

# CALL TO ACTION

## Action to end malnutrition in Yemen

### VISION

To reduce all forms of malnutrition in Yemen and save young lives. To help Yemeni children thrive, grow to their full potential and contribute to the development of their communities and country.

### KEY TARGETS

1. Reduce Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) to pre-crisis levels in all governorates, and in the long-term, aim for rates below the serious threshold of 10% in each of the 22 governorates.
2. Reverse chronic malnutrition prevalence to pre-crisis levels and aim for a long-term annual rate of reduction of 1%.

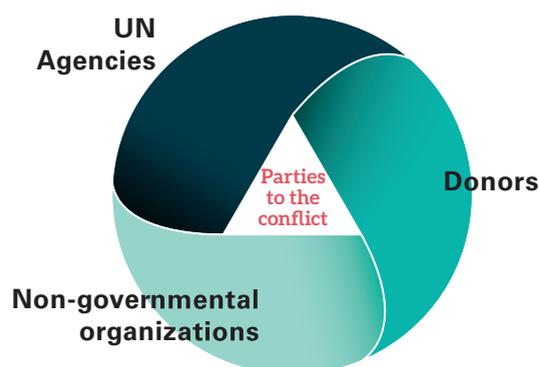
To achieve these targets, THREE things must be met:

1. Increased coverage and quality of nutrition programmes
2. Improved access to both preventive and curative services
3. Adequate capacity and commitment among national counterparts

### TEN reasons why the international community must commit to ending all forms of malnutrition in Yemen

1. 1 in 3 children in Yemen is at risk of acute malnutrition
2. 1 in 2 children has chronic malnutrition
3. A child with severe acute malnutrition and chronic malnutrition is 12 times more likely to die than a healthy child.
4. 1 in 5 children with severe acute malnutrition will die without the treatment they need. With more than half of the health facilities in Yemen completely or partially damaged, this is a significant risk.
5. Vaccination coverage is less than 50% for some vaccine-preventable diseases.
6. More than 1.2 million children went without treatment for acute malnutrition in 2017.
7. Children with chronic malnutrition have lower immunity, increased morbidity later in life, lower physical and intellectual capacities leading to poor performance in school, and lower productivity as adults.
8. Malnourished women of reproductive age have a higher chance of giving birth to smaller babies continuing the cycle of malnutrition into future generations.
9. Countries with high levels of malnutrition lose as much as 10% national GDP year-on-year.
10. Acute and chronic malnutrition will remain high unless an integrated multi-sectoral package of interventions is provided.

## COMING TOGETHER TO SAVE YEMENI LIVES AND PROTECT FUTURE GENERATIONS



The international community — offering a series of commitments to support the authorities in Yemen, over the next three years.

# COMMITMENTS BY PARTNERS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO SUPPORT MILLIONS OF YEMENIS

## The UN agencies – specifically, UNICEF, the World Food Programme and the World Health Organization – commit to the following:

1. Establish a joint, inter-agency approach to preventing and treating undernutrition.
2. Have a common monitoring, evaluation and learning framework.
3. Support the update of the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan in the first half of 2019 to address all forms of malnutrition in Yemen.
4. Provide technical support to the Ministry of Public Health and Population to develop policies, implement and monitor nutrition-specific preventive interventions and the treatment of acute and chronic malnutrition.
5. Build the Ministry's capacity to map resources, collect up-to-date information and inform decision making.
6. Develop a common advocacy and fundraising strategy for nutrition programming in Yemen, in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders

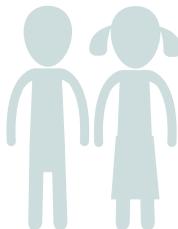
## The NGO community in Yemen commits to the following:

1. Planning and implementing integrated interventions.
2. Supporting the implementation of nutrition programmes in hard-to-reach areas.
3. Contributing to advocacy and fundraising efforts for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions.
4. Participating actively in supporting the development, planning and implementation of the government's nutrition programmes.
5. Participating and engaging in the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (MSNAP) update.

## Donors to Yemen commit to the following:

1. Allocating multi-year funding.
2. Increasing the flexibility and adaptability of the funding.
3. Developing a coordinated funding strategy.
4. Advocating for global commitment to address all forms of malnutrition in Yemen.
5. Advocating for the importance of compliance with International Humanitarian Law.
6. Advocating for the increased access of UN and partners in hard-to-reach and marginalized areas to increase operations/programmes addressing malnutrition across the country.

In Yemen, the National Global Acute Malnutrition prevalence is **16%**



**47%** of under 5 Yemeni children have chronic malnutrition (stunted).



## ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM

Steering Committee comprised of representatives of Call to Action will:

- Take stock every year on progress and provide recommendations.
- Design the next phase after 3 years.

First meeting organized by DFID in early 2019.

## A CALL TO ACTION FOR PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT

**WORK WITH** the international system to reduce all forms of malnutrition by developing strategies, plans and budgets as well as facilitating access to all areas of Yemen.

**MOBILISE** relevant line ministries and expand coverage and quality of preventative, and curative services related to malnutrition.

**ABIDE BY** International Humanitarian Law in particular the safety and security of people seeking and receiving health care and infrastructure necessary to maintain health and wellbeing.

