



**‘Reset’ of wasting prevention and treatment to  
catalyse action and accountability.**

**Wasting Reset FAQs**

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# 1. Background / history

## What is the history behind this Wasting Reset Game Changer and how did ENN become involved?

The inspiration for this Wasting Reset evolved from discussion between key government representatives, UN agencies, coalitions, global and national civil society members, donors, the Global Nutrition Cluster Technical Alliance, global and regional wasting advocacy groups, and the Action Track 1 (AT1) Leadership Team. This informal coalition happened after the CMAM@20 conference and was originally proposed by Concern Worldwide. However, many people have spoken about the need for a 'reset' in previous years; so this was not a brand-new idea but an opportune time to generate momentum.

There was considerable interest in this idea by the AT 1 leadership because after the first round of Game Changers had been received, none were submitted regarding the tackling of wasting. Hence, there was some urgency to fill this gap, considering the aims of AT 1 (Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all). A lot of the great ideas coming post-CMAM@20 conference needed to be synthesized and articulated in a simple Game Changer. ENN was asked by the AT 1 Chair (Lawrence Haddad) to help synthesise and act as facilitators of the process. To deliver the seniority and legitimacy needed at the political level, Patrick Webb was approached to chair the Round Table (see below).

ENN has therefore taken the lead in facilitating a process of developing a 2-page 'Game Changer document'. This 'Wasting Reset' was written up in time for the second round of Game Changer applications, and subsequently accepted by the AT 1 leadership team.

The AT 1 leadership team are responsible for putting complementary Game Changers together into 'Solution Clusters'. We were grouped together with UNICEF's Game Changer on children's diets, under Action Area 1.2. We were also subsequently asked to absorb the Game Changer submitted by FAO/WFP under AT5 (Resilience) on the UN Joint Global Action Plan (GAP) for Child Wasting. Much of the work for this wasting reset is already well underway through development of the GAP and Country Road Maps. The aim of the reset is to accelerate, strengthen and widen our collective efforts for a significant reduction in wasting, building on GAP and the many other existing initiatives.

Each of the solution clusters were expected to host a 'stakeholder consultation' webinar, to generate interest and support for the ideas. The Wasting Reset webinar successfully took place on Friday 18th June.

## What is the role of ENN in the Wasting Reset?

Please see the ToR for more details, but in brief, ENN were requested to help facilitate this Wasting Reset Game Changer by the AT1 leadership team. ENN are acting as facilitators, helping with the necessary administrative and logistical background work to ensure experts in the field are brought together in the Working Groups (WG), and that resulting actions are agreed on and clearly

communicated to the high-level Round Table to inform the Manifesto. ENN will lend support to the WG co-chairs, helping to drive the required processes (as timeframes are very tight), while helping to ensure cohesion and communication of ideas across the WGs, for example, ensuring cross-cutting issues are adequately addressed. It is expected that WG members will be suggesting the critical actions to consider, drawing on the wealth of expertise available, while taking into consideration, and building on, the many existing initiatives to tackle wasting.

### Why is ENN leading on this rather than the UN agencies?

Please see the above response on ENN's role as facilitators of this process. This is a key opportunity to place the GAP and country Road Maps centrally within the WG briefs - but also a crucial opportunity to widen participation and consultation, accelerate the momentum and mutually agree what actions are required to achieve the 2030 vision. The UN agencies are absolutely critical to the success of this Wasting Reset and have been closely involved at every step of the process, to date. Further, representatives from relevant UN agencies are involved as co-chairs and members of working groups. As a facilitator, ENN's role is to help with the logistics, the consolidation of plans, the delivery of the briefs and the various other expected requirements in advance of the UN-FSS and N4G within very tight timeframes. The content of the technical brief / actions will **NOT** be decided by us, rather it will be agreed by consensus (or if true consensus cannot be reached, the majority view) of each WG, as arbitrated by the co-chairs.

### What is the role of the UN Food Systems Summit in all this, if the key output is for the N4G Summit?

Whilst the Manifesto will be launched at N4G, all the thinking and drafting needs to take place well beforehand. We are using the UN Food Systems Summit to help build momentum and enthusiasm. In the meantime, we're organising Working Groups (WG) that will generate the action points/statements to include in the Manifesto (see Section 2).

Of course, the UN FSS also helps highlight critical synergies with food systems that we need to consider in our WGs. We all know that it is essential for mothers, infants and children to have sufficient access to safe, affordable, nutritious food, to prevent all forms of undernutrition and to support the sustained recovery of wasted children. Efforts to tackle wasting require the leveraging of broader systems, including food, health, agriculture and social protection. We need to integrate these important linkages in our suggested actions.

