

Enhancing the IPC Acute Malnutrition Scale

Task Force

Terms of Reference

1. Background

In response to the increasing demand for full integration of nutrition analysis within IPC food security analysis, following a series of country pilots and technical adjustments in 2014-2015, the IPC Acute Malnutrition (AMN) scale was first rolled-out in five countries in 2016. Since then, the use of the IPC AMN scale has expanded significantly, reaching 17 countries to date, including 23 analyses in 2023 alone.

The IPC AMN has been recommended by the [Global Nutrition Cluster](#) as the primary tool for [nutrition situation analysis](#) in all countries where acute malnutrition is of concern and IPC AMN methodology has been adopted to conduct nutrition needs analysis in other contexts.

While the demand for IPC AMN findings is growing, and despite some progress made in the past few years, there is a general recognition that more investments are required in order to better mainstream the scale within the IPC initiative and step up efforts to enhance its quality, visibility and relevance, in order to better inform decision-making. Within this context, Global IPC Nutrition partners have called for action to:

- a) Improve the planning and co-ordination of IPC AMN analyses
- b) Identify issues related to nutrition data gaps for the analyses
- c) Work on the complementarity between IPC AMN and IPC Acute Food Insecurity (AFI) scale

To take up the challenge, the IPC Global Support Unit and the nutrition partners in the IPC partnership have agreed to join forces and embark on the development and implementation of a joint roadmap to enhance the IPC AMN.

2. Purpose

The overall purpose of the multi-partner task force is to lead the collective development and implementation of a roadmap that will provide the framework to enhance the IPC AMN overall in order to better inform decision-making, including resource allocation, policy, programming etc.

Specifically, the task force will:

- Develop a roadmap to lay out actions to be taken, entities/people responsible, contributions from others, targets and timeframe.
- Lead the implementation of the road map.
- Monitor progress and identify adjustments and/or other action required to overcome arising challenges, including through increased collaboration and coordination among partners.

In line with the structure of the IPC Global Strategic Programme (2023– 2026), the development and implementation of the IPC AMN Roadmap will be articulated around the four Programme Outcomes:

- (1) IPC is a strong Partnership
- (2) IPC is an agile system built on innovation

- (3) IPC is the global reference for expanded analyses of crises
- (4) IPC delivers high quality analyses and products

It should be noted that complementarity and linkages between IPC acute Food Insecurity and AMN will be a cross-cutting theme.

3. Membership

The Task Force is composed of the IPC Global Support Unit and IPC Global Partner organisations with a nutrition mandate, including 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 WFP. Other IPC global partners that are part of the Global Nutrition Information Systems Working Group, such as Save the Children and WHO are welcome to join the Task Force at any time. Other IPC Global Partners that can contribute to the implementation of the road map as well as global nutrition experts outside of the IPC partnership may also join the task force.

The Task Force members may include members of the Steering Committee and the IPC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) or working groups (see draft list of task force members in annex).

The IPC Global Support Unit acts as the Chair and Secretariat of the Task Force.

4. Modalities

The Task Force members convene in the beginning of every year to develop a joint annual workplan aimed at making progress towards the joint objectives and targets laid out in the four-year road map. The members of the Task Force thereafter meet on a quarterly basis to discuss progress made on the implementation of the workplan, challenges faced and action to be taken to address these.

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