

Global Nutrition Cluster: Working Groups

Climate & Nutrition

About the Group: Aims to raise awareness, stimulate technical collaboration and develop guidance on the climate crisis and nutrition nexus for GNC partners and the wider humanitarian community.

Key Activities:

- Online survey to understand GNC partners' views of the climate crisis and their interest in dialogue spaces.
- Working on: organizing a series of thematic webinars or coffee chats involving subject matter experts; mapping existing climate-related projects/initiatives and ongoing climate and nutrition work with academia and research institutes with the support of a consultant for the GNC.

Anti-racism & Localization

About the Group: Aims to create and build anti-racist and localization principles into the GNC while sharing lessons learned with and influencing the wider nutrition sector.

Key Activities:

- Hosted Anti-racism trainings for the GNC in 2022 and 2023
- Shared case studies: [Anti-racism and localization journey](#) and [Prioritizing local expertise](#)
- Influenced the development of the [Inter-Agency Toolkit on Localization in Humanitarian Coordination](#) and the [USAID Localization Policy](#) as well as publications on the [use of child images](#) and research connecting [colonialism, racism, and climate change with hunger and malnutrition](#)
- Currently supporting the development of the GNC Localization Roadmap to complement the [Global Nutrition Cluster Strategy 2022-2025](#)

Gender & GBV

About the Group: Support the integration of Gender and GBV risk mitigation within the GNC, Share best practices and lessons learned and act as a champion for the linkages between gender transformative approaches, GBV risk mitigation, and nutrition programming within the wider humanitarian sector.

Key Activities:

- Capacity assessment conducted with TST members
- GBV Risk Mitigation checklist developed for deployable Advisors
- Capacity strengthening: Coffee chat, orientation and 2-part webinar series organized
- Inclusion of GBV risk mitigation session in technical support trainings for IYCFe/CMAM
- Provided joint in-depth support in response to a request from Ethiopia Nutrition Cluster
- Global webinar on the linkages between gender and nutrition and the lessons learned

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Disability Inclusion

About the Group: Aims to identify gaps in inclusion of disability in nutrition interventions, develop tools and resources to address gaps and be a disability inclusion champion within and outside of the GNC.

Key Activities

- Conducting an annual review of disability inclusion in HNO/HRP nutrition chapters, to identify good practice and gaps
- Produced a [tip sheet](#) for strengthening disability inclusion in HNOs/HRPs
- Created a [webpage](#) with key resources on disability inclusion and nutrition
- Produced [FAQs](#) on disability and nutrition
- Currently managing a consultancy on supporting access to technical resources on disability inclusive nutrition in emergencies by frontline workers, and to strengthen disability inclusion in assessment and screening tools



Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus

About the Group: Supporting national nutrition clusters to play their role in advancing a Nexus approach.

Key Activities:

- Collating learning from countries on successes, challenges & good practices
- Reviewing support needs of countries and brokering support in liaison with SUN Movement
- Developing a Q&A document to inform the approach of national nutrition clusters
- Potentially developing other learning products & facilitating cross-country learning
- Informing advocacy to encourage other stakeholders (e.g. governments, donors etc) to strengthen their roles in advancing a Nexus approach

