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## **Global Nutrition Report adopts new Charter to inspire action to end malnutrition in all its forms**

The world is facing an unprecedented nutrition crisis: the need for bolder, sustained and better coordinated action on nutrition by governments, donors, civil society organisations, businesses and others has never been greater.

In response, the Global Nutrition Report (GNR) is adopting a new Charter to inspire greater action to end malnutrition in all its forms, and putting accountability at its heart. This follows a comprehensive planning process, independent external review and extensive consultations with key partners.

Marking an exciting new phase in the GNR's evolution, the new Charter clarifies its long-term added value, strategic vision, operational approach and governance arrangements to 2030. You can download the Charter from [the GNR's About page](#).

The GNR was established in 2014, following the inaugural Nutrition for Growth (N4G) summit, as an accountability mechanism to track progress against global nutrition targets and the commitments made to reach them.

Since then, the GNR has become the world's leading independent assessment of the state of global nutrition, widely regarded as an essential source of rigorous evidence and analysis that informs policies, investments and action on nutrition.

In 2021, N4G stakeholders highlighted the need for stronger accountability to deliver a step-change in action to improve nutrition, and the GNR was endorsed to create a solution. Seizing this opportunity, the GNR created the [Nutrition Accountability Framework](#) (NAF) ahead of the Tokyo N4G Summit at the end of 2021.

The NAF is the world's first independent and comprehensive platform for registering and monitoring SMART nutrition commitments, including outside the N4G process, and has been endorsed by the government of Japan, the SUN Movement, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, USAID, and many others.

Building on this momentum, over the next three years the GNR will drive progress to end malnutrition by enabling all stakeholders to: develop ambitious, evidence-based nutrition commitments; learn lessons and use data and

evidence to strengthen their action; and track progress to drive collective accountability for their contributions towards global nutrition targets.

Shawn Baker, Co-chair of GNR's Stakeholder Group, which provides strategic leadership in building support for the GNR, said: "The adoption of this new Charter is a key moment in the GNR's evolution. It marks a shift towards enabling others to end malnutrition in all its forms through stronger commitments, action and accountability under the NAF, and working more closely in partnership with others. The breadth of commitments being registered is highly promising, and the GNR looks forward to strengthening relationships with all stakeholders to build on that."

The new Charter also capitalises on opportunities for improvement identified in an independent, external [midterm review](#). These include increasing the GNR's policy-relevance, responsiveness and influence; strengthening its partnerships, reach and uptake; improving its country-level focus; and reaching beyond traditional nutrition actors. The GNR's governance arrangements are also evolving to protect and promote its added value within the wider ecosystem, in particular the independence, scientific rigour and policy relevance of its products.

Dr Renata Micha, Chair of the GNR's Independent Expert Group (world-leading experts in nutrition who are collectively accountable for the quality and independence of the GNR) said: "The GNR's new Charter includes key actions to increase its impact. We will strive to build our influence on wider development issues that are significant drivers of malnutrition, such as climate, conflict and food systems, and work with others to demonstrate the mutual gains of investing in nutrition across sectors, particularly at national levels."

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