



# CAPACITY FOR NUTRITION-ADVISORY (C4N-ADVISORY)

## PART OF KNOWLEDGE FOR NUTRITION PROGRAMME (K4N)

### THE NUTRITION CHALLENGE

#### Malnutrition

**2.8 BILLION PEOPLE**

globally cannot afford a healthy diet (2022)

#### Stunting

**23.2%**

of all children under five years are stunted (2024)

#### Anaemia

**571 MILLION**

girls and women are anaemic (2019)

#### Wasting

**12.2 MILLION**

children under five years are affected by wasting in its severe form (2024)

#### Overweight

**5.5%**

of all children under five are overweight (2024)

The European Union (EU) has made two major commitments:

1. to reduce the number of children stunted in the world by 7 million by 2025;
2. to allocate at least €3.4 billion for international cooperation with a nutrition objective in the period 2024-2027

To tackle the global nutrition challenge and achieve the EU commitments, **55 country MIPs** developed by EU Delegations (EUDs) across the world include nutrition. Malnutrition can be defeated **by joint actions across multiple sectors** and by addressing the **underlying causes** of poverty and inequality.

#### Capacity for Nutrition – Advisory

C4N-Advisory <sup>[1]</sup> is a flexible, demand-driven technical support unit providing customised assistance on issues related to malnutrition.

It draws on a wide range of expertise, competencies and profiles – including nutritionists, food security advisors, epidemiologists, statisticians, medical doctors, economists <sup>[2]</sup> to provide EU Delegations with assistance.

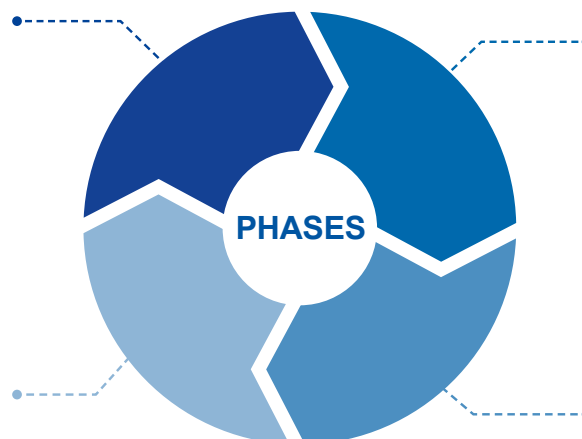
### SUPPORT TO EUDS AND INTPA INCLUDES

#### CLOSURE

- Support to development of ToRs for final evaluation, including for multisectoral actions
- Sharing of programme results and learning through case studies and analysis.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- Review and comment on technical implementation reports
- Support monitoring activities/visits and propose corrective measures
- Support the monitoring of performance in budget support operations
- Support coordination and synergies with government and other donor programmes/initiatives among implementing partners.



#### PROGRAMMING

- Analysis of the nutrition situation
- Exploring opportunities and constraints (including capacity of governments)
- Support Team Europe approaches and coordination with other donors
- Review and comment on proposals
- Develop country profiles.

#### DESIGN

- Support the formulation of nutrition objectives/ results/indicators
- With a focus on children, women and adolescent girls, promoting gender transformative approaches
- Support teams to evaluate programme effectiveness
- Support to design of M&E systems
- Review and comment on AAP, Action Documents
- Support design/initial negotiation phase of budget support operation
- Support the identification of partners (drafting of ToR)
- Co-creation sessions to encourage creative thinking and collaboration within teams and/or with Member States and partners.

In addition to facilitation of capacity development and training, C4N-Advisory also provides guidance on policy and positioning in national debates on nutrition and healthy diets; support to research; and development of communication

materials. C4N has also been mandated from January 2023 to support the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and its member countries implementing the [Scaling Up Nutrition \(SUN\) 3.0 Strategy](#).

## Entry points for nutrition support



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