

# Action Against Hunger-UK Nutrition Strategy 2025–2030

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## Vision

A world free from hunger, where all children under five and women of reproductive age have full access to effective, equitable, and sustainable nutrition services for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.

## Strategic Goal

To develop and apply high-impact, evidence-based technical expertise that improves the prevention of malnutrition and scale-up the access to timely and effective treatment for children under five and women in both humanitarian and development settings.

## Relevance to internal strategies

The Strategy fits within the Action Against Hunger ISP3 as well as within the network Health and Nutrition strategy 2021-2025 and its Nutrition Security policy and commits to the entirety of the Core Humanitarian Standards.



Figure 1-Action Against Hunger Health and Nutrition Strategy 2021-2025

Aligning with the new Action Against Hunger-UK, 2025-2030 strategy, the Nutrition Department will work closely with the **Fundraising team** to align technical priorities with donor agendas and to influence funding strategies in favor of evidence-based nutrition interventions. Collaboration with the **Advocacy team** will ensure that our organization is

recognized as the leading technical authority in nutrition to influence change and scale-up from the evidence base we form. We are also signatory of the [Global compact on nutrition intervention](#) which is a collective effort to mobilize, sustain, and implement nutrition integration commitments from a broad range of stakeholders. In addition, joint work with the **Communications team** will focus on co-developing products and materials that showcase our expertise and highlight the impact of our nutrition programming.

## Key Areas of Work

### 1. Drive high quality information through nutrition assessments

#### Objective:

Advance context-relevant assessment methodologies that inform effective programming and policy at governments level.

#### Key Actions:

- Develop, use and disseminate new assessment tools and methodologies that drive programming and policy decisions nationally and globally
- In collaboration with the Global Nutrition Cluster, develop a minimum standards document focusing on assessments for better programming aimed at donors and partners
- Strengthen context-specific assessments to identify determinants of malnutrition and ensure their integration into national systems for policy change
- Support harmonization of nutrition assessment methods in emergencies, including for Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E).
- Increase access to accurate and reliable nutrition resources to practitioners (nutrition AI or other).

#### Success Indicators (KPIs):

- At least two new methodologies/tools are disseminated globally by 2030.
- At least 4 different assessments conducted per year
- At least 3 nutrition projects or national policies are designed/adapted aligning with the results of a nutrition determinants assessment method by 2030

#### UK-led projects:

- REACT: Reach and Effectiveness of Access to Care & Treatment
- Nutrition platform integration into WASH AI
- AI Powered Nutrition Qualitative Research tool

## 2. Strengthen nutrition systems and community engagement

### **Objective:**

Support national and global systems to deliver high-quality, resilient nutrition services across humanitarian and development contexts in integration with other sectors.

### **Key Actions:**

- Support governments in updating and implementing national nutrition guidelines, programs and policies in collaboration with the advocacy departments aiming at FCDO and UK ministerial audiences.
- Contribute to global technical guidance, tools and monitoring frameworks on prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition including on costing analysis.
- Improve the integration of Nutrition Information Systems (NIS) into National Health Information Systems (HIS).
- Collaborate with governments to build response capacity through NiE trainings and develop preparedness plans for future emergencies with new technologies including use of AI technologies
- Scale up community-led programmes focused on optimal child development and relapse prevention.

### **Success Indicators (KPIs):**

- Support provided to at least two governments to strengthen systems, multisectoral nutrition plans or emergency preparedness per year
- Contribute to or lead the development of at least one global tool or guideline each year.
- Technically support the development and/or scale-up of at least two community-led programmes focusing on optimal child development by 2030

### **UK-led projects:**

- Gamification for Nutrition in Emergencies.
- Community-led Prevention of Malnutrition

### 3. Advance Research and Evidence Uptake

#### Objective:

Generate and translate high-quality research to influence policy, guidelines, and practice in nutrition.

#### Key Actions:

- Lead or contribute to research initiatives on community interventions, ICCM+SAM integration, dietary strategies, Kwashiorkor mapping, and treatment innovations.
- Promote and track uptake of research findings through technical briefs, synthesis reports, and global dissemination.
- Evaluate preventative and curative nutrition projects and provide actionable recommendations to implementers and national governments.

#### Success Indicators (KPIs):

- At least five major research outputs published and disseminated globally by 2030.
- Evidence uptake demonstrated in at least four national or global policies or programme guidance by 2030.
- At least one evaluation of a nutrition project conducted per year.

#### UK-led projects:

- Integrated Community Case Management + Management of small and nutritionally at-risk Infants under 6 months and their mothers (ICCM+MAMI)

#### Enablers of Success

To achieve its strategic objectives, Action Against Hunger UK Nutrition Team will:

- Secure diversified funding, particularly for research, innovation, and emergency response with multi-year projects and Grants.
- Recruit and retain top technical talent, including the addition of a Senior Research Advisor and other key roles.
- Develop a communication plan to raise awareness of nutrition with different non-technical UK audiences
- Collaborate with the advocacy departments to improve nutrition policies and financing
- Deepen strategic partnerships with UN agencies, governments, national and international NGOs, and academic institutions.
- Develop further experience and expertise in working with national governments
- Leverage technology and AI tools to enhance access to knowledge, support decision-making, and improve operational efficiency.

- Maintain agility to respond to humanitarian needs while building long-term systems resilience.

## **Partnerships and Collaborations**

We will continue to collaborate with:

- Action Against Hunger network
- National Governments
- The UN system aligning with the Humanitarian reset: UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR, WFP and the Global Nutrition Cluster
- INGOs or coalitions such as the IFE Core Group, the CORE group, Save the Children, IRC, IMC, GOAL, ENN or FHI360
- Academic institutions such as the LSHTM, LSTM, Westminster University, UCL and the American University of Beirut as well as national ones
- The SUN network, Nutrition for Growth, GAIN

Every project will demonstrate its intention to include at least one local consultant or local organization to co-lead the activities.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning**

Progress will be tracked according to the KPIs and reviewed annually through: Internal team evaluations and strategy reflection sessions. Partner satisfaction surveys, after action reviews and external feedback forms.

## Summary of the 2025-2030 ACF-UK Nutrition Strategy:

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### Key Areas of Work:

1. Drive high quality information through nutrition assessments
2. Strengthen nutrition systems and community engagement
3. Advance Research and Evidence Uptake

### Enablers of Success:

- Diversified funding
- Communication Plan
- Top technical talent
- Collaboration with Advocacy
- Strategic partnerships
- Use of Technology and Innovation
- Agility and resilience

### Impact:

Reduced malnutrition and improved survival and development outcomes for children under five and women.