



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

## Quarterly Meeting Minutes: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

<b>Participants</b>	
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## Actions

1. IEG to share the outlined DI vacancies with professional networks and social channels and/or to ask candidates in mind to reach out directly (note the requirement for roles to be UK based).
  - a. <https://devinit.org/work-for-us/vacancies/senior-data-scientists-two-positions-available/>;
  - b. <https://devinit.org/work-for-us/vacancies/nutrition-scientist-global-nutrition-report/>;
  - c. <https://devinit.org/work-for-us/vacancies/project-manager/>
2. Core members please return your completed forms by the dates specified, if possible.
3. Extended members please look out for self-assessment forms sometime next week.
4. IEG members who haven't done so already please feedback thoughts and suggestions on the NAF platform.
5. IEG members are requested to flag any external speaker or engagement opportunities to the engagement team.

## Agenda

### 1. Opening/objective

- Agenda & objectives outlined.

### 2. GNR plans 2021

- The Nutrition Accountability Framework was launched in September; thank you to everyone involved for your input and feedback.
- **Action: IEG members who haven't done so already, please feedback thoughts and suggestions on the platform.**
- Mid-term independent assessment team appointed by the Stakeholder Group to review GNR's programmes; recommendations will be shared with the IEG later in the year.
- Current vacant roles outlined.
- **Action: IEG to share vacant roles with professional networks and social channels and/or to encourage any known candidates to reach out directly (NB see subsequent email regarding requirement for roles to be UK based)**
- IEG core and extended self-assessments – IEG feedback will provide us with the tools and information we need to improve resources and how we work together. Core forms have already been sent out, and extended forms should be sent out next week.
- **Action: core members to return forms by dates specified, if possible. Extended members to look out for forms next week.**



### 3. The Nutrition Accountability Framework

- Since the last meeting the NAF online platform has been launched and all resources (to form the basis of the Report next year) released online.
- We are adding functionality to the next release of the platform in the next few weeks to enable users to view and download commitments, as well as a series of additional functionality improvements expected to be implemented by the end of the year onwards.
- Two phases for the processing of registered commitments are underway; developing protocols and methodologies to support an initial check of commitments on time for the Annex (Compact) | N4G Summit, and a more detailed process to fully verify and qualify commitments January onwards.
- Reporting progress on nutrition commitments includes development of the relevant methodology (that would be similarly pilot-tested) and the development of the relevant part of the platform. Need to also consider how to merge NAF with N4G tracker so that they are accessible in one place.
- NAF engagement activities include participating in a series of webinars organised by the N4G outreach group (UNICEF and WHO) between 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### 4. The Data Update

- All four chapters are now at proof-editing stage and we're on schedule to publish on the revised date of 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Thank you so much to the leading authors and to all those who fed back on the chapters.
- N4G tracker survey was sent out in June and we currently have a 52% response rate against the number of commitments. Next steps are to finalise the dataset, revise methodology and to prepare the web material.
- Country Nutrition Profiles next steps are data checks, visualisations, and incorporation of GDD (Global Dietary Database) dietary data.

### 5. Outreach and Uptake

- We're currently in phase two of the three phases, which includes launching the NAF platform; continued mobilisation of commitment-makers; and publishing the NAF, GNR Data Update Report, the Country Nutrition Profiles and the N4G Commitment Tracker.
- The N4G outreach team is putting together a list of likely commitments & commitment-makers that can be shared to facilitate proactively reaching out to stakeholders to invite them to register their nutrition commitment through the NAF platform.
- Note that we have external stakeholders and partners supporting the GNR who can help with our outreach efforts, and the onus is not always on the IEG. Please do reach out to the engagement team when you receive a request that is relevant to the GNR to see how you can be best supported.



- IEG members are requested to flag any external opportunities to the engagement team so we can be sure to look into them.
- The content for the four N4G webinars aimed at mobilising stakeholders (which is currently in English, French and Spanish and we're looking at further translations) can be used for any other forum and we're maximising any opportunities in the run up to the summit, so please do flag any speaker opportunities you may have where we could tailor this content if required.
- In response to the comments about press-friendly bullets, the Data Update Report's Executive Summary will take key points and turn them into key messages that will resonate as strongly as possible with journalists. From that we'll create a messaging framework for communications.
- The team will be in touch seeking IEG's representation for specific GNR pieces, such as the presentation at events, thought leadership pieces or interviews with the press.

## 6. Close

- Actions, as detailed above.
- Thank you to all for your input, feedback and time, particularly given pressed timelines.
- 2022 meetings outlined. Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022