Accountability to Affected Populations

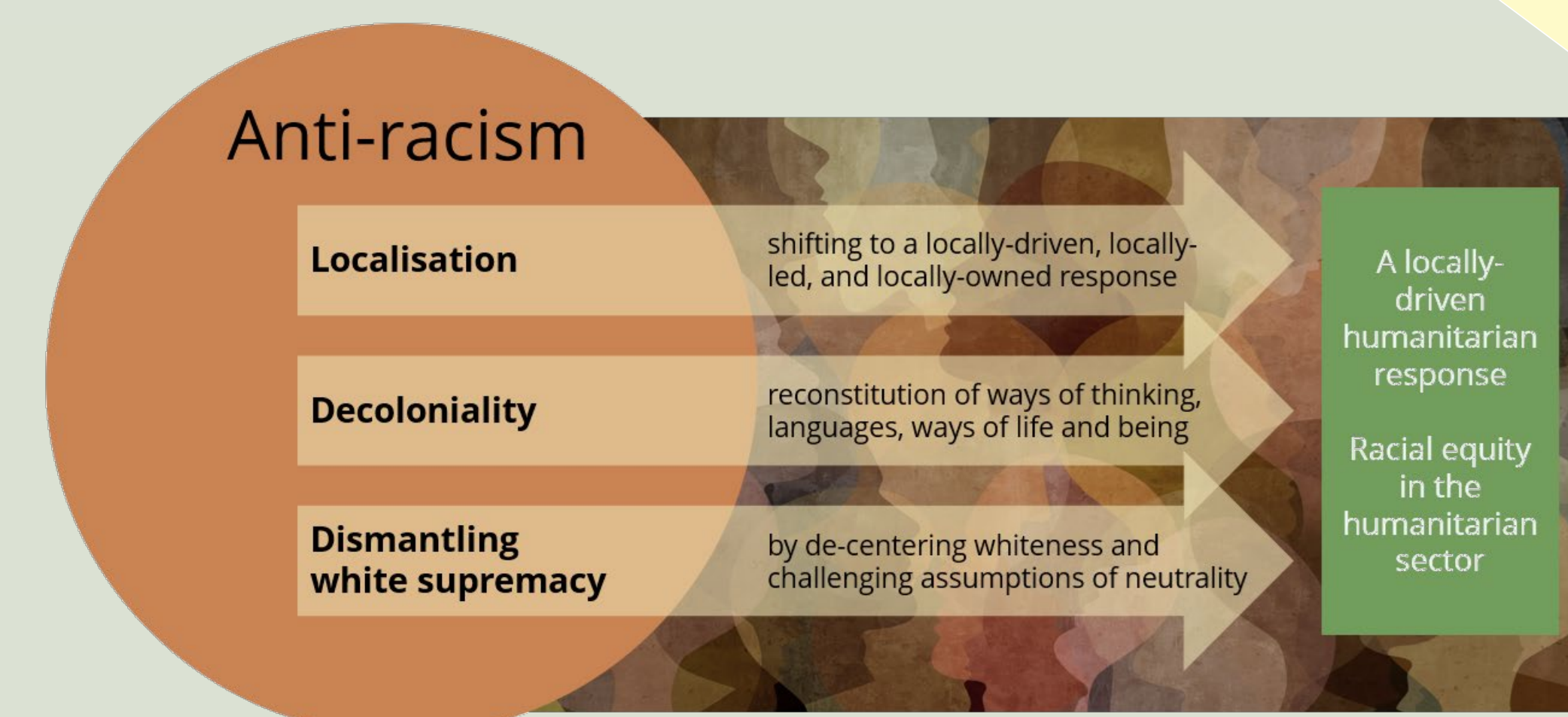
About the Group: Aims to enhance capacities to incorporate AAP principles and actions in the coordination and technical support to NiE practitioners; increase availability of technical support, resources and expand the AAP agenda within planning, implementation and evaluation of NiE programs.

Key Activities:

- Organised orientation and trainings for capacity strengthening within the TST
- Engagement with AAP team in UNICEF (Key resource people)
- Reviewed AAP stocktake ToR (for an analysis of AAP across UNICEF-led clusters)

Nutrition and Early Childhood Development in Emergencies

This group has been recently launched. The objectives and ToR are currently being developed. An upcoming activity is a webinar on the 'Quick Guide for Maximizing Early Childhood Development within Nutrition in Emergencies Programmes, likely to take place in Q2, 2024.



Anti-racism and Localization Conceptual Framework

Scan the QR code below to provide input and share your interest in engaging with the Working Groups.



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CVA for Nutrition Outcomes

About the Group: Aims to improve nutrition outcomes by identifying and addressing gaps in knowledge, programmatic and operational aspects of CVA for nutrition.

