



Independent Expert Group (IEG) Global Nutrition Report (GNR) Quarterly Meeting Minutes: 12th January 2022

Participants	
Co Chairs	
Zanello, Giacomo	Di Cesare, Mariachiara
Independent Expert Group	
Core members	
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Extended members	
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Apologies	
Micha, Renata – GNR Lead and IEG Chair	Wu, Jason - IEG
Development Initiatives (Host)	
Beecher, Jordan (Senior Analyst)	Collacott, Harpinder - Pin (DI CEO)
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Actions

- Seek agreement from the SG to delay the Mid Term Review initial findings timelines by a week, allowing time for the IEG to engage and provide feedback on the report
- Request Ecorys present the findings and the approach to the IEG next week
- Agree improved process for IEG feedback on GNR report iterations

Agenda

- **Opening/objective**
- Agenda & objectives outlined.
- Noted that the presentation and meeting have been shaped to reflect one of the key areas of IEG feedback – the need to be more collaborative.
- **GNR 2022**
- Strategic planning for the period 2023-2025 will be a focus in Q1 and as a result, fundraising has been delayed and the programme is operating within a reduced funding envelope.
- Current budget does not allow the development of the traditional GNR products together with the NAF products (Year of Action report; upgrade of web platform). In addition, 2022 Q1 will focus on the strategic position of the GNR (following the Mid Term Review). NAF has been identified as one of the 2022 essential products.
- As a result, two outcome scenarios are suggested (1) GNR is repositioned for the future, and (2) GNR presents a full assessment of where the N4G Summit has taken the nutrition community on its journey to end malnutrition for all, which includes a series of outputs (see below).
- Four areas of risk in delivery were outlined. Mitigation will be built into the GNR 2022 programme
- DI received the Mid Term Review report (MTR) from our delivery partner, Ecorys, on 11th January, with a very tight window for feedback. The report will shortly be shared with the IEG with the opportunity to provide feedback
- Workshops (run by Ecorys) will be held in February with the IEG, SG and the Host, to consolidate feedback on the MTR and with a focus on strategy. Final workshops with a subset of members will be held in March/April to consolidate a new strategy and framework, with fundraising beginning thereafter. Dates for both sets of workshops have not yet been finalised
- In the spirit of better collaboration, which was a key point arising from the recent IEG feedback process, future IEG quarterly meetings will look to work more effectively with the IEG to leverage expertise
- **Action: go back to the SG for agreement to delay the MTR timelines by a week, allowing time for the IEG to engage, and request Ecorys present the findings and the approach to the IEG next week**



- **Nutrition Accountability Framework**
- N4G Summit – NAF achievements include 394 new nutrition commitments
- Major milestones in the next 6 months are the Year of Action report, and developing the reporting methodology. We will look to engage more collaboratively with the IEG on this work, potentially in the form of sub-groups
- **Action: agree improved process for IEG feedback on GNR report iterations**

- **The Data Update (not covered in detail due to time)**
- The 2021 report was launched on 23rd November. Coverage has had a wide geographic reach, with outlets in 65 countries covering the report
- We thank the IEG members for their review of the chapters of the report. Responses to the reviews have been shared with the IEG extended group before Christmas.

- **Outreach and Communication (not covered in detail due to time)**
- 2021 uptake included the NAF launch in August, the Data Update launch in November, and the Tokyo N4G Summit in December - which positioned the GNR as *the* accountability mechanism
- Plans for 2022 are to maintain NAF momentum (Year of Action report), launching the CNPs as well as the N4G commitment tracker, and GNR delivery priorities, all subject to the outcome of discussions around the MTR

- **Close**
- Thank you to all for your input and feedback. There is a lot of scope to add a greater weight as a collective IEG, and hopefully more collaboration going forward. Please reach out by email with any further comments on the content of the meeting today
- Next meeting 13th April 2022