

# IPC COMMUNITY OF PRACTITIONERS

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*The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is an innovative multi-stakeholder initiative to improve analysis and decision-making on food security and nutrition. Using the IPC classification and analytical approach, governments, UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders work together to determine the severity and magnitude of acute & chronic food insecurity and acute malnutrition situations within countries, according to internationally recognised standards.*

## What is the IPC Community of Practitioners (COP)?

The IPC Community of Practitioners (COP) is a virtual, interactive forum that brings together IPC Level 2 and Level 3 certified practitioners. Through webinars and learning events, it promotes continuous learning, facilitates knowledge exchange, and strengthens technical skills in IPC and new thematics related to IPC. Members share tools, best practices, and practical experience in a collaborative environment.

The COP also offers a forum for analysts to raise real challenges and receive peer feedback, technical support, and case-based discussions. Over time, it becomes the community's collective memory, hosting curated resources, recorded webinars, and training materials.

As a networking hub, the COP connects IPC certified practitioners across regions and agencies. It provides a space where new ideas can be tested, methodologies refined, and cross-country learning is encouraged. It also serves as a feedback channel to the IPC Global Support Unit (GSU).

Members from the GSU and partner agencies benefit from workshops, technical discussions, and learning opportunities relevant to food security and nutrition. By offering tools, guidance, and a dedicated space for dialogue, the COP helps build a stronger and more connected IPC community and directly supports and complements ongoing IPC initiatives.

## Who can access the COP?

The COP is intended for IPC certified practitioners who actively contribute to IPC work and welcomes experts from partner organizations engaged in food security, nutrition, and related sectors. Its membership structure ensures that participants have the competencies needed to both benefit from and meaningfully contribute to the Community.

From April 2026 onward, the COP will formally include IPC Level 2 analysts recommended by GSU Regional Coordinators along with selected IPC Level 3 certified practitioners. Participation requires certification in line with the [IPC Certification Programme](#), ensuring that all members share a solid technical foundation and are well prepared to engage in high quality exchange. The full list of participants is managed by the GSU. Membership may be withdrawn if a member is no longer engaged in the COP or more broadly in IPC activities, or based on other relevant considerations from the GSU or Regional Coordinators.

Ongoing consultations and periodic surveys with current and prospective practitioners will help identify priority topics and guide the development of future COP activities.

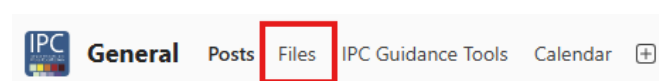
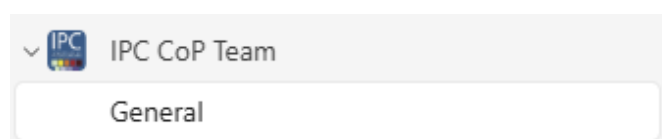


## How is the COP set up?

The COP is hosted on a dedicated **Microsoft Teams** workspace, providing a central space for members to connect, interact, share, plan, and grow together. The platform was selected for its flexibility, user-friendly design, and suitability for a diverse global community interact at no cost. As a multifunctional tool, it offers the messaging, video communication, file-sharing, and resource-storage capabilities needed to support the COP as it grows.

Microsoft already offers comprehensive guides, FAQs, and tutorials in English, French, and Spanish, ensuring that all members have easy access to the support they need. General exchange and follow-ups with the Community are communicated by **email**.

However, GSU and Level 3 members also benefit from access to the dedicated **Teams channel**, where they can interact more directly and have access to additional contents — including webinars, curated materials, and a resource library. This space — including a dedicated LAC subchannel — strengthens community ties and enables focused, high-level discussions among the practitioners.



## Who manages the COP?



### General Administrator

Lucía ([lucia.pajares@fao.org](mailto:lucia.pajares@fao.org)) is responsible for the overall management of the COP on Microsoft Teams. This includes organizing channels, managing users (invitations, permissions, accounts), ensuring continuous enhanced content and facilitating community engagement through posts, chats, and events. As the main focal point, she liaises with relevant GSU teams and partners on events, new guidance, and IPC materials. She also supports multilingual communication (English, French, and Spanish) and ensures that technical, communication, and strategic developments from across the GSU are shared on the platform.



### User Support Focal Point

Sharon ([sharon.dicocco@fao.org](mailto:sharon.dicocco@fao.org)) assists with user related tasks such as invitations, account information, login support, and general troubleshooting.



### IT/IM Support

Ad hoc IT or IM support may be required for the development or operation of the COP, with as focal point, the IPC Senior Programmer and Web Developer (Antonio - [antonio.petti@fao.org](mailto:antonio.petti@fao.org)).



### Content Development

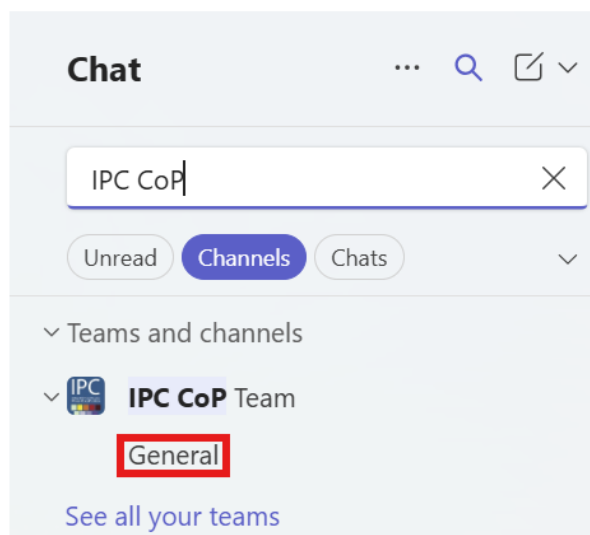
Content shared through the COP will be developed collaboratively across GSU teams, members of the COP and, external presenters, under the guidance of the General Administrator. A rotation of contributors will be encouraged to ensure diverse content, showcase ongoing work, and introduce varied webinar formats. External presenters may also be invited to broaden perspectives and enrich the learning experience.

## How to stay tuned with the COP if I have do not have or have multiple Teams accounts?

Members can stay connected to the COP even if they do not have a Microsoft Teams account or if they use multiple Teams accounts.

If you do not have access to Microsoft Teams, all key COP updates — including announcements, webinar invitations, and follow-up materials — will be shared with you by email.

If you use multiple Teams accounts, you should access the COP using the account most closely linked to your professional IPC work. Once added to the COP, Level 3 members will see the IPC CoP Team under the Teams and channels section in Microsoft Teams (accessible from the left-hand navigation menu). By clicking on the *General* channel, members can view posts, follow discussions, and interact with the Community.



*Disclaimer: We would like to inform you that by taking part and being added to the IPC Community of Practitioners on Microsoft Teams, your name, email address, and activity on the platform (posts, replies, etc.) will be visible to the other members of the community. All members taking part are expected to comply with FAO's confidentiality policy, to exercise discretion and use good judgment in the sharing of the information received on the platform.*

## Contact

For queries or to request support, contact the IPC Global Support Unit at [ipc@fao.org](mailto:ipc@fao.org).

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