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**Donor Profile**

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| **Donor Information** | The European Union (EU) is the world's biggest donor of humanitarian aid, providing more than 50% of humanitarian aid worldwide.  The EU has a Nutrition policy that recognizes that Nutrition Security is more than just food security. It is the outcome of good health, a healthy environment, and good caring practices. They take an integrative approach and support multi-sectoral approaches to nutrition, recognizing the links between nutrition and agriculture, social protection, public health and education.  The EU supports comprehensive life-saving nutrition strategies to address undernutrition in emergencies which may include:  • Management of moderate and severe acute undernutrition  • Infant and young child feeding in emergencies  • Addressing acute undernutrition in adolescents and adults  • Management of micronutrient deficiencies  • Prevention and treatment of diseases  • Humanitarian food assistance  • WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene)  • Information systems, capacity building, integration in the national systems, coor­dination, advocacy and operational research -while not entry points for intervention, depending on context may also be considered as priorities for support.  The EC addresses nutrition through two separate organisations: the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO), which is responsible for humanitarian and emergency settings, and the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (DEVCO), which is responsible for development activities. Currently, nutrition programming across these two organisations is unified through the concept of resilience to shocks that affect food security—humanitarian programming strengthens recovery from shocks, and development programming strengthens resistance to shocks. Under this strategy, nutrition is closely linked with the frameworks of food security and social protection, as well as the humanitarian approach of mitigating the impacts of undernutrition to avert deaths.  ECHO places nutrition under the focus area of humanitarian aid and civil protection. Additionally, DEVCO works to promote food security through strengthening the governance of global, regional and national food supply systems. DEVCO also recognizes the multisectoral nature of nutrition, and has scope to develop nutrition-sensitive interventions across multiple sectors, including rural development, public health and education.  EC support for research on nutrition is focused on agricultural research and technologies to support agricultural productivity and rural development, as a way to improve food security through strengthening the agricultural sector. Most EC nutrition research funding is channeled through CGIAR.  ECHO has been a strong supporter of the GNC since 2012, $**5,229,864** million. |
| **Website** | <http://ec.europa.eu/echo/policies/nutrition_en.htm>  <http://www.unicef.org/eu/devaid_nutrition.html#pid4091> |
| **UNICEF engagement** | UNICEF has received significant funding from ECHO, particularly for humanitarian response through EMOPS Geneva. The Global Nutrition Cluster has received approximately $**5,229,864** million USD since 2006.  Reuben McCarthy ([remccarthy@unicef.org](mailto:remccarthy@unicef.org)) manages the ECHO grants to EMOPS Geneva. |
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