



## NEWS RELEASE

### Changes to the leadership of the Global Nutrition Report

United Kingdom, 13 October 2020 – Abigail Perry has stepped down from her role within the Global Nutrition Report’s Stakeholder Group to make way for a new Co-chair. Venkatesh Mannar has stepped down as Co-chair of the Independent Expert Group, which will continue to be led by Dr Renata Micha.

#### **Abigail Perry steps down from the Global Nutrition Report’s Stakeholder Group**

Abigail Perry, Senior Nutrition Advisor at the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, has stepped down from her role as Co-chair of the Stakeholder Group, which provides strategic leadership and builds support for the Global Nutrition Report (GNR). The GNR looks forward to welcoming a new Co-chair in January 2021.

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, said: “As one of the founding Co-chairs of the GNR’s Independent Expert Group, the GNR is close to my heart, so I have high standards when it comes to the GNR Stakeholder Group Chairs. I need not have worried: Abi has taken co-chairing the Stakeholder Group to the next level. Her tenure has showcased her supportive and strategic skills and her brilliant ability to find consensus and speak clearly and strongly for accountability in nutrition. Thank you, Abi, for all you have done. You have set a high bar indeed.”

#### **Venkatesh Mannar steps down from the Global Nutrition Report’s Independent Expert Group**

Venkatesh Mannar has stepped down from his role co-chairing the Independent Expert Group (IEG), which is responsible for the Global Nutrition Report’s (GNR’s) data and analysis and is accountable for its quality and independence. Dr Renata Micha, who also serves as Research Associate Professor at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and is a practising clinical dietitian, will continue to lead the IEG as Chair.

Lucy Sullivan, Co-chair of the GNR’s Stakeholder Group, said: “The Stakeholder Group thanks Venkatesh Mannar for his leadership, ideas and dedication over the past year, and for his role in delivering the *2020 Global Nutrition Report*, which received a uniformly positive response globally. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and we wish him all the best for the future



as he continues to serve in the field of nutrition as one of its acknowledged leading experts.”

## NOTES TO EDITORS

The Global Nutrition Report (GNR) is the world’s leading independent assessment of the state of global nutrition. We provide the best available data, in-depth analysis and expert opinion rooted in evidence to help drive action on nutrition where it is urgently needed.

A multi-stakeholder initiative comprised of global institutions, the GNR is led by experts in the field of nutrition. The GNR was established in 2014 following the first Nutrition for Growth summit, as an accountability mechanism to track progress against global nutrition targets and the commitments made to reach them.

Through a comprehensive report, interactive Country Nutrition Profiles and Nutrition for Growth Commitment Tracking, the GNR sheds light on the burden of malnutrition and highlights progress and working solutions to tackle malnutrition around the world.

We are a unifying voice, designed for and with the communities who can act. By informing the nutrition debate, we inspire action to create a world free from malnutrition in all its forms.

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