

Emergency Nutrition Network

We help practitioners better serve those most vulnerable to the causes and consequences of malnutrition.



ABOUT US

Established in 1996, Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) is a non-governmental organisation, working with practitioners, policy makers and researchers across the globe. As a trusted, independent partner we play a unique role in the strengthening of evidence, knowledge and networks to help all practitioners better deliver services that reduce the incidence and negative impact of malnutrition.

OUR VISION

Every individual confronted by malnutrition has access to the knowledge, tools, services and resources they require to meet their needs.



OUR ROLE

ENN is recognised globally as an independent thought leader, convener, and trusted influencer in nutrition.

By helping to positively influence policy, practice and architecture over the long term, ENN's work represents a unique and increasingly relevant return on investment to investors seeking long-term impact at scale, in the critical nutrition sector.

OUR FOCUS

We focus on those most at risk to the life-limiting consequences of malnutrition, whether by geography, crisis or age. We concentrate on the areas where we can deliver the greatest impact; where there are the greatest challenges in practice, awareness, learning and evidence. We look across the life cycle, to consider how to break patterns of risk being passed from one stage to another and from generation to generation.

WHAT WE DO

ENN enhances the relevance and effectiveness of research, policy and practice by:

1. Building Evidence
2. Convening and Brokering
3. Knowledge Exchange



Building Evidence

Effective influencing of policy, programming and practice relies on hard evidence. ENN publishes high-quality, evidence-based research which addresses the gaps in practitioner knowledge and improves policy and understanding to strengthen practice in the prevention and response to malnutrition, at scale. ENN works in collaborative partnerships to collate evidence and ensure representative authorship, whilst publishing open access research outputs that enable greatest accessibility and the achievement of the greatest possible impact.

Convening and Brokering

Strong and trusted relationships between the most relevant stakeholders is central to collective understanding and commitment to strengthen nutrition policy, programming and practice. ENN is recognised globally as an independent thought leader and convener and has been appointed to facilitate numerous networks of global nutrition actors that exist to address critical gaps in coordination, evidence and learning in key technical areas. ENN's unique role in convening and brokering delivers lasting impact by securing prioritised shared agendas, aligning collective actions and leveraging the multiplying effect of collaborating institutions.

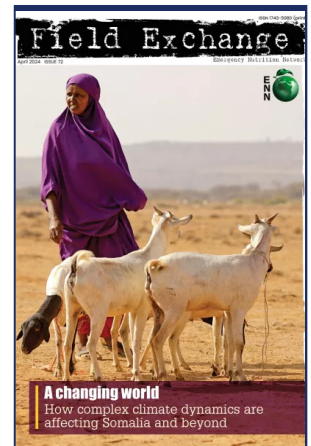
Knowledge Exchange

The effectiveness of nutrition policy, research and practice is enhanced by sharing knowledge, programming experience and learnings of those affected by malnutrition as well as the experience of those working to prevent and respond to it. ENN facilitates and champions the exchange and documentation of programming experiences in varied contexts, drawing on these to identify successes and challenges, to inform the improvement of accepted practice as well as the policies that underpin them.

Field Exchange

Since 1996, our flagship publication Field Exchange has been connecting practitioners directly with nutritional experts, ensuring vital practical knowledge and research is captured and accessible. Published in print and online, Field Exchange provides a unique space for practitioners to share their experience and learnings. ENN works with authors from a range of backgrounds to enable them to develop and publish high-quality articles.

Interested in writing for us? Visit www.enonline.net/fex/writeforus



En-net



En-net is our free and open community forum providing vital 'real-time' technical advice. en-net links nutrition practitioners to an extensive network of peers and experts, who can offer their support and experience on complex operation challenges.

Ask a question: www.en-net.org

Knowledge Partnering

Where there is value in furthering collective aims, ENN deploys its technical expertise as a knowledge partner in formal partnerships with key networks, organisations and specific strategic collaborators.

ENN is the knowledge and learning partner for the Global Nutrition Cluster Technical Alliance, a mechanism providing technical assistance in the form of deployments, guidance and advice to those working in humanitarian contexts.

PRIORITY AREAS

Our work is largely focused on the following priorities:

- The management of **small and nutritionally at-risk infants** (under 6 months) and their mothers (MAMI)
- **Infant and Young Child Feeding** in Emergencies (IYCF-E)
- The relationship between **Wasting and Stunting** (WaSt)
- **School aged children and Adolescent Nutrition**
- **Women's Nutrition** .

