



Emergency Nutrition Network

“Helping those working to tackle malnutrition do the best possible job”

Emergency Nutrition Network is a UK charity, set up in 1996, working with programmers, policy makers and researchers to strengthen know-how and evidence to overcome malnutrition.

Our vision is that every individual caught up in a nutritional emergency, or suffering from malnutrition anywhere in the world, gets the most effective help possible.

Malnutrition is a complex problem of staggering size—large enough to threaten the world’s sustainable development ambitions.

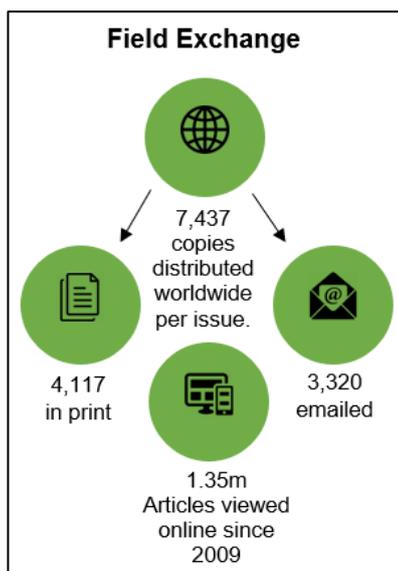
One in three people in the world has malnutrition and it affects both rich and poor. Malnutrition takes many forms: children and adults who are too thin, babies and children who do not grow properly, people who suffer from a lack of specific nutrients, people who are overweight or obese and those who suffer from nutrition-related illnesses, such as diabetes and heart disease. Many deaths are related to malnutrition, with women and young children particularly affected.

We are based in the UK but work globally and are made up of a team of technical experts in nutrition with decades of collective experience in the field.

We work alongside governments, the United Nations, non-governmental organisations or charities, and research institutions worldwide to look critically at existing practices, raise awareness of issues and drive change so that those working to tackle malnutrition can do the best possible job. Recognising that field staff are often cut off from technical support, we connect those delivering programmes on the ground with people working at international level in policy, guidance and research, providing invaluable access to cutting edge developments.

We are trusted to highlight difficulties and gaps in the nutrition sector due to our extensive technical experience and expertise and because we operate neutrally of any one organisation.



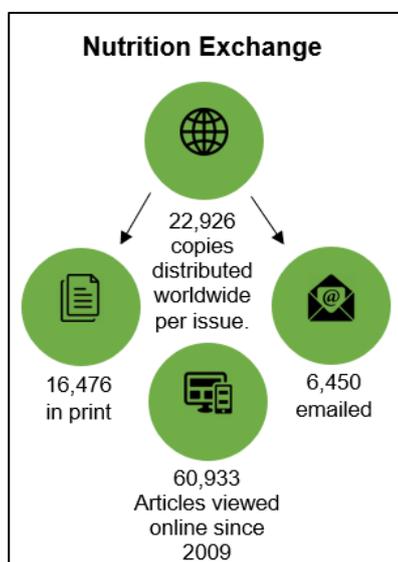


What we do

At ENN, we concentrate our efforts on reducing malnutrition in countries that are unstable, either due to conflict or from natural disasters such as drought. We also focus on countries that are stable but have very high numbers of malnourished people. We do this by;

1. Capturing what works and what is needed to reduce malnutrition

We do this by working with people implementing programmes in challenging circumstances to help them examine their experiences and document their achievements and challenges. We support them to write and publish these lessons in our two publications, [Field Exchange](#) (3 issues/ yr) and [Nutrition Exchange](#) (2 issues/ yr). These publications are shared with people within the nutrition, health and food aid sectors in multiple languages, reaching more than 25,000 people globally per year.



We also provide vital 'real-time' technical advice to those running nutrition programmes through our online platform called [en-net](#), linking them to an extensive network of international experts and peers for advice and guidance. This allows them to quickly and appropriately resolve technical issues in the field drawing on a greater body of expertise and experience than would otherwise be possible.

These processes give us vital and unique insights into what is being done 'on the ground' to reduce malnutrition and identifies where more attention is needed to address the challenges being faced and in turn achieve a bigger impact on malnutrition. This rich understanding drives and closely informs a network of activities, outlined below, to bring about critical change.

