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In the last four years (2014-2017), you have made a significant difference in the lives of people affected by humanitarian crises in over 36 countries.

- Your contributions enabled GNC to deploy staff to over 22 countries to enhance coordination, information management and technical skills and capacity. Your support helped GNC to build capacity of cluster partner and cluster staff and influence global and country level integration and humanitarian and development agenda - all these have positive nutrition impact on people affected by emergencies.

- With your support, we are saving lives and building national systems enabling efforts towards early recovery and sustainable development. For example, in 2017 alone, 1,290 million USD was raised by the nutrition cluster to cover 517 million beneficiaries in 27 out of which 4 were regional refugee responses.

Because of your contributions, we have 46 partners and more strategic partnerships that will continue to coordinate and deliver life-saving nutrition in emergencies interventions to affected population in 2018 and beyond.
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Looking ahead, together we can continue to save lives and build systems through an ambitious 2017-2020 GNC strategy that was endorsed by GNC partners last year. The new GNC strategy drew on lessons learnt from the previous strategy, changes in the humanitarian operating and policy environment, and GNC stakeholder expectations. The GNC Strategy is focused on the following priority areas:

- Supporting operational delivery of national emergency nutrition coordination platforms to deliver the core cluster functions to ensure a more timely, effective and people-centred response.

- Strengthening capacity through national/regional and global platforms to support national coordination platforms to deliver more effective and people-centred responses.

- Advocating and influencing for more effective coordination. The GNC will provide leadership (along with the cluster lead agency and cluster partners) in advocating for greater nutrition coordination in crises and for inter-cluster and multi-sector approaches to meet the needs of affected populations.

However, the GNC is facing its biggest funding shortfall since its establishment thus threatening the very solid grounds on which the GNC stands and at a time when we have more emergencies, more complex contexts and greater ambitions.

To address this urgent need, the Strategic Advisory Group and UNICEF will be hosting a webinar session to not only highlight the impact of GNC’s work at country level and challenges but to hear your views and feedback on GNC work. The webinar will be held on 31st January 2018 and will be chaired by UNICEF.