MAMI: Management of small & nutritionally at risk infants under six months and their mothers



Globally, a high proportion of infants under the age of six months (u6m) are identified as malnourished. Over 20% of infants u6m are wasted, 20% are underweight, and 17% are stunted, increasing risk of death, disease, poor growth, and sub-optimal development.

ENN is the facilitator of the MAMI Global Network, an energetic and diverse community of practitioners, researchers and policy makers who connect, collaborate and support each other to champion the rights, and improve policy, evidence and practice, for at-risk infants under 6 months and their mothers.

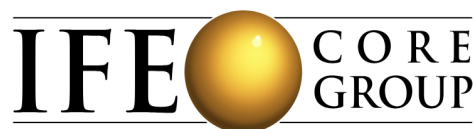
WaSt TIG: Wasting and Stunting Technical Interest Group

Globally, 15 million babies (11%) are born low birth weight (LBW), and incidence of both stunting and wasting peak in the first six months of life. Addressing early-life growth failure is critical in ensuring the long-term good health of the individual and the society they contribute to.

WaSt TiG

ENN, through our coordination of the WaSt TIG (Wasting and Stunting Technical Interest Group) spearheads a greater understanding of the relationship between child wasting and stunting, building a body of evidence to end historic separations, and influencing shifts towards better connected and more effective policy, programming and research.

IYCFE: Infant & Young Child Feeding in Emergencies



In emergencies, children under five are more likely to become ill and die from malnutrition and disease than anyone else and inappropriate feeding increases their risks. Programming on infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E) focuses on the promotion and prioritisation, and support, of safe, adequate and appropriate feeding for infants and young children (0-2 years of age). ENN facilitates the Infant Feeding in Emergencies Core Group (IFE CG), a global collaboration of agencies and individuals, formed to address policy guidance and training resource gaps that hamper infant and young child feeding support in emergencies.

Adolescent Nutrition

Middle childhood (5–9 years) and adolescence (10–19 years) is a crucial period in young people's development, influencing physical, cognitive, and social development, with implications for longer-term economic productivity and susceptibility to disease, as well as for the intergenerational cycle of health and well-being. Yet adolescent nutrition is often an overlooked area of research, policy and programming.



Additionally, young people themselves are not including in vital conversations resulting in less effective research, policy, and programmes. ENN established and facilitates the Global Adolescent Nutrition Network (GANN), that seeks to address the lack of data and resources on adolescent nutrition, and to ensure that adolescence is factored into nutrition policy and practice, so that all young people are nutritionally supported ENN and the GANN focus on increasing youth participation and ensuring that our research and policy focus is youth informed



Women's Nutrition

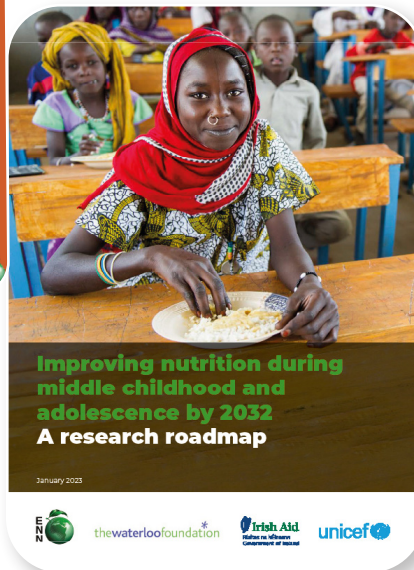
Evidence clearly demonstrates the importance of good nutrition for women as vital for living a healthy and productive life, and for giving infants the best start in life, including from before they are born. More than one billion women are currently experiencing at least one form of malnutrition and yet women's nutrition is still not given the priority and foundational importance needed to completely change the nutritional wellbeing so key to the lives of adolescent women, their families, and future generations.

ENN's expertise is sought by consortia focusing on women's nutrition, such as Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Consortium, FHI Solution's Action Agenda, the Micronutrient Forum and USAID's Momentum project. We are co-chair of the Women's Nutrition in Humanitarian Settings Taskforce and play a positive influencing role within the WHO guideline development process.

FUNDING

ENN operates on a budget of under £2million per year, funded by a combination of short and longer-term grants from institutional partners. As the demand for ENN's specific role continues to increase in all areas, it now requires critical co-funding to expand its work in each of the life stages as well as for the Field Exchange publication.

ENN has a target of raising an additional £500,000 through diverse mechanisms, to expand its reach and impact in all areas.



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