

## Concept Note

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NIPN Global Gathering 2025

## Reflecting on Progress to Sustain Nutrition Impact

23-26 September 2025, Zambia, Lusaka

### Context

Launched by the EU in 2015, the NIPN initiative has grown into a globally recognized platform supporting evidence-based nutrition policymaking now implemented in nine countries. Each year, an annual Global Gathering (GG) takes place to facilitate peer-to-peer learning on strengthening data systems, governance, and multisectoral collaboration moving the nutrition agenda forward. The 2024 GG in Addis Ababa focused on sustainability within an evolving policy environment, with countries sharing experiences on institutionalizing NIPNs, developing business cases, and the use of artificial intelligence. Building on NIPN's achievements, the 2025 GG comes at a pivotal moment as the NIPN's second phase of donor funding concludes, which coincides with the actual implementation of the Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G) in Paris in March 2025, where countries announced new nutrition pledges.

The 7<sup>th</sup> NIPN GG in 2025 offers an opportunity for collective and forward-looking strategic dialogue. By bringing together partners, donors, and technical institutions, this year's event will serve as a juncture to reflect on NIPN's role in advancing accountability, to showcase its value in tracking N4G commitments, and to co-create strategies for sustaining momentum beyond the project's external funding phases. The sustainability of NIPN will be addressed as a cornerstone of the event. Discussions will continue to focus on sharing the best practices and approaches for embedding NIPN processes, products, and activities that made difference across institutional, financial, and technical dimensions — creating strong frameworks that can adapt to progress national priorities and resource constraints.

### Objectives

As the second phase of NIPN progresses in its final year, this year's GG adopts the timely theme, **“Reflecting on Progress to Sustain Nutrition Impact.”**

The event aims to achieve several critical objectives:

1. **Celebrate achievements:** Recognize country-led successes, innovation, and progress in building nutrition data systems and influencing policy.
2. **Sustainability:** Discuss how countries are integrating NIPN within national structures, securing funding, and institutionalizing practices to sustain impact after the project closes.
3. **Capture and exchange knowledge:** Facilitate the synthesis and exchange of country experiences, tools, and insights - across themes like capacity building, strategic leadership, integration of gender dimensions, dashboard and repository management, AI applications, and business case advocacy.

4. **Position NIPN contributions to achieving N4G 2025 commitments** NIPN plays a critical role in advancing global nutrition accountability and thus their N4G commitments. NIPN enables countries to monitor progress, assess impact, and align with global nutrition targets laid out in their N4G commitments.
5. **Build bridges for future collaboration:** Identify opportunities to integrate NIPN tools, knowledge, and networks into future programmes and projects (e.g., Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) and other nutrition data-focused development cooperation).

To ensure inclusive participation, on-site simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French, and Spanish.

### Key activities

Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Showcase country achievements, and lessons learnt in strengthening nutrition data systems.
- Share progress and practical experiences on sustainability strategies, institutionalization, partnerships and domestic resource mobilization.
- Discuss strategic leadership and capacity strengthening, with a focus on multisectoral collaboration, resilience, and responsiveness during transitions.
- Explore how NIPN platforms are addressing gender dimensions in data systems, analysis, and policy dialogue.
- Strengthen advocacy and communication strategies to enhance data use in decision-making and increase domestic and external investments in nutrition.
- Align platform achievements with global agendas such as N4G, SUN, the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus, and national food systems pathways.
- Demonstrate how learnings from NIPN can support the strengthening of nutrition information systems in other countries.

Partners from the EU, BMZ, EUDs, members of the NIPN [Expert Advisory Group](#), SUN, C4N-SUN, EU4SUN, donor institutions, and relevant nutrition stakeholders will be invited to join the event on-site. Costs related to travel and accommodation will be at their own expense.