2. Coordinating technical bodies to increase the global understanding of malnutrition

Our technical areas of work focus on the most nutritionally vulnerable; infants and children, adolescent girls and mothers who are pregnant or are feeding their infants. We convene and coordinate a several international expert groups, involving the most experienced practitioners and academics working on cutting-edge research. The aim is to answer critical questions for better addressing malnutrition, such as:

- How different types of malnutrition that lead to a child losing weight or growing more slowly are related to each other, and how better understanding of this can improve the programmes that support them?
- How best to identify and support high-risk, vulnerable infants under 6 months and their mothers, bringing nutrition and health programming together?
- How best to meet the nutritional needs of adolescents, given the extra requirements for growth during puberty and the opportunity to establish healthy eating patterns for life?
- How to help the international community to strengthen nutrition policy and programming, through analysis and understanding of 'what works'?

3. Supporting global efforts to reduce malnutrition

We are continually asked to bring our knowledge and technical expertise to strengthen the activities of organisations working to reduce malnutrition at the global level.

We provide specific support to the ‘Scaling up Nutrition’ Movement; a global initiative driven by the governments of over 62 countries and supported by a vast network of actors including UN agencies, charities, universities and business leaders. We capture what is being achieved, document challenges and share this knowledge widely across the nutrition, food aid and health sectors through publications and interactive platforms.

We work closely with the Global Nutrition Cluster, which has the responsibility to coordinate nutrition responses in large emergencies across the world, to assist with lesson learning and to help shape its strategic direction.

We contribute as a technical expert in WHO guidance development to ensure programmers needs are met (including infant feeding in specific contexts such as HIV, Ebola and Zika).

We are an elected member of the No Wasted Lives’ Council of Research & Technical Advice on Acute Malnutrition (CORTASAM), the first ever technical panel of experts on acute malnutrition working to increase knowledge and speed up the translation of good ideas into practice in this critical area.

We are regularly asked to share the pioneering and innovative aspects of our work in the Global Nutrition Report, the influential annual publication on nutrition, which tracks progress in combating malnutrition worldwide.

Some of our achievements

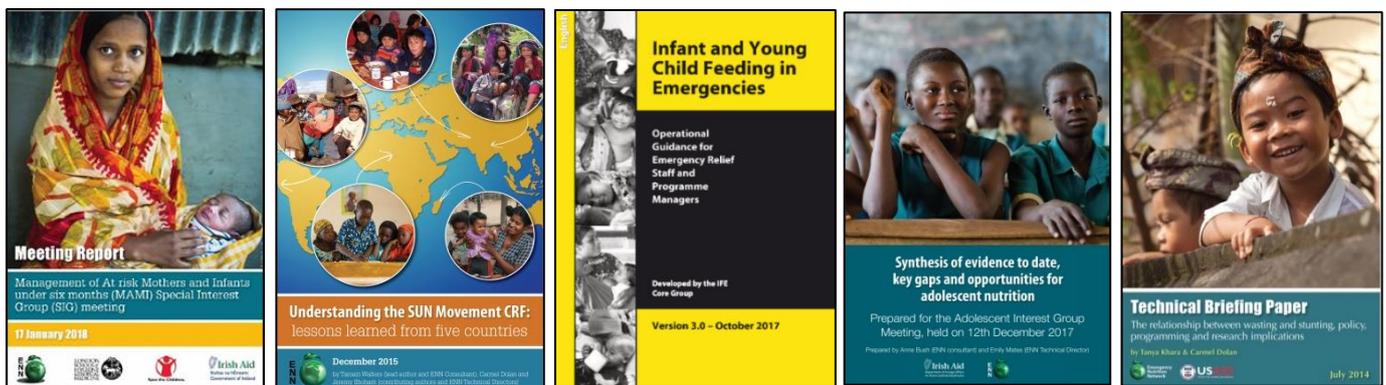
The development and subsequent global adoption of the first internationally agreed operational guidance on how to support infant and young child feeding in humanitarian crisis situations, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2010 and again in 2018.

