



Centre of Excellence for  
Management of Severe Acute  
Malnutrition (CoE-SAM) Network



## Growing partnerships: Collaborative action and co-creation of evidence to transform care of small and nutritionally at-risk infants under 6 months and their mothers (MAMI)

**Invitation to attend N4G side-event  
Friday 19th November 2021 13:00-14 :30 GMT**

*Our vision is that every small and nutritionally at-risk infant under six months and their mother is supported to survive and thrive*



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Worldwide, an estimated 21.3% of infants under six months (u6m) are wasted, 20.1% are underweight, 17.6% are stunted, and 17.8% are born with a low birth weight. These infants are at higher risk of sickness, death, and poor growth and development. Preventing early-life growth failure is a neglected area of life-course nutrition action that has impeded progress on global targets. **Urgent action to transform MAMI care** is essential to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 3.

To help plan and deliver frontline care, the MAMI Global Network developed the [MAMI Care Pathway Package](#), an integrated care pathway approach for adaptation to country needs and services across fragile, conflict-affected, and development contexts. **Quality evidence** on this approach is urgently needed across multiple settings. **Co-creation of evidence** with multiple stakeholders and country leadership is critical to ensure evidence is driven by country agendas and plans for scalable and sustainable care within government systems and structures.

Country conversations will showcase experiences from two countries, **Ethiopia** and **India**, on utilising cross-disciplinary and multi-level partnerships to co-create evidence around the management of small and nutritionally at-risk infants under 6 months and their mothers (MAMI) to inform national and international policy and service development.

A brief introduction by the MAMI Global Network co-chairs (ENN and LSHTM) will **set the scene**. Following **country conversations** with Ethiopia and India, a **plenary session** will provide time for questions to the panellists, beginning with a few words from WHO on evidence to policy. A reflection from UNICEF will then describe **UNICEF's strategic plans** on MAMI and share our collective asks for MAMI-sensitive **N4G commitments**.

Speakers/Panellists:

- Professor Tsinuel Girma, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Jimma University, Jimma and Harvard Chan School of Public Health, Ethiopia
- Dr Praveen Kumar, National Centre of Excellence for SAM Management, India
- Grainne Moloney, UNICEF HQ (US)
- Kirrily de Polnay, WHO (Geneva)
- Marie McGrath, Emergency Nutrition Network/MAMI Global Network Co-Chair (UK)
- Marko Kerac, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine/MAMI Global Network Co-Chair (UK)

The side-event will be in English with French and Spanish interpretation. Please register using the link below and share widely with your colleagues.

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*Our mission is to build an effective and energetic network to enhance mutual capacity, bridge disciplines, address evidence gaps, and champion MAMI care.*

The [MAMI Global Network](#) is coordinated by ENN and co-led by ENN and LSHTM. Learn more about the MAMI Care Pathway Package [here](#).

