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## Enhancing the IPC Acute Malnutrition Scale Multi-Partner Road Map (2023 – 2026)

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## About the Road Map

This Road Map was developed in consultation with IPC Global Partner organisations with a nutrition mandate, namely Action Against Hunger (ACF), Comité Permanent Inter-États de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse au Sahel (CILSS), The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC), the Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC), UNICEF, and the World Food Programme. This roadmap aims to enhance the coverage of the IPC Acute Malnutrition scale and in the same time, ensure quality and relevant analyses. To this end, it sets out priority actions led by various partners and in line with the priorities outlined in the IPC Global Strategic Programme 2023 -2026.

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Overall Results		Lead Organization	Contributors	Specific Results (December 2026)
Outcome 1 : The IPC is a Strong Partnership	<b>Output 1.1. Governance structure elevated and expanded</b>			
	Nutrition stakeholders are adequately represented in a functional and sustainable way in the global, regional and country IPC governance structures	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	1) All countries implementing IPC AFI and IPC AMN have joint TWG including both food security and nutrition stakeholders 2) Global IPC nutrition partners who have country presence are represented in IPC governance structure in all countries 3) Global IPC nutrition partners who have regional presence are represented in IPC governance structure in all regions, where applicable 4) Agencies with both nutrition and food security mandate have dual representation in the IPC TAG
	IPC AMN is institutionalised (vertically) within all IPC nutrition partner agencies and relevant initiatives	All IPC nutrition partners	IPC GSU	1) Nutrition and other relevant sector staff (WASH, Health, etc.) of IPC partner agencies are aware of IPC AMN and are actively participating in IPC governance structures and analyses 2) All partners from nutrition cluster partners or other nutrition co-ordination mechanisms are involved in IPC activities at the country level. Engagement is facilitated by the country nutrition clusters 3) All NCCs and IMOs are trained in IPC AMN and act as focal points for IPC AMN in country
	<b>Output 1.2. Collaboration and ownership strengthened and expanded</b>			
	IPC AMN is expanded and fully integrated within CH	CILSS	AAH, GSU, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	1) 7 countries in West Africa & Sahel implement regularly IPC AMN and other countries as relevant and feasible 2) AMN results integrated with CH communication products in all 7 countries 3) AMN finding integrated in CH regional communication products 4) Nutrition brief produced alongside PREGEC 5) All nutrition taskforce members systematically attend country level AMN analyses and regional consolidation as well as PREGEC, as relevant 6) Senior management of partners engaged in the participation of staff in regional consolidation
	Enhanced collaboration for funding for actionable data for IPC AMN	GNC	AAH, CILSS, GSU, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	Costed assessment plans are available and funded where and when needed to ensure adequate data collection
	Enhanced collaboration for actionable data (planning, methods, quality, timeliness, frequency, coverage, and sharing)	AAH - IPC GSU	CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	1) All 25 countries have data available in a timely manner where and when needed for IPC AMN to meet decision makers' needs 2) All 25 countries have access to and systematically using toolbox adapted to different contexts 3) Innovative data collection methods and tools developed, tested, and rolled out 4) Data quality meet IPC minimum criteria for data in all countries 5) Funding is available where and when needed for data collection 6) Data sharing facilitated and systematised through: (a) data sharing agreements where applicable and (b) publicly available data integrated into IPC AMN analysis platform



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Outcome 1 : The IPC is a Strong Partnership	Output 1.2. Collaboration and ownership strengthened and expanded			
	More harmonized, consistent and synchronized communication on IPC AMN findings	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, JRC (TBC), UNICEF, WFP	1) Communication officers of the nutrition partners actively engaged in the IPC communication network 2) IPC AMN findings included in content of network briefings on top 10 countries and training events
	IPC AMN results are used in partner agencies and national action plans, policies and programmes as well as Humanitarian Programme Cycle	GNC - UNICEF	AAH, CILSS, GSU, JRC, WFP	1) Nutrition severity classifications in the HNO are systematically based on IPC AMN findings where these are available 2) IPC AMN results feed into national and donor nutrition policies, strategies, and programmes in all countries where IPC AMN is implemented



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Outcome 2: The IPC is an Agile System Built on Innovation	<b>Output 2.1. Cutting-edge, advanced technologies incorporated</b>			
	IPC AMN protocols and processes enhanced by incorporating latest technological advances in nutrition and food security data and analyses	AAH - IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	1) AMN Analysis Platform V1 rolled out in 25 countries with support from nutrition partners 2) AMN Analysis Platform V2 developed based on inputs from nutrition partners 3) IPC AMN analysis platform and SMART+ are fully automated
	Explore data sources and integrate with the AMN Analysis Platform	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, UNICEF	New data sources incorporated into the IPC AMN Analysis Platform, pending approval by TAG
	<b>Output 2.2. New and improved processes designed</b>			
	Processes enhanced for higher efficiency and faster deployment of AMN analyses	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	Guidance/SOPs for higher efficiency and faster deployment of AMN analyses rolled out in all 25 countries
	Enhance processes for systematically analysing interaction between IPC AMN and AFI	IPC GSU	GNC	Guidance on processes for systematic analyses of AFI and AMN interaction rolled out in all IPC countries
	Processes established for better integration with Early Warning Systems and Anticipatory Action	IPC GSU	UNICEF, WFP, CILSS	SOPs related to EWAA implemented in 10 countries out of the AMN top 15 countries
	More effective famine classification and detection processes	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	1) Revised Famine Review and detection processes implemented where relevant 2) Mechanisms established for linkages with RMF, NuVAC, etc. on improved Famine detection