Key Activities:

- Provided technical support to 3 countries to produce operational guidelines on the use of CVA for nutrition outcomes (Myanmar, NW Syria, Nigeria)
- Supported the development of a Training of Trainers on the use of CVA for nutrition outcomes (NW Syria) and SBC strategy development on CVA for nutrition (Yemen)
- Produced and shared guidance and learning documents: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) on CVA for Nutrition](#) and [Learning Brief on CVA for Nutrition in Emergencies: a summary of programmatic challenges and promising practices](#)
- Developed a brief of the study on programmatic challenges and promising practices on CVA for Nutrition: Cash and Voucher Assistance for Nutrition in Emergencies.
- Facilitated a series of 3 webinars on the use of tools (Nutval and CotD) for calculating CVA's transfer value for Nutrition.

Infant Feeding in Emergencies Core Group

About the Group: A global collaboration of agencies and individuals formed in 1999 to address policy guidance and training resource gaps hampering programming on infant and young child feeding support in emergencies.

Key Activities:

The Group engages in the development of the latest guidance on IYCF-E to fill identified gaps and reports on gaps and needs in IYCF-E programming. Learning webinars are also organized periodically. Some key resources include:

1. [Infant and young child feeding in emergencies: Operational guidance for emergency relief staff and programme managers \(OG-IFE\)](#), Version 3.0. October 2017
2. [IYCF-E infographic series](#)
3. [Operational Guidance on Breastfeeding Counselling in Emergencies](#)
4. [Webinar: Communicating infant and young child feeding during emergencies and the role of the media](#) (Oct 2023)
5. [E-learning course: IYCF-E during Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#) (2024)
6. Complementary Feeding in Emergencies Programming in Nigeria and Sudan: case studies (2022): [Nigeria](#); [Sudan](#)

Upcoming work:

- A series of webinars for 2024; including wet-nursing and IYCF-E and disability, and Complementary Feeding in Emergencies.
- Translation of key IYCF-E documents into French, Arabic and Spanish

Inter Cluster/Sector Collaboration

About the Group: A group with 15 members from GNC partners who provide feedback and inputs toward guidance materials and share their ICSC experiences and/or challenges.

There is active collaboration with Food security, health and WASH; and sometimes with Protection, Education, CCCM.

Key Activities:

- Participated in development of guidance documents:
 - What is ICSC
 - The ICSC framework
- List of joint monitoring indicators for project implementation
- Develop a dashboard to reflect joint monitoring indicators
- ICSC e-learning materials (4 out of 6 modules developed)
- Case studies / lessons learned from countries

Advocacy & Communications

About the Group: The group provides strategic and technical support to the GNC to guide its engagement in advocacy activities at global, regional, and country levels. The group is comprised of representatives from GNC partners and country-level coordination teams with expertise and interest in advocacy and communications.

Key Activities:

- Developed [IFE 24 Hour Joint Statement](#)
- Currently revising the 2016 Advocacy Toolkit where we will be reaching out to country teams for input and will share a brief survey

Management of Wasting

About the Group: The group has around 44 member organizations and is co-chaired by UNICEF and an NGO (currently open for member organizations). The group focuses on information sharing, provision of technical support/response to escalated questions/issues and development of global guidance/briefs/resources.

Key Activities: There are several sub-working groups that have been established and deactivated based on the need within the wasting GTWG. These are:

1. Supporting the revision of national protocols on child wasting (to be reactivated this year)
2. Costing guidance for CMAM programmes
3. Prevention of wasting
4. Programming in the absence of therapeutic products (not currently active)
5. Adult Malnutrition Sub working group (recently established and active)
6. Moderate wasting Initiative

Some recent resources are:

[CMAM signposting brief](#), [Programming in the absence of nutritional products](#)



MAMI

About the Group: The group focuses on at-risk mother-infant under 6 months pairs. An energetic network to enhance mutual capacity, bridge disciplines, address evidence gaps and champion MAMI care in the areas of Evidence, Policy and Practice.

Key Activities:

- [MAMI Care Pathway package](#) provides an integrated care pathway approach, focusing on continuity of care between existing systems. [MAMI communication guide](#), [MAMI communications and advocacy materials](#), videos on [MAMI Global Network YouTube](#) and [MAMI strategy](#) provide further information.

