

MAMI-sensitive N4G commitments

Below are some ASKS to inform MAMI-sensitive N4G commitments and some practical suggestions of HOW to get there. We ask that you examine commitments you are lobbying for or making for N4G to see if you can add or tweak to sensitise them to MAMI. Look at initiatives you are working on and see how addressing MAMI will help you achieve your vision and targets. It doesn't matter how small a commitment or action is - it is the sum of all our small actions that will catalyse change.

ASK 1: Make the needs of small and nutritionally at-risk infants u6m and mothers visible

HOW:

- Strengthen and develop national data collection systems to include standardised indicators on the nutrition status and coverage of interventions for small and nutritionally at-risk infants under six months and their mothers
- Include infants under 6 months in national and sub-national prevalence surveys and report the findings
- Disaggregate research and programme data to report on 0-6 months age-group
- Document challenges in access of mothers and infants to care

ASK 2: Undertake fair and ethical research that addresses national and international evidence gaps priorities

HOW:

- Cross-check research gaps in relevant national & international research agendas and prioritizations (for example, a CHNRI research prioritization on MAMI was published in 2015).
- Consult with MOH in research countries from concept stage
- Funders establish clear partnership criteria and benchmarks in accordance with latest principles and guidance when soliciting and appraising research
- Build in a formative phase of research to facilitate true partnership development and co-creation
- Include process evaluations in research trials to investigate mechanisms of action
- Monitor and evaluate programmes and report on infant and maternal outcomes

ASK 3: Show and tell your innovations, experiences, and actions

HOW:

- Publish research in pre-print and open access journals
- Document and share implementation experiences, such as through ENNs publication, Field Exchange
- Actively participate in the MAMI Global Network, including our implementers working group
- Consider forming a MAMI Country Chapter to strengthen national and sub-national learning exchange with the MAMI Global Network

ASK 4: Be accountable for our actions and inaction

HOW:

- Establish targets for MAMI in national and global tracking and accountability mechanisms