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Outcome 3 : IPC is the Global Reference for Expanded Analyses of Crises	<b>Output 3.1 Standards for deeper and more integrated analysis developed</b>			
	Technical guidance and protocols developed for deeper and expanded IPC AMN analyses	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	1) Linkages between acute food insecurity and acute malnutrition is systematically analysed 2) Disaggregated analysis results are systematically produced
	Use of total PIN in IPC AMN analyses and communication products explored	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	Depending on TAG/SC decision, total PIN included in IPC AMN analyses and communication products
	Technical guidance and protocols on use of new data sources developed	UNICEF	All IPC nutrition partners	New data sources incorporated into the IPC AMN analysis platform, as relevant
	<b>Output 3.2 Standards for improved forecasts produced</b>			
	Protocols and guidance for projection AMN analyses improved	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners	Lessons learned using the updated guidance note on IPC AMN projection analysis documented and need for further updating the guidance notes identified
	Technical guidance and protocols for linkages between IPC AMN and Early Warning for analyses updates	IPC GSU	CILSS, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	Technical guidance and protocols for linking IPC AMN and Early Warning for analyses updates systematically used
	Technical guidance and protocols for use of IPC AMN projections for Anticipatory Action	IPC GSU	CILSS, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	Guidance note on the use of AMN results in informing anticipatory action systematically used



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Outcome 4 : IPC Delivers High Quality Analyses and Products	<b>Output 4.1 Experts' capacities expanded</b>			
	Normative training and certification in IPC AMN expanded	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, UNICEF, WFP	1). 40% increase in the number of Nutrition partners staff trained and certified in IPC Level 1  2). 85% increase in the number of Nutrition partners staff trained and certified in IPC Level 3
	Capacities developed in other relevant topics (processes, new protocols, tools, guidance etc.)	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners depending of topic	Partners engaged in content development and delivery on specific training based on their expertise and needs
	IPC AMN fully integrated in the IPC Community of Practice	IPC GSU	All IPC nutrition partners depending of content delivery	IPC nutrition partners are fully engaged in sharing documentation, good practices and content delivery for webinar on specific topics based on expertise and needs/interest
	<b>Output 4.2. Enhanced support system established</b>			
	IPC AMN expanded to 25 countries	IPC GSU	AAH, GNC, UNICEF, WFP	All 25 countries are conducting IPC AMN analysis at least on an annual basis and more frequently as needed
	Real time hands on multi-partner support to country TWGs for IPC AMN provided where and when needed for high quality analyses	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	Proportion of IPC analysis supported by global and regional experts from IPC nutrition partners increased
	Quality of IPC AMN analyses improved	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	1) Systematisation of the self assesement tool is promoted by all IPC AMN Partners in all the 25 Countries  2) IPC-AMN partners contribute to real time quality reviews and lesssons learning exervcises if/as needed
	Technical and communication support provided to analyses of linkages between findings from IPC AFI and AMN	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	Systematic inclusion of linkages between AFI and AMN findings in IPC country communication products when both scales are available; and also for any regional communication products (and global as relevant)
	Outreach on IPC AMN significantly expanded	All IPC nutrition partners	IPC GSU	Outreach on IPC AMN significantly expanded, thanks to outreach activities undertaken by IPC GSU as well as IPC nutrition partners
	IPC AMN content integrated into in IPC data sharing and visualisation tools (mapping tools, population tracking tool, dashboard, API)	IPC GSU - AAH	CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	IPC AMN results (including historical data for all countries) are integrated into in IPC data sharing and visualisation tools: population tracking tool (priority 1), mapping tools, dashboard, API
	IPC AMN results displayed in various partners' platforms (CH, JRC dashboard, Hunger Map, GAFS, HDX, GNC etc.)	IPC GSU	AAH, CILSS, GNC, JRC, UNICEF, WFP	1) IPC AMN results are displayed in various partners' platforms (CH, JRC dashboard, Hunger Map, GAFS, HDX, GNC etc.)  2) IPC AFI findings are also displayed in the GNC dashboard

## List of Acronyms

AAH	Action Against Hunger
AFI	Acute Food Insecurity
AMN	Acute Malnutrition
API	Application Programming Interface
CH	Cadre Harmonisé
CILSS	Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel
GAFS	Global Alliance for Food Security
GNC	Global Nutrition Cluster
GSU	Global Support Unit
HDX	Humanitarian Data Exchange
IPC	Integrated Food Security Phase Classification
JRC	Joint Research Centre
PIN	People in Need
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WFP	World Food Programme

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