

# Mid-term Review of the NIPN Initiative

## Introduction

1<sup>st</sup> NIPN Technical Gathering  
Paris, 3-5 July 2018



## Agenda

- Review objectives and scope
- Methodology and Workplan
  - Theory of Change
  - Data collection
  - Work programme

## Review objectives

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- Evaluate R1, R2, R3

R1: Create capacity within national institutions to operate and maintain the NIPN

R2: Countries track nutrition progresses in meeting national objectives on undernutrition reduction and in monitoring nutrition investments

R3: Countries are able to translate NIPN findings into nutrition related policies

- Evaluate R4 of the whole initiative related to the Global Support Facility (GSF) activities

R4: GSF effectively established and providing technical support to NIPN countries, as well as effective global dialogue and coordination on data and information for nutrition

- Propose actionable recommendations for GSF technical assistance during implementation
- Evaluate risks and mitigation measures
- Propose a grid for evaluating progress in country ownership & in the level of engagement

### Review scope

- Whole initiative (GFS and country NIPNs) to date

## Review approach and methodology

- Review understood as a formative, qualitative mini-evaluation of progress made to date of whole initiative
- Review will look at Relevance; Efficiency; Effectiveness; Sustainability; Coherence of the initiative
- Review will assess the NIPN initiative's progress using a theory of change (ToC)
- Testing the accuracy or omission of assumptions will help explain performance

### ToCs

- Map out the theory on how an initiative will achieve the change it is aiming for
- Set out a detailed cause → effect chain
- Pay attention to (often unstated) intermediate steps
  - *E.g. how should the attitudes, beliefs, skills and behaviours of the people and institutions the initiative targets, change to achieve outcomes*
- Pay attention to (stated and unstated) assumptions why one link in the chain would lead to another
- Are used as an evaluation tool, but also for strategy / programme development

# NIPN Country Projects TOC

## COUNTRY CONTEXT FOR NIPN PROJECTS

GFS

GFS technical support during implementation

COUNTRY INPUTS

COUNTRY ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

OUTCOMES & IMPACTS

### Country NIPN Inputs

EUDs / DFID commitment

#### Set-up processes for NIPNs

Consultation & identification processes

Agreement on roles

NIPN proposal drafting

NIPN contracting

Financing of NIPNs

Capacity inputs by governments and other nutrition initiatives

Country data on nutrition resources, policies and outcomes

GFS technical support for setup processes

### Country NIPN Intermediate Output (→R1)

NIPN structures established and operational

NIPN policy advisory committee & lead (leadership) in place

NIPN technical capacity: Analysis Unit  
Policy Capacity established

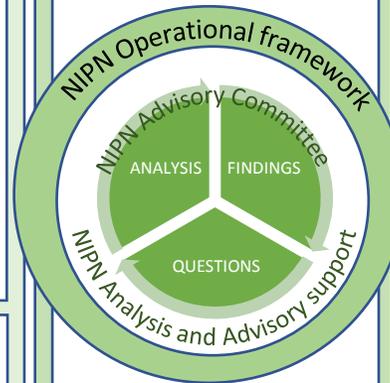
Nutrition data repository

Country strategy and plan

Country ownership of NIPN established

### Country NIPN Activities (R1 & R2a)

Functional NIPN framework = first step → NIPN tracking nutrition progress



### Country NIPN Outputs

Regular Reports & Policy Briefs

Bespoke documents

Data and information

Capacity Building Efforts

Dissemination events

Support for global reporting

### Country Intermediate Outcome 1 (R2b)

Countries track nutrition progress

Countries more willing to share data & track nutrition  
Relevant country institutions track nutrition progress  
Countries report globally

### Intermediate Outcome 2

Accountability for nutrition policies, implementation & results

### Intermediate Outcome 3 (R3)

Countries can translate NIPN findings into evidence-based policies & programmes  
Policy & prog pronouncements → policies & prog adopted → financed → implemented

### Country outcomes

Improved country nutrition outcomes  
Reduced stunting & wasting

### Country Impacts

Poverty & development impacts of improved nutrition

### CONTEXT FACTORS

Country nutrition status  
Country attitudes to data sharing and evidence-based policy  
Country systems and capacities for policy making, budgeting, PFM and M&E

Country political economy  
Country data capacity  
Country capacity to coordinate nutrition financing and interventions

Country attitudes to data sharing & evidence-based policy

## Research and data collection

- Review will use a three-tiered case-study approach
- Case study countries selected to have mix of set-up conditions, progress made, institutional arrangements for NIPN

	1 <sup>st</sup> Tier	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier	Remaining countries (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier)
Countries	Bangladesh, Guatemala	Ivory Coast, Kenya, Niger, Uganda	Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Laos, Zambia
Research inputs and processes	<p>Specific ToC developed</p> <p>Thorough desk review of country documentation</p> <p>In-depth interviews during country fieldwork</p>	<p>Generic ToC used</p> <p>Thorough desk review of country documentation</p> <p>Group discussion at this Technical meeting</p>	<p>Light touch review against generic ToC</p> <p>Information from overall NIPN reports (with selected follow up if needed)</p> <p>Selected interviews at this Technical meeting</p>

- To note: in September the Results Oriented Mission (ROM) of the European Commission will be undertaking a light review of Ivory Coast, Uganda and Ethiopia

## Work programme and team

- Work Programme
  - Inception phase (completed)
  - Data collection and research phase
    - Paris Technical Meeting (3-5 July)
    - Questionnaire (July)
    - Interviews with GSF (6 July)
    - Country case studies (22-27 July)
    - Additional interviews (9 July to 10 August)
  - Reporting
    - Presentation of findings and conclusions for 1<sup>st</sup> Tier case studies (remote, early August)
    - Draft inception report and presentation (early September)
    - Final report (end September)
- Team
  - Core team: Alta Folscher, Stephen Turner, Christine Fenning
  - Support team includes quality support, translation support and editorial support