



## Questions & responses to call for expressions of interest to host the Global Nutrition Report

This document shares questions asked at the expression of interest (EOI) stage of the process to recruit a new host for the Global Nutrition Report (GNR)

- 1. It is mentioned that the GNR has revised its expectations from the Host. Could we know what the new areas of responsibilities are that have been added? It seems that the changes brought to the role of the Host have been instrumental to the decision of Development Initiatives to step down. What were their concerns?**

During Development Initiatives' (DI) tenure as Host it has supported the GNR to grow from strength to strength through the provision of coordination, data analysis, production, engagement and communications expertise. Following the adoption of the GNR's new Charter in 2022, the GNR's governance is evolving, bringing changes to the role required of the Host. These changes coincide with the launch of DI's new organisational strategy, which sees DI taking a more prominent role in nutrition research and policy. DI is stepping down to pursue its own new programme of work and give the GNR full flexibility to re-develop the Host role.

There are no planned new areas of responsibility for the host. The host role has changed from the role that Development Initiatives played. This includes in the following areas:

- I. Engagement and partnerships support – rather than strategising and leading this work themselves, the host will support the Independent Expert Group (IEG) in this.
- II. Communications – rather than strategising and leading this work themselves, the host will support the IEG in this.
- III. Data analysis and research support – rather than needing to provide these skills/capacities in-house, the host can subcontract this service.
- IV. Programme and project management – the involvement of the IEG has been expanded to lead the development of programmes of work, budgets and resourcing scenarios. They will also play a significant role in the coordination of delivery.

The Host will provide critical services related to legal ownership, financial management and grant management, and play an instrumental technical support role in fundraising; programme and project management; research and analysis; engagement and partnerships; editorial and publications; communications; MEIL; and website management. More detail about the role of the host can be found in the Call for Expressions of Interest.

- 2. Can we contact somebody at Development Initiatives to better understand the role and their experience as Host or is it against the process?**

There will be a Q&A session scheduled on 30 January for applicants invited for the proposal stage. We invite questions ahead of this session to ensure that we are fully prepared to respond to applicants' queries.

- 3. The transition is probably creating a lot of uncertainties for the staff dedicated to the project, who might look for new job opportunities right now. What is**

**being done to mitigate the risks of losing their knowledge and expertise? A transition with no experienced staff left will certainly be a major challenge for the new Host.**

Development Initiatives is preparing detailed handover notes to ensure effective transfer of knowledge to the new Host. The IEG will also facilitate the transfer of knowledge to the new Host. Handover sessions will be planned with the incoming Host, and DI will be available when possible during 2023 to answer queries from the new Host.

**4. In terms of finances, how long is the GNR funding being secured for? Is there any indication of current donors decreasing or stopping their funding? What is the financial liability of the Host if the GNR loses its funding?**

Funds are not currently secured for GNR beyond April 2023. However, there are a range of donors interested in setting up funding contracts with the new Host. The financial liability of the new Host will be the cost of staff working on GNR ahead of the funding being secured.