



## How can I write an article for Nutrition Exchange?

Do you have an experience in nutrition programming that you would like to share? Have you learned something that would be valuable for others to read?

Your experiences and learning from nutrition programme implementation, scale up, working with communities and integration of nutrition with other sectors is very valuable and worthy of publication.

We are interested in hearing from individuals who have experience in nutrition related activities across a range of sectors including Health, Agriculture, Education, Water and Sanitation and Social Protection.

The NEX editorial team can help you easily transform your thoughts and experiences into a short article for Nutrition Exchange.

What could I write about?

We are interested in hearing about activities which improve nutrition and what is being learnt about implementation of activities at the national, district, provincial and community level. We are interested in emergency response and long-term development activities. Some examples of the type of topics that would be interesting include:

- How to coordinate nutrition stakeholders at the national level
- What policies, strategies and resources are needed to scale up nutrition and how are these best mobilised
- How to embed nutrition within agriculture, health, water and sanitation, social protection, education; to achieve better nutrition outcomes
- How to work with communities to improve nutrition and sustain these improvements
- How is capacity development in nutrition being strengthened and institutionalised
- What does resilience and disaster risk reduction involve for nutrition
- Different approaches to scaling up nutrition, health, agriculture or water and sanitation programmes
- Challenges in scaling up nutrition, health, or water and sanitation programmes
- Challenges of working in fragile or conflict affected countries or areas
- Linking nutrition-related emergency responses with longer term development programmes



How do I start writing?

- Send us a paragraph or a list of bullet points with your initial thoughts and ideas for an article. If this is an idea that can be turned into a 500-600 word article for NEX, we will work with you. An article may be structured to contain some (but not necessarily all) of the following information: Brief overview of the context (geographic, demographic and health/nutrition situation)
- Brief overview of the project or programme (main aim/objectives, geographic coverage)
- What is unique about the programme?
- What are you doing that is having an impact on the nutrition situation?
- How are you working/linking with other sectors?
- What aspects of the programme are working well and why?
- What are the challenges and how are these being addressed?
- What has been the positive impact of the project/programme in terms of nutritional status, community ownership, and demand for services? Have there been any negative impacts?
- Are there things you would do differently if you were to do it over again and if so, why?
- What practical things would you like to share with others developing a similar programme?

You can write as single author or with other colleagues working with you.

We will work with you on the writing until we are all happy with the article. This may involve writing a number of drafts before it is finalised but the process of writing is a great learning experience in itself and it is always good to have publications on your CV! We do not expect the English to be perfect; we can help with this if needed. We are more interested in your experiences and lessons than with the style of writing.

We will include a recent photo of you and the other authors with the article. Photos relating to the programme are also welcome.

Contact Carmel Dolan ([carmel@enonline.net](mailto:carmel@enonline.net)) and Valerie Gatchell ([valerie@enonline.net](mailto:valerie@enonline.net)) to get started!

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