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The Global Nutrition Report: Launch of updated Country Nutrition Profiles and Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Commitment Tracker

The Global Nutrition Report releases latest data on progress towards tackling malnutrition and calls on decision makers to step up commitments ahead of critical year for nutrition and food systems

December 8th, 2020 – The Global Nutrition Report has just launched its updated Country Nutrition Profiles and Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Commitment Tracker, which together represent the most comprehensive source of evidence on progress to improve nutrition around the world. The latest data shows that while the majority of governments have delivered on their commitments, with aid plateauing¹, more momentum is needed to convince the global community to renew their commitments and close the financing gap for nutrition.

As the world gears up for a year of commitments on nutrition and food, amidst a global health and planetary crisis, the Global Nutrition Report aims to equip policymakers, advocates and businesses, encouraging them to leverage this data to mobilise actors around nutrition and shape stronger commitments in 2021.

The Country Nutrition Profiles bring together the latest data to track progress towards global nutrition targets set by the World Health Assembly at the global, regional, and country level and to understand where gaps remain. They provide the latest data on key metrics and trends, including:

- updated assessment of progress towards global nutrition targets;
- data on diets broken down by age, sex, location, education and wealth, with the ability to compare between high-, low-, lower middle- and upper middle-income countries;
- burden of malnutrition, covering: stunting, wasting and overweight in children under five; underweight, overweight and obesity in children and adolescents; low birthweight; adult overweight, obesity, and underweight; and nutrition-related diseases like diabetes, raised blood pressure and anaemia;
- national nutrition strategies and financing;

¹ As of the latest available data (2018).

- social and economic drivers of nutrition, such as poverty rates, income inequality, female secondary education enrolment, and others.

The Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Commitment Tracker provides the latest data on progress made by governments, businesses, civil society, donors and other key actors around the world towards meeting the commitments made at past Nutrition for Growth summits in 2013 and 2017. It also includes new data on donor spending, including nutrition-specific and sensitive disbursements, over the years 2010-2018.

These two updated resources follow the publication of the [2020 Global Nutrition Report](#) earlier this year, which highlighted that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of food and health systems, disproportionately impacting already vulnerable populations.

Hosted by the Government of Japan in 2021, [the next Nutrition for Growth \(N4G\) summit](#) will offer a shared moment for actors from across the globe to make pledges on nutrition, with the aim of driving greater action towards ending malnutrition. Speaking at the [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\) Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Seminar Series on Food](#), Dr. Renata Micha, Chair of the Global Nutrition Report stated: *“Commitments made in previous Nutrition for Growth Summits are drawing to a close and despite some progress, we are still off track to meet global nutrition targets. As the world faces a public health and planetary crisis, there is an urgent need to leverage the data available to build more resilient health and food systems and end malnutrition in all its forms.”*

While 2020 has been an eye-opening year for global health and nutrition, 2021 represents a unique opportunity to shift the dial on nutrition. The Global Nutrition Report is leading coordinated efforts to develop the Nutrition Accountability Framework, a unified accountability framework for nutrition that will make use of existing mechanisms to strengthen global accountability for nutrition and drive faster, fairer progress to improve nutrition around the world.

NOTE 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 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 Tracker, the GNR sheds light on the state of nutrition. We aim to highlight progress and working solutions to tackle poor diets and malnutrition around the world.

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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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