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Global Europe Results Framework Indicator Methodology Note

1. Indicator code and name

GERF 3.11: Amount and share of EU-funded external assistance directed towards nutrition

2. Policy context and Rationale

The EU consistently integrates nutrition into key strategies. The New European Consensus on Development (2017) explicitly links agriculture and food production to nutrition, emphasizing multi-sectoral action and resilience. Nutrition and food security are also central to the programming of the NDICI-Global Europe instrument (2021-2027), with many country-level programs prioritizing these areas and the thematic program on Global Public Goods and Challenges providing significant funding. Furthermore, the Global Gateway Strategy, the EU's major investment and connectivity initiative, increasingly recognizes nutrition as crucial for sustainable development, promoting investments in health and education that reinforce healthy diets and resilience.

3. Calculation of values

This indicator is included at Level 3 of the Global Europe Results Framework (GERF) and aims to report the annual amounts and shares of EU funded external assistance directed towards nutrition, in terms of commitments and payments (separately). Only funds from the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) are included.

Technical definitions

In their reporting to the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Creditor Reporting System (CRS), donors are requested to indicate for each activity to what extent it targets nutrition as one of its policy objectives.

The nutrition policy marker informs on how nutrition objectives are mainstreamed in development cooperation activities.

There are 3 possible scores:

- Score 2 Nutrition is the principal objective of the project/programme and is fundamental in its design and expected results. The project/programme would not have been undertaken without the nutrition objective.
- Score 1 Nutrition is an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the project/programme.
- Score 0 The project/programme has been screened against the marker but has not been found to target nutrition in any significant way.

Counting guidance

Data is sourced from the European Commission's internal systems.

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The amount and share are calculated for commitments and payments, separately, and excluding administrative costs not included elsewhere (OECD DAC CRS cooperation modality code G01), as follows:

1. Calculation of amount:

The calculations below are limited to the commitments/payments corresponding to the Actions financed by the NDICI, with a commitment/payment date between 1st of January and 31st of December of the reporting year, for the scope defined below in terms of the OECD DAC CRS policy marker for nutrition.

- a. For the Actions with a score of 2, calculate the sum of the corresponding commitments/payments.
- b. For the Actions with a score of 1, calculate the sum of the corresponding commitments/payments, and weight this sum by 40%.
- c. Add the sums calculated in steps a and b to obtain the final amount.

2. Calculation of share:

Divide the amount calculated in step 1 by the sum of commitments/payments corresponding to the Actions financed by the NDICI with a commitment/payment date between 1st of January and 31st of December of the reporting year.

4. Corporate reporting & targets

The data collected on this indicator is accessible through DG INTPA's Statistical Dashboard, on the sheet dedicated to GERF Level 3 indicators.

Please indicate any targets that might exist for this indicator.

The EU has committed to allocate EUR 2.4 billion over the 2021-2027 period in commitments with a nutrition objective (of which EUR 1.4 billion in development cooperation and EUR 1.1 billion in humanitarian aid) to support its policy objectives to address all forms of malnutrition, including supporting countries in the reduction of stunting.

5. Other uses

This indicator will be reported by all donors of the Scaling Up Nutrition donor network, in the SUN annual report.

6. Other issues