

# Action Review Panel on Child Wasting

## Background

In 2012, the World Health Assembly committed to reducing child wasting to less than 5 per cent by 2025. Three years later, as part of the SDG agenda, governments once again reaffirmed this commitment. In 2019, the United Nations Secretary-General commissioned the Global Action Plan (GAP) on Child Wasting – the first-ever plan to support governments in meeting these commitments by accelerating efforts to prevent, detect and treat child wasting around the world. Meeting this ambitious but important agenda requires coordinated leadership from UN agencies, member states, civil society and other partners.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Action Review Panel on Child Wasting is to improve the impact and sustainability of services to prevent and treat child wasting. The establishment of the Panel is consistent with the UN’s commitment to create a multi-stakeholder accountability and reporting mechanism to oversee implementation of key actions on child wasting, as described in the GAP.

## Roles and responsibilities

### **Members**

The Panel Members will provide strategic advice and insights designed to:

1. Assist national governments in their efforts to reduce child wasting and achieve the associated SDG targets.
2. Support the scaling up of efficient and effective services and programmes for the prevention, early detection and treatment of child wasting.
3. Accelerate efforts to mobilize predictable, long-term financing solutions at national and global level for the prevention, early detection and treatment of child wasting
4. Support national governments and partners in ensuring an appropriate and sustainable supply of key commodities (including Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods) and the technical assistance necessary for the treatment of child wasting

### **Co-Chairs**

In addition to the above, the Panel Co-Chairs will also:

- Jointly issue invites to prospective members
- Jointly facilitate up to two (2) meetings per year, and share meeting updates
- Jointly assess progress through the year as part of existing bilateral discussions

Whenever needed, co-chairs will work with their respective teams in the execution of the abovementioned responsibilities, and/or delegate chairing functions to senior members of their respective organizations.

### **Panel composition**

- The Panel will be co-chaired by UNICEF and the UK Government.
- The Panel will include up to 10 additional senior representatives from national governments, the philanthropic sector, civil society, United Nations agencies and academia.

### **Ways of working**

- The Panel will meet up to two times per year. The first meeting will take place no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- The Panel will be convened annually until December 2025, when its composition and purpose will be reviewed.

- As a co-chair of this Panel, UNICEF will be responsible for all administrative tasks, including ongoing coordination and follow-up.
- The Panel will jointly identify strategic priorities and recommendations, and produce publicly available, bi-annual progress updates.