



Independent Expert Group (IEG) Global Nutrition Report (GNR)

Quarterly Meeting Minutes: 14th July 2021

Chair

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Actions

1. Draft of the Nutrition Accountability Framework (NAF) online resources to be shared with IEG members for feedback
2. Draft content of the data update report to be shared with IEG members for feedback
3. IEG members to help build profile on social media



Agenda

1. Overview of agenda and key objectives

- High level overview given of progress of the GNR over the last few months and plans going forward
 - May to Sep – develop the NAF and make it publicly available in September along with the registration platform and complementary online resources
 - Week of 6th Sept through end of Sept 21 – registration platform with online resources
 - Nov 21 – data update report
 - Sept to Dec – we will look to facilitate registration of new commitments and process these
 - 2022 – report on commitments made in year of action

2. Overview of GNR plans in 2021

- Key stakeholders identified the need to have a more unified global accountability framework for nutrition that extends N4G commitments. N4G commitments are still central to our work, especially this year. There will be a joint statement from the two summit organizers (FSS | N4G) coming out, further highlighting the need for a global accountability framework on nutrition
- For the N4G summit, GNR has been formally endorsed. Platform can be used to register and facilitate the assessment/ processing of any (including N4G) nutrition commitment
- **Midterm review** to be conducted over Aug-Sept and there will be an opportunity to feed into this. This will inform the longer-term planning for the GNR
- Nutrition accountability framework: **series of online resources that define the underlying characteristics of the framework** along with the commitment registration platform
- Purpose of resources is to introduce the Nutrition Accountability Framework and support the registration of nutrition commitments. These online resources will serve as the basis for the GNR Report on the Year of Action

3. Nutrition Accountability Framework

- To be released in September 2021 along with the platform

Classification

- Initial iteration to be released in September and aim to refine/expand this based on feedback and the evidence-base

Qualification of commitments

- Commitments will be assessed on SMARTness (key requirement for N4G commitments, but any nutrition commitment that is part of the Framework)
- The goal is to provide support to commitment-maker to revise and fine-tune the formulation of their commitments to ensure these are SMART
- The content of the registration form ensures we can assess the SMARTness of commitments



Pilot testing of registration form

- 12 interviews conducted as part of the pilot testing with key stakeholders
- Most feedback has been about the clarity of the questions and the possibility of providing examples. This is straightforward to address and already had plans to include examples of SMART commitments
- More substantial feedback from 3-4 respondents has been about translation. Currently all content is in English. We are looking at providing translation, but this does require additional resources
- Respondents also requested whether there would be access to the form before starting to complete and perhaps fill it in offline, or have the ability to save and retrieve for completion at a later time. This is also being addressed

Nutrition Accountability Platform

- By September the aim is to have an online registration platform up and running. This will also act as a starting database of commitments

Preliminary discussions on the Report on the Year of Action

- Based on the online documents published online, refined further based on feedback received
- Process, validate and analyse commitments registered through the platform
- Showcase successful stories
- Highlight gaps in action
- To be published in 2022

Technical Advisory Working Group

- Leverage the technical input of existing other accountability mechanisms
- Terms of reference finalised and now looking at how to operationalise

ACTION: draft of online resources to be shared with IEG members for feedback

4. The Data Update

Data Update Report

- Developing content for the November launch focused on key data updates, such as progress towards global targets and the state of nutrition financing

ACTION: Draft content to be shared with IEG members for feedback

Country nutrition profiles

- Will update key indicators with latest estimates available
- Will include new estimates and indicators as appropriate
- To be launched end of November/early December



N4G commitment tracker

- Survey has been sent out and responses being followed up
- To be launched end of November/early December

5. Outreach and communication

Overview of outreach and uptake

- A lot of external facing activities. Looking to align with what is being produced in the projects
- Ensuring content is presented to stakeholders at the right time and in the right way
- There are 3 phases:
 - May to Sept – mobilisation of commitment makers
 - Sep to Dec – launch of the NAF platform and publish key products
 - Dec onwards – Tokyo N4G summit. Year of Action report published and annual reporting on progress

Objectives of GNR outreach

- Position GNR as the lead of the Nutrition Accountability Framework
- Drive uptake and use of GNR resources
- Shape the debate on nutrition

Audience

- Communication will be adapted to relevant stakeholders
- Will rely on participating in coordination groups

ACTION: IEG members to help build profile on social media

6. Close

Next steps

- Share draft of online resources for NAF
- Share draft of data update report
- Next meeting: October 2021