### Which Action Track do we fall under for the UN Food Systems Summit? AT 1, 5 or both?

We fall under Action Track 1 of the UN Food Systems Summit. From the AT1 Terms of Reference: "Action Track 1 will aim to deliver zero hunger and improve levels of nutrition, enabling all people to be well nourished and healthy." However, note that the "Wasting Reset" Game Changer (GC) has been combined with the GC on the GAP on Child Wasting, originally submitted by FAO/WFP under AT 5 (resilience). The AT 5 leadership requested that the GAP be brought into AT1 under the Wasting Reset.

The solutions from our Wasting Reset GC will need to consider all Action Tracks, as all contain the critical elements needed for success.

### Who forms the overall leadership of Action Track 1?

Lawrence Haddad is the Chair. There are a number of other people comprising the leadership team. GAIN staff are supporting all aspects of the work required, in particular, Anouk De Vries and Stella Nordhagen.

### Is there an official Pre-Summit event where this Wasting Reset will be presented?

We submitted an application to host a 'parallel' session at the pre-summit, which has been accepted and will be held on Wednesday 28th July from 13.30 -14.20 (CET). We were grouped together with 'Standing Together for Nutrition' & the Power of Nutrition, so will co-host the session with them.

### Which Member States are formally supporting the Wasting Reset (and all related events)?

- Ireland (this is one of 2 Game Changers being supported)
- USA (note they are supporting more Game Changers, around 5)
- The Philippines are co-chairing one of the WGs (financing) and they will likely be involved in the parallel session that will be held at the pre-summit (the invitation letter is just being sent out).
- Other member states are also showing interest e.g. Malaysia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria
- Requests for country participation are being sent out from the SUN Movement Secretariat (to the SUN Focal Points) and the UN GAP agencies to countries that have been developing road maps, so we expect more participation over the coming weeks (while bearing in mind the tight time frames).

## 2. Working Group Role & Output

### What is the overall output of the Wasting Reset?

The final output of this reset will be a Manifesto. This will be a collection of suggested commitments concerning the prevention, early detection & treatment of wasting that will have been outlined in a short brief developed by each of the Working Groups (WG). These briefs will be synthesised in advance of the Round Table and will inform the content of the Manifesto. The Manifesto will be launched at the Nutrition for Growth (N4G Summit), where Member States and donors, Civil Society Organisations, and others (such as the private sector) will be encouraged to register their commitments. A Terms of Reference (ToR) has been developed outlining the process by which we, as a collective, aim to reach - see below for a summary diagram outlining the six areas where Working Groups will focus. Overall, we need to address questions such as: how will we collectively reach our 2030 reduction in wasting goals? Who will do what? How will we track progress and ensure accountability?



- We need to elevate the topic of infant and childhood wasting from **technical domains** to higher **political levels**, and from a medicalised problem to a food systems concern.
- An integral part of this reset will be building on the UN-joint Global Action Plan (GAP) on Child Wasting, and also UNICEF’s upcoming ‘No Time to Waste’ initiative, when published (see Section 4).

### What are the responsibilities of the Working Group members?

The WG has one critical job to do: to produce a brief (2 pages minimum, 4 pages maximum) that summarises the specific actions/solutions required to effect the key changes needed in each area to scale up the prevention, early detection and treatment of wasting. It is important to note that the timeline for producing the brief is very tight, with the draft ready by the end of July before the start of holiday season. As such, members of the groups are requested to be as responsive as possible to any requests sent out – these will include (broadly) requests for input on content and to review drafts of the brief. There would also be an expectation that members join the working group virtual meetings that will start soon and that will act as an orientation to the work needed, including discussion of the objectives and process for the brief development.

The Working Group themes do of course overlap but have been separated into the 6 WGs to help the briefs to be produced in a very short timeframe. The more overlap of actions between WGs the better, as all actions will need to be synthesised in advance of the high-level Round Table meeting in early September.

There are templates of the WG briefs available for the co-chairs to help guide the process that can be adapted, as required.

### How do the co-chairs and facilitators work together?

The ENN facilitators will liaise with WG co-chairs to ensure the groups can be quickly established and agree the process (e.g., regular calls, set up of google documents, etc.) A template of the WG brief has been developed, along with ideas of strategies that can be used / adapted.

### What is the timeline?

Working Group briefs should aim to be finalised by **30th July**. We will organise a high-level Round Table meeting in early September. In October/November we'll have the final Manifesto document outlining commitments that governments, organisations & private sector can make, and how they will be tracked. December will see the launch of Manifesto at N4G, Tokyo. Note that, if needed, the Manifesto may be fast-tracked to late September if it transpires that member states and other stakeholders are signing up to commitments at the UN FSS as well as at N4G (to be confirmed by AT1 leadership).

### Who decides who should be part of the WGs if we get more than 15 people signing up? Linked to this, who decides which individuals to approach for membership and if there's disagreement between facilitators and co-chairs how is that decision made?

This has not yet been a problem and the WG sign-up period has now passed. Ultimately, the co-chairs are the ones to make the final decisions. ENN as facilitators can always suggest other working groups that may be under-subscribed, if people need to be balanced out between groups.

