

Call for Experts

WHO-UNICEF Technical Expert Advisory group on nutrition Monitoring (TEAM)

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking experts to serve as members of the WHO-UNICEF Technical Expert Advisory group on nutrition Monitoring (TEAM). This "Call for experts" provides information about the advisory group in question, the expert profiles being sought, the process to express interest, and the process of selection.

Background

The Technical Expert Advisory group on nutrition Monitoring (TEAM) was set up to act as an advisory body to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on how to improve the quality of nutrition monitoring efforts at all levels, in accordance with the following terms of reference. The group aims to achieve this through the facilitation of shared learning and the development of harmonized standards, tools and approaches in several relevant sectors. The TEAM is also expected to identify emerging research questions and needs related to the implementation of monitoring initiatives and to communicate these to appropriate partners.

Functions of the TEAM

In its capacity as an advisory body to WHO and UNICEF, the TEAM shall perform the following functions:

- assess existing indicators to monitor nutritional status, the implementation of nutrition programmes and policies, the description of policy environment in countries.
- develop frameworks to describe inputs, outputs, and outcomes linking underlying risk factors, policy and programme responses to nutrition outcomes.
- analyse constraints in the collection of data for different types of indicators.
- assess methods for data quality control.
- assess new technological approaches for data collection, processing and analysis.
- assess methods used to produce national, regional and global estimates using data from routine and survey sources.
- recommend priority indicators for monitoring global nutrition challenges and policy frameworks aimed at addressing them.
- recommend methodologies for data collection, analysis and presentation.
- recommend methodologies about integration of data collection by various sources.
- recommend methodologies for estimating progress at national, regional and global levels.
- recommend procedures for the interpretation of the indicators to trigger actions.
- recommend research priorities for existing and new indicators.

Operations of the TEAM

1- The TEAM shall normally meet once each year. However, WHO may convene additional meetings. TEAM meetings may be held in person (at WHO headquarters in Geneva or another location, as determined by its Secretariat) or virtually, via video or teleconference.

2- TEAM meetings may be held in open and/or closed sessions, as decided by the Chair or Co-chairs in consultation with WHO and UNICEF.

- Open sessions shall be convened for the sole purpose of the exchange of non-confidential information and views and may be attended by Observers (as defined in paragraph III.3 below).
- Closed sessions: The sessions dealing with the formulation of recommendations and/or advice shall be restricted to the members of the TEAM, and essential WHO and UNICEF Secretariat staff

3- The quorum for TEAM meetings shall be two-thirds of the members.

4- WHO and UNICEF may, at their sole discretion, invite external individuals from time to time to attend open sessions of the TEAM, or parts thereof, as "observers". Observers may be invited either in their personal capacity, or as representatives from a governmental institution / intergovernmental organization, or from a non-state actor. Observers invited in their personal capacity will be required to complete a WHO confidentiality undertaking and a WHO declaration-of-interests form prior to attending a session of the TEAM. Invitations to Observers attending as representatives from non-state actors will be subject to internal due diligence and conflict-of-interest considerations in accordance with the WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors ("FENSA"). Observers invited as representatives may also be requested to complete a WHO confidentiality undertaking. Observers shall normally attend meetings of the TEAM at their own expense and be responsible for making all arrangements in that regard.

5- At the invitation of the Chair or Co-chairs, observers may be asked to present their personal views and/or the policies of their organization. Observers will not participate in the process of adopting decisions and recommendations of the TEAM.

6- The TEAM may decide to establish smaller working groups (sub-groups of the TEAM) to work on specific issues. Their deliberations shall take place via teleconference or videoconference. For these sub-groups, no quorum requirement will apply; the outcome of their deliberations will be submitted to the TEAM for review at one of its meetings.

7- TEAM members are expected to attend TEAM meetings. If a member misses two consecutive meetings, WHO, in consultation with UNICEF, may terminate her or his appointment as a member of the TEAM.

8- Reports of each meeting shall be submitted by the TEAM to WHO and UNICEF. All recommendations from the TEAM are advisory to WHO and UNICEF, which jointly retain full control over any subsequent decisions or actions regarding any proposals, policy issues or other matters considered by the TEAM.

9- The TEAM shall normally make recommendations by consensus. If, in exceptional circumstances, a consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, minority opinions will be reflected in the meeting report.

10- Active participation is expected from all TEAM members, including in working groups (if any), teleconferences, and interaction over email. TEAM members may, in advance of TEAM meetings, be requested to review meeting documentation and to provide their views for consideration by the TEAM.

11- WHO and UNICEF shall determine the modes of communication by the TEAM, including between WHO and UNICEF, and the TEAM members as well as the TEAM members among themselves.

12- TEAM members shall not speak on behalf of, or represent, the TEAM and/or WHO and/or UNICEF to any third party

Who can express interest?

The TEAM will be multidisciplinary, with members who have a range of technical knowledge, skills and experience relevant to broad range of disciplines relevant to Nutrition Monitoring. Approximately 2-4 may be selected.

WHO welcomes expressions of interest from:

Scientists, healthcare professionals, and healthcare regulators/policymakers with expertise in one or more of the following: nutrition epidemiology; nutrition biomarkers; anthropometry; nutrition monitoring/surveillance and information system; nutrition intervention coverage; diet-related non-communicable diseases; school-age children and adolescent nutrition; statistics; medicine; public health; food security; food system, implementation science; and economic

The above are examples only.

Submitting your expression of interest

To register your interest in being considered for the TEAM, please submit the following documents by **10 January 2025 24:00h (midnight)** Geneva time to nfs@who.int using the subject line "Expression of interest for the WHO-UNICEF Technical Expert Advisory group on nutrition Monitoring (TEAM)":

- A cover letter, indicating your motivation to apply and how you satisfy the selection criteria. Please note that, if selected, membership will be in a personal capacity. Therefore, do not use the letterhead or other identification of your employer);
- Your curriculum vitae; and
- A signed and completed Declaration of Interests (DOI) form for WHO Experts, available at <https://www.who.int/about/ethics/declarations-of-interest>

After submission, your expression of interest will be reviewed by WHO and UNICEF. Due to an expected high volume of interest, only selected individuals will be informed.

If you have any questions about this "Call for experts", please write to nfs@who.int well before the applicable deadline.

Please click on the link below for further important information about the selection processes and conditions of appointment:

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deadline for submissions

10 January 2025