

**EU Results Framework Indicator methodology note**

1. Indicator name
<b>Amount of EU funded international cooperation and development assistance directed towards nutrition</b>
2. Technical Definition
<p>The indicator is included at Level 3 of the EU Results Framework and aims to report the mainstreaming of nutrition in EU funded assistance financed under instruments managed by the European Commission's Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO).</p> <p>It reports on the financial commitments and disbursements of EU funded development cooperation invested in nutrition on an annual basis. It is based on the methodology agreed by the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement to track financial investments in nutrition, including nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions.</p>
3. Rationale (including which policy priority, and how is this indicator linked to that policy priority)
<p>The EU's two global commitments have underpinned the strategic and operational focus of the EU's work in nutrition. Firstly, the 2012 commitment to support partner countries in reducing the number of stunted children under the age of five by at least 7 million by 2025. This has been integrated into the Commission's Communication on Nutrition<sup>1</sup>. Secondly, the announcement of the EU in 2013, to ensure the allocation of EUR 3.5 billion between 2014-2020 to improve nutrition in developing countries. This amount will be the sum of nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programmes.</p>
4. Data calculation (including any assumptions made)
<p>Yearly commitments and disbursements under financial instruments managed by DG DEVCO will be reported in EUR based on financial data extracted from DEVCO's internal systems (e.g. CRIS) as reported to the OECD DAC Creditor Reporting System (CRS).</p> <p>In brief, the methodology will define Nutrition specific and Nutrition sensitive interventions.</p> <p><i>1. Nutrition-specific projects - Category 1</i></p> <p>Nutrition-specific commitments and disbursements will be tracked using the DAC purpose code 12240 "basic nutrition". All projects encoded under this DAC code will be considered Category 1 (i.e. nutrition-specific). The scoring attributed to these projects will be 100%. For donors who can apply multiple DAC codes to a grant when reporting into the OECD-DAC Creditor Reporting System (CRS), the proportion of the grant coded as 12240 will be included.</p> <p><i>2. "Nutrition-sensitive" projects - Category 2</i></p> <p>There are three main steps to determine whether a project is nutrition-sensitive (Category 2) or not:</p>

<sup>1</sup> Enhancing Maternal and Child Nutrition in External: an EU Policy Framework, COM(2013) 141 final.

- **Step one:** Select a pool of potentially nutrition-sensitive projects using a combination of DAC codes and a key word search on the CRS database.
- **Step two:** Review the projects selected in step one by assessing individually each project document. The objectives, expected results and indicators are examined to determine whether the project is nutrition-sensitive.
- **Step three:** through the same review of project documents, classify the "intensity" of nutrition-sensitivity into two sub-categories: nutrition-sensitive dominant (100% of the project amount) or nutrition-sensitive partial (25% of the project amount).

The responsible thematic unit (C1) will be in charge of implementing the methodology on a yearly basis and report figures for inclusion in the EU Results Framework (Level 3) via the unit responsible of the EU Results Framework (O4).

#### 5. Level of disaggregation

n/a

#### 6. Is it used by another organization or in the framework of international initiatives, conventions, etc? If so, which?

This indicator is also used by other donors, including the EU, for reporting to the annual Global Nutrition Report <https://globalnutritionreport.org/>

#### 7. Other issues

DG DEVCO nutrition commitment and disbursement amounts reported in year x are based on analysis of commitments/disbursements made 2 years earlier. Example: DG DEVCO nutrition commitment amounts reported in 2019 are based on analysis of commitments made in 2017, the latest year for which full data is available publicly on the OECD DAC database. Nevertheless, the responsible thematic unit in DG DEVCO (C1) also undertakes an internal and preliminary exercise using internal database and information to also report on commitments and disbursements made one year earlier.