



GNC COLLECTIVE PRIORITIES & ENGAGEMENT WORKPLAN

2026



OVERVIEW

The Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) Collective brings together national, regional and global actors to strengthen coordinated, timely, and technically sound nutrition responses in humanitarian crises.

Rather than a traditional activity plan, this workplan sets out shared priorities for collaboration, influence, and joint action—highlighting where partners can contribute expertise, leadership, and networks to strengthen country responses and collective impact.

Aligned with the GNC Mission and Strategy, it focuses on areas where collective action can add the greatest value, with a strong emphasis on coordination, partnership, capacity strengthening, and a more equitable, locally led humanitarian nutrition ecosystem.

1. Strengthening Capacity for Nutrition in Emergencies

What we want to achieve: Nutrition practitioners at national and sub-national levels have the skills, guidance and support needed to deliver effective responses in complex crises.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Capacity initiatives will intentionally prioritise local and national actors, strengthening their leadership roles in NiE programming and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-developing learning pathways and technical resources
Field teams access practical learning pathways and up-to-date technical guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting country-level capacity strengthening initiatives
Country clusters and partners can identify and address priority capacity gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing expertise to technical support missions
Practitioners receive timely support on operational challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing field experience to shape learning and technical priorities

2. Generating and Using Evidence to Strengthen Response

What we want to achieve: Operational decisions in nutrition responses are informed by shared evidence, learning and practitioner experience.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Guidance and tools developed in response to practitioner demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing operational learning and case studies
Evidence and case studies informing global consensus on technical approaches specifically around adaptive programming and anticipatory action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-developing guidance and technical briefs
Learning platforms connecting global expertise with field realities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in global webinars and knowledge exchanges raising the voices of communities impacted by nutrition crisis and youth and child voices. • Supporting evidence generation on priority themes

3. Rapid Technical Support to Country Responses

What we want to achieve: Countries facing nutrition crises have timely access to high-quality technical support that strengthens response coordination and program delivery.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Countries can request in-depth technical support for complex operational challenges supported by diverse and distributed expertise across, local, national, regional, and global specialists working together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical expertise through short-term deployments or advisory roles
Remote advisory support helps resolve urgent field questions quickly and will incorporate feedback processes aligned with accountability to affected populations, ensuring support responds to community identified needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support regional or national specialists to engage in global response mechanisms
Technical support is delivered through diverse expertise including local specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to technical quality assurance and peer review

4. Elevating the Collective Voice of the Nutrition Community

What we want to achieve: Humanitarian nutrition priorities are visible, understood and championed within the broader humanitarian system.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Strong representation of nutrition in global humanitarian policy discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shape joint advocacy messages
Joint advocacy efforts will intentionally foreground local leadership, counteracting power imbalances and amplifying perspectives from national NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to sessions and discussions at global humanitarian events
Joint messaging that reflects field realities and response priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amplify nutrition priorities within their networks and leadership forums
Strategic engagement in global humanitarian events and platforms	

5. Mobilising Resources for Nutrition in Emergencies

What we want to achieve: Nutrition responses are adequately resourced and able to scale in line with needs.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Stronger engagement with resource partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint engagement with donors and financing mechanisms
Resource mobilisation efforts will advocate for equitable financing, ensuring national actors have direct access to predictable, multi year funds for coordination and deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting resource mobilisation for priority technical areas
Joint approaches to donors will highlight the need for investment in transformative system strengthening (local capacity, climate-resilient services, inclusive systems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championing investment in nutrition coordination and services
Increased visibility on funding status in priority countries	

6. Advancing Localisation in Nutrition Responses

What we want to achieve: Local and national actors play a central leadership role in humanitarian nutrition responses. Local actors will be co designers—not only participants—of global guidance, evidence initiatives, and advocacy outputs

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
National organisations shaping response priorities and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting localisation action plans at country level
We will support progressive transfer of leadership in coordination structures to national organisations inline with the cluster simplification process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening participation of national actors in global and regional platforms
Local actors accessing technical and financial support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting equitable partnerships and resource flows

7. Strengthening Global Collaboration

What we want to achieve: The global nutrition community works more effectively together to address complex emergencies.

What this looks like	Opportunities for partner engagement
Active participation in technical working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-chairing or contributing to GNC working groups
Strong links between global, regional and national networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bringing regional and country perspectives into global discussions
Partners collectively shaping technical and operational priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting collaboration across agencies and networks

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