

## Meet the Alliance's Technical Support Team:



Hi, I am Yara, I work with the GNC Technical Alliance's Technical Support Team (TST) and UNICEF. I support answering nutrition in emergencies questions.

In the TST, I mainly answer and, or coordinate answering simple technical questions as well as more complex questions that might also require discussion within the Global Thematic Working Groups (GTWG), UNICEF or other experts. I hence have a dual role: I am part of the Technical Support Team (TST) as a Help Desk for technical support and part of the TST Coordination Unit.

Recently, I have organised calls linking the chairs of the IYCF-E and CMAM Technical Working Groups at a country level and the global level groups, namely the IFE Core Group and the Wasting GTWG to share experiences and lessons learned.

Before joining the Alliance, I was in turn the Senior Nutrition and Health Advisor, the Asia Regional Nutrition Advisor of Action Against Hunger (ACF) France as well the Director of Programs for ACF Canada. I travelled extensively during that time mainly to Asia India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Nepal supporting ACF teams. Earlier, I worked in Yemen, Haiti, Ethiopia and Bangladesh setting up CMAM programs, mobile clinics, IYCF-E interventions with UNHCR, Save the Children and Mercy Corps. I also worked in nutrition communities in Lebanon, my home country.

I believe that our intrinsic value is not linked to our age, how much money we have or make or the position we hold. I believe in horizontal management and increasing communication and innovation in the ways we do our work. Opening communication channels creates synergies and allows us to find solutions faster.

I hold a master's in clinical nutrition from New York University. I speak Arabic, French, English, Spanish and Italian.

I live and work remotely out of Rome. When I am not at my desk, I am trying a new Italian or Lebanese recipe, or I am hiding in the back of a music hall listening to a jazz concert.