has always recognised the importance of rotating leadership, to ensure that the Report can adapt and evolve in response to the changing nutrition and development landscape. Jess, Corinna and Emorn have done a brilliant job in leading the Independent Expert Group and are leaving the Report in a really strong place for new co-chairs to take up the reins "*

The SG has begun the search for new IEG co-chairs, which will conclude in early 2019, when the new co-chairs will be announced. In their role as co-chairs of the SG, Lucy Sullivan and Abi Perry are leading the process, supported by Development Initiatives, to ensure a smooth transition and set the foundations for a successful 2019 Report and beyond.

Jess Fanzo will be continuing to serve as a member of the IEG in 2019 but not as co-chair.



NOTE TO EDITORS

The Global Nutrition Report is the world's foremost publication on the status of malnutrition around the world. It acts as a stock-take on the world's nutrition – globally, regionally and country by country – and on efforts to improve it. It tracks progress on global nutrition targets, ranging from diet-related NCDs to maternal, infant and young child nutrition.

The 2018 Global Nutrition Report reviews existing processes, highlights progress in combating malnutrition, identifies challenges and proposes ways to solve them. Through this, the report guides action, builds accountability and sparks increased commitment to furthering the progress that can reduce malnutrition much faster.

It is researched, analysed and written by the chairs of an Independent Expert Group (IEG) of world-leading academics, researchers and government representatives. The IEG is consulted on, inputs into and reviews the report. A wider Stakeholder Group – drawn from government, donor, civil society, multilateral and private sector organisations – provides strategic leadership of the report.

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