



***Field Exchange* Special Section on the relationship between wasting and stunting; the work of the Wasting and Stunting Technical Interest Group (WaSt TIG) and beyond**

**Call for Content**

**Setting the scene**

Despite improvements in children's nutrition over the past few decades, undernutrition remains a huge threat to the health and life of infants and young children worldwide. Health and nutrition actors have usually approached the problems of children being wasted, (thinner than they should be) and children who are stunted (shorter than they should be) as different outcomes of undernutrition with different causes and different interventions. Facilitated by the Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN), since 2014 the Wasting and Stunting Technical Interest Group (WaSt TIG) has challenged this view, delving into the relationship between wasting and stunting, and built evidence for a unified approach to tackling them. 2022 will see the group enter its eighth year. We are very pleased to have support from USAID to take the opportunity to reflect on the journey so far, further explore the implications of the learning built over these eight years for policy, programmes and research within the nutrition sector and take a look forward to what's next.

As a contribution to this effort, ENN is dedicating a special section of its publication ***Field Exchange*** to share important experiences and learning that reflect, or have been influenced by, the work done by the WaSt TIG and others on the relationship between wasting and stunting. The special section will include articles that share programming experiences and research findings across diverse low and middle income countries, 'views' articles from key stakeholders and summaries of important, relevant published papers and recent events. It is hoped that this special section will help to raise the profile of the relationship between wasting and stunting, identify programme examples of where the two manifestations of undernutrition are being addressed together and further help to influence global, regional and country conversations on this subject.

Both online and print editions will be available from March 2022 and additional content will also be available online, including podcasts.

**Call for content now open**

We are issuing an open call for content on **experiences of implementing programmes focused on addressing the link between wasting and stunting** for this special section of ***Field Exchange***. We have a particular interest in content around the following themes:

- Intervention and programme examples of where efforts to prevent wasting and stunting are considered together.
- Explorations of wasting leading to stunting and vice versa.
- Survey data exploring the prevalence of concurrent wasting and stunting.
- Context-specific explorations of common risk factors of wasting and stunting.
- Explorations of stunting prevalence in children admitted to wasting treatment programmes and the subsequent impact on treatment outcomes.
- Explorations of children's linear growth during wasting treatment programmes.

- Examples of policies, programmes and funding structures that address malnutrition in all its forms.

We welcome the submission of content from national and sub-national-level authors and encourage articles from global and regional levels to be written in collaboration with national and sub-national level authors where possible. Ideally we are looking for up to 5 country articles for this special section, where the most relevant will be selected for publication.

### **Submission process**

Please send a short abstract of your proposed article (maximum 400 words) that explains how it will speak to a priority theme and key learning points. Please also send relevant reports or publications. We also invite the sharing of relevant research, news and events to highlight in the edition.

Submissions will be reviewed by the FEX editorial team and you will be notified on a decision within two weeks of submission. Once accepted, our Field Exchange team will work with identified authors to develop and edit articles.

**Deadline for submission of ideas: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Deadline for first drafts of articles: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Deadlines for finalised articles: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Publication of special section: March 2022**

For further information please see our 'how to write for FEX guide' [www.enonline.net/fex/writeforus](http://www.enonline.net/fex/writeforus)  
Send submissions to [fex@enonline.net](mailto:fex@enonline.net)

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