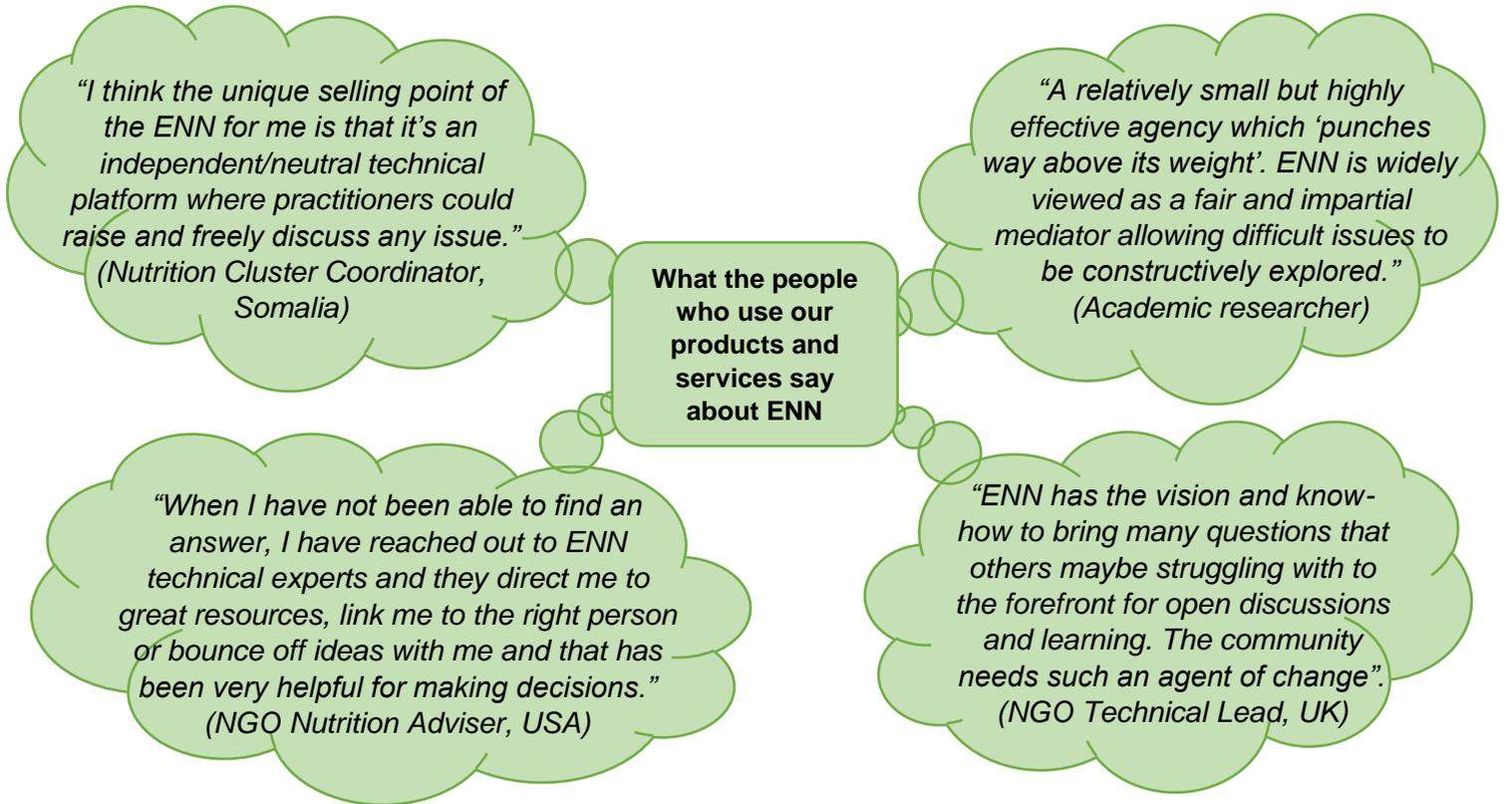
Collection and dissemination of research and programming experiences of community-based management of acute malnutrition in Field Exchange helped catalyse acceptance of this innovative and more accessible approach to treatment saving many more lives.

Our investigation of management of acute malnutrition in infants under six months spotlighted a gap in supporting high risk infants and their mothers; this led to World Health Organisation policy change and a growing international effort to develop programmes to reach them.

The recognition, based on our ground-breaking research and advocacy, among international organisations that children who suffer from more than one type of malnutrition at the same time are particularly vulnerable and need attention.

Questions raised by programmers on our technical forum on infant feeding during the Ebola crisis catalysed rapid guidance development by international experts, coordinated by ENN, and informed subsequent official guidance issued by the World Health Organisation.





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