$5B for Nutrition Now: The World Bank's Moment to Lead at the 2025 Nutrition for Growth Summit

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The Case for $5 Billion

We appreciate the World Bank's leadership and investments in nutrition to date. To make a lasting impact **we encourage the World Bank to commit at least $5 billion in nutrition-sensitive financing annually for the next three fiscal years (FY26–FY28) to tackle the global nutrition crisis at the 2025 Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G).** This number, derived from past nutrition approvals, should be considered the floor–not the ceiling–of the Bank's commitment to N4G. This commitment is essential to scale up nutrition interventions worldwide, with the Nutrition Investment Framework citing that an additional $13 billion is needed annually in nutrition-specific funding to adequately address malnutrition over the next decade. Now is an opportune moment for the World Bank to demonstrate leadership and drive significant progress in global nutrition outcomes. We urge the Bank to make an ambitious commitment at the N4G Summit to meet both the financial and non-financial needs required to tackle the malnutrition crisis which is disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable women and children globally.

Call to Action

The World Bank should commit **at least $5 billion in nutrition financing annually for the next three fiscal years (FY26–FY28) to tackle the global nutrition crisis at the 2025 Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G).** Within this commitment, it should:

Ensure Strong Implementation of the IDA21 Policy Package to Deliver on Nutrition:

- Publish the nutrition sub-indicator of the IDA Scorecard health indicator (Millions of people receiving quality health, nutrition, and population services) on an annual basis to monitor service access across countries. This will enable standardized data collection and improve accountability.
- Publish the numbers of people having access to the key major nutrition interventions and for each intervention, set annually reviewed numerical/quantitative results targets for IDA countries and publish results achieved annually.
- Ensure that resources for direct implementation of nutrition activities are accompanied by technical assistance and capacity building at the country level for strengthening the function of local financial systems, delivery platforms, and data and information systems.
- Work closely with client countries to generate demand for nutrition financing.

Align with UHC Target To Deliver on Nutrition Outcomes:

- Clearly define how many of the **1.5 billion** beneficiaries under the UHC target will gain access to essential nutrition services, especially in IDA countries where **92% of food-insecure populations** reside.
- Support countries to embed Essential Nutrition Actions within their health strategies, ensuring comprehensive approaches to health and nutrition.

Enhance the Crisis Response Window (CRW) to Address the Critical Role that Nutrition Interventions Play within Crisis Prevention, Preparedness, and Response:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity building for integrating nutrition into national crisis preparedness and response plans.

Strengthen Global Challenge Programs to improve Nutrition and Food Security for vulnerable populations:

- Incorporate nutrition initiatives into Health, Nutrition, and Population (HNP), Social Protection, and Jobs (SPJ), and Agriculture and Food (AFG) programs, while embedding nutrition specialists within the World Bank Group for high-quality technical support.
- Target interventions for children in fragile and marginalized communities through school meals and early childhood nutrition programs to ensure immediate relief and long-term well-being.
- Co-develop and implement with countries Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plans (FSCPPs) for an early and coordinated response to emerging nutrition and food security crises.
- Provide sufficient funding and technical expertise for the successful delivery of the FSCPPs.

Leverage the World Bank's $9 billion agribusiness investment to improve food and nutrition security:

- Identify food security and nutrition for all women, girls, boys and men as critical outcomes of the $9 billion investments in the agriculture industry.
- Invest in nutrition-sensitive policies and interventions throughout food systems, including production, processing, transport and consumption, to prevent malnutrition and deliver affordable healthy diets for all in the context of a growing population on a warming planet.
- Ensure investments promote gender equality and target/prioritise smallholder farmers and rural populations who are among the most malnourished, hungry and impoverished.

Enhance the Trust Fund Window on Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) to accelerate action and impact:

- Integrate nutrition into Phase 3 (2023-2030) of the Rapid Social Response Adaptive and Dynamic Social Protection Program (RSR-ADSP) to help IDA countries develop adaptive and resilient social protection systems that include nutrition.
- Enhance transparency and increase financial commitments from RSR-ADSP donor markets to accelerate impact and action.

Strengthen Transparency and Accountability in Nutrition Investments:

- Establish clearer coding for "nutrition" and "food security" in the public database to enhance accountability and allow for consistent reporting on financing.
- Commit to regular, comprehensive reporting on the impact of nutrition investments to improve monitoring and progress assessment.
- Establish country level public accountability mechanisms on budgetary allocations and expenditure around the ecosystem of Nutrition and Food Security financing and implementation
- Integrate WB's civic and citizen engagement indicator to strengthen transparency and accountability in nutrition investments, enhancing citizen generated data that accelerate sustainable initiatives
- Ensure community members are included in all stages of nutrition interventions—planning, assessment, design, monitoring, and evaluation—through dedicated investment and strong civil society engagement to address demand-side barriers and drive sustainable impact.

The 2025 Nutrition for Growth Summit presents a critical opportunity for the World Bank to affirm its leadership in the global fight against malnutrition. By committing at least $5 billion annually for the next three fiscal years, the Bank can significantly enhance its efforts to address the urgent nutrition crisis facing millions. Implementing the proposed strategies will not only elevate the visibility of nutrition within its financing mechanisms but also ensure that the most vulnerable populations receive the support they desperately need. Now is the time for the World Bank to take decisive action and pave the way for preventative and transformative change in nutrition outcomes worldwide.

Signatories

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