Ongoing work:

- technical/information briefs related to infants (including on disability, use of a Multi-MUAC tape for infants, maternal mental health/wellbeing)
- In-depth case studies of MAMI in practice (3 countries)
- Scoping of policy related to under 6 months and mothers

Nutrition Information Systems

About the Group: Aims to provide technical support, identify gaps and develop relevant guidance to Countries with special needs related to NIS. Provide technical collaboration, knowledge exchange and sharing of good practices between partners and any existing mechanisms part of the NIS ecosystem at all levels.

Key Activities:

Working on:

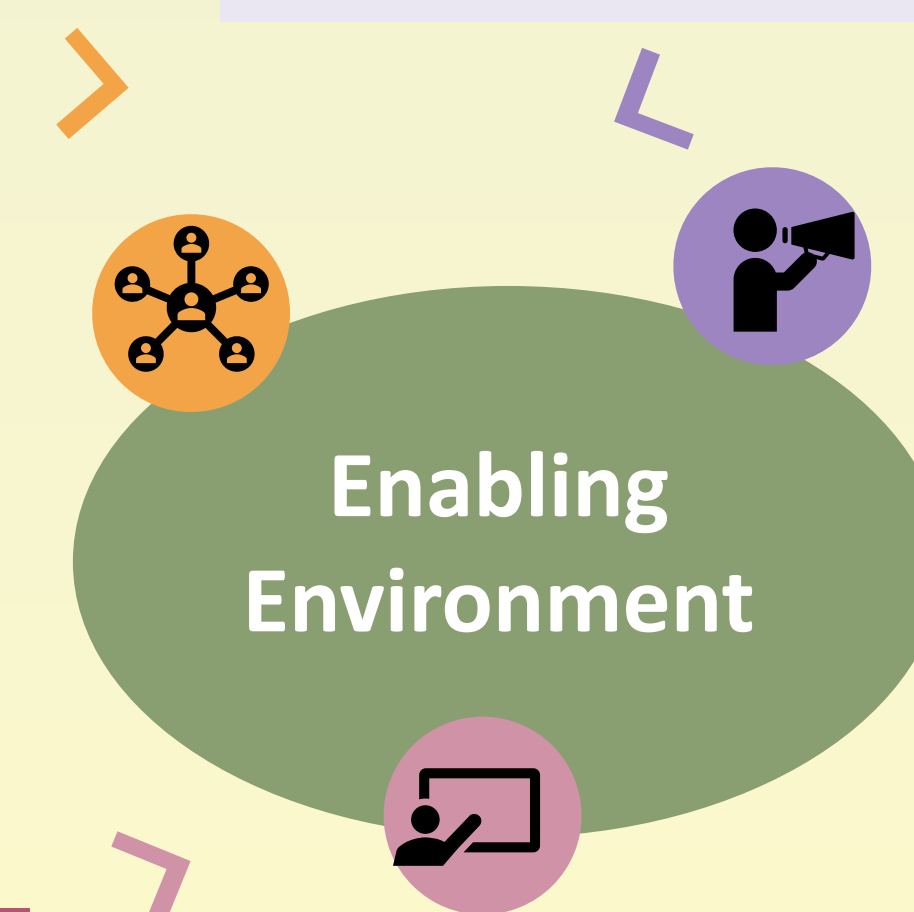
- Developing a NIS-E Strategic roadmap.
- Developing a standardized technical guidance for IYCF-E assessments (Quantitative modules already developed)
- Revising GNC Needs Analysis and PIN calculation guidance.
- Creating freely accessible source of nutrition and related data platform, available at all levels.
- Developing anthropometric cut-offs for adolescents/adult malnutrition

NiE Capacity Strengthening

About the Group: Support the definition of the NiE Capacity strengthening strategy and a workplan and drive the execution of the strategy.

Key Activities:

A small task force initiated the definition of draft ToR following some consultations with key informants. This working group is currently in the process of being established.



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