### Why aren't government actors leading any of the working groups? How will countries be involved in the working group processes?

Time has been very short for this process and obtaining the numerous official permissions for government members to co-chair WGs has been a difficult request to make. We are hoping there will be a government representative in each group as a member. Membership was opened up to all who were interested, but co-chairs also have the option of inviting specific people to complement the group membership. We have secured agreement from the Philippines to co-chair the WG on financing, considering their previous experience and success with mobilising domestic resources for wasting treatment.

### Who is responsible for reviewing and approving the WG briefs before they are submitted to the high-level Round Table?

The co-chairs are responsible for ensuring they are happy with the WG briefs and that the actions represent consensus (or at least majority view). ENN will help consolidate the briefs, as necessary. The high-level Round Table will then be responsible for converting the language of the actions into what is appropriate for the political landscape.

### 3. The High-level Round Table

Who will be at the high-level Round Table? Who decides on the membership?

The Round Table will be chaired by Patrick Webb. More details will follow on the membership - no-one has been formally selected yet. Patrick, the AT1 leadership team, representatives from Member States who are supporting the Wasting Reset and other key stakeholders will be suggesting attendees.

The high-level Round Table members will unlikely have time to read six 4-page technical briefs to develop a political manifesto- will there be an interim step of synthesising this information and making it more political for the round table to endorse?

Yes, the six WG briefs will need to be synthesised and ENN will support this process. The actions in the WG briefs should be outlining how we will get to the 2030 vision, representing group consensus, or at the least, the majority view. The members of the Round Table will then review these actions and support the translation of them into political commitments.

Will government actors be part of the high-level round table?

Yes, government representatives will be critical to include at all stages of this process; working groups, roundtable, etc.

### 4. The place of existing initiatives

Do we include GAP details in the action plan, or only emphasise what is complementary?

Yes, we need to include the GAP actions as a lot of work has already gone into developing these. This work provides an opportunity to accelerate what has already been discussed and agreed during GAP development processes. The GAP actions (and those outlined in Country Road Maps) should be the starting point for each discussion from which further and complementary actions can then be discussed and added. We need to maintain focus on what needs to be in place in order that we can realistically achieve the 2030 vision (the **'how'**). We can also look at country examples to see what has worked in the past, using exemplars (which has been very successful in helping countries tackle stunting reduction) and how we can build on those successes.

Where does the GAP on Child Wasting fit in with all this? Are these efforts duplicating this?

The GAP on Child Wasting and the country level operation roadmaps now being developed will be integral to this process. This is an opportunity to broaden the range of participants engaged in the discussions, and further think through the details of **how** the 2030 vision will be achieved. The Manifesto will not purely 'complement' the GAP; it will include it and, where necessary, add further actions and suggested commitments. Members of the UN agencies involved in the GAP development will be part of the Working Groups and can further guide on the essential components to emphasise and build on.

### Where does UNICEF's No Time To Waste initiative fit in?

To date this has not been officially released, but when it is it will be essential for all WG members to become acquainted with it and ensure the plans are harmonised where possible in the Manifesto development.

### Where does the Child Diets initiative fit into this?

Although we were grouped with UNICEF's Game Changer as part of Action Track 1's 'solution cluster', the Wasting Reset is a separate process. Of course, there will be a substantial amount of overlap that will undoubtedly come out in the WG briefs.

### Why is there going to be a new high level round table? Why can't the existing group developed from the UN/ FCDO processes be utilised for this? How does the Action Review Panel process fit with this process?

The FCDO process referred to in the question is the Progressing Action on Resilient systems for Nutrition through Innovation and Partnership (PARSNIP) programme. More details can be found [here](#). Many of the outputs are highly relevant for this Wasting Reset. Again, this Wasting Reset is a chance to incorporate, build on and accelerate the momentum behind initiatives that are already ongoing.

### How are initiatives such as SUN part of this process?

Similar to what has been written above, existing initiatives that are working to reduce undernutrition can be built on in this Wasting Reset; no initiatives are mutually exclusive. The SUN Secretariat is one of the WG co-chairs and we expect that members from the various SUN networks (donor, civil society, business) will be contributing across the WGs.

### Why are we focussing on wasting only? What about stunting too?

Stunting is also a condition of immense public health significance, with increased risk of morbidity, mortality and impaired cognitive development. We are focussing on wasting because progress on wasting has stalled, while stunting is still reducing. With the projections of large increases in wasting due to COVID-19, a focus on wasting is warranted at this point.

At ENN we spend much of our time trying to break down the silos between wasting/stunting, so we will certainly be considering and highlighting where the crossover is and where actions for both are relevant. Given the link between wasting and linear growth faltering (please see our resources [here](#)), any work we do to tackle wasting will also help reduce the process of stunting.