

TERMS OF REFERENCE: NUTRITION SCALING WORKING GROUP

Background:

The Scaling Up Community of Practice (CoP) launched in February 2015 to: serve as a champion of scaling up in the development community, and establish a peer network for sharing operational approaches, experience and lessons, develop and disseminate an effective M&E framework for scaling, contribute to thought leadership and case examples on scaling. It is member-run, member-supported, and free-of-charge, and includes working groups on agriculture, education, health, fragile states, M&E, social enterprise, youth employment, and nutrition. The Nutrition Scaling Working Group (NSWG), launched in September 2019, is a part of the CoP and focuses on the science of scaling in nutrition interventions and systems.

Overall aim

To create a community of passionate individuals to exchange knowledge, generate ideas, and collaborate to solve problems related to the sustainable and impactful scaling of nutrition interventions.

Specific Objectives

- **Knowledge Sharing:** Share research and case studies on the scaling up of nutrition interventions and systems, methodologies for scaling, identification of gaps, and lessons learned from within the nutrition community and other sectors.
- **Tool Generation:** Creation of guidance checklists, development of analytical tools (i.e., cost-benefit tools), and the development of standardized definitions or other practical tools needed for scaling in nutrition.
- **Ecosystem reform:** Develop new knowledge products or position papers on critical issues identified by the working group (i.e., measuring progress in scaling nutrition interventions, need and best opportunities for nutrition scaling, identification and prioritization of research and knowledge gaps, development of communication system and messaging).

Product

Short term products of the NSWG include virtual meetings that include the presentation of lessons learned from case studies and collaboration on joint activities. In addition, the NSWG may undertake additional activities, including a literature scan of research and knowledge on scaling in nutrition.

In the long-term, NSWG may undertake collaborative projects such as developing a framework to include scalability into grant proposals and a guidance checklist for consideration when designing for scale, or other ideas that emerge.

Leadership

The Nutrition Scaling Working Group will be co-led by Chytanya Kompala (Eleanor Crook Foundation) and Dylan Walters (Nutrition International).

Members

Currently, membership is comprised of implementers, researchers, advocates, and donors, and is not institution-based. The Nutrition Working Group is open to anyone interested in the challenge of scaling nutrition interventions sustainably, and membership is free.

Schedule and venue for meetings

The NSWG Co-Chairs will organize remote quarterly meetings and an annual in-person meeting in Washington DC.

Communication

Members can contact the working group coordinator, Sakshi Jain (Nutrition International), at sjain@nutritionintl.org, for any queries and concerns. Please ensure the subject line mentions NSWG. The Co-Chairs can be contacted at dwalters@nutritionintl.org (for Dylan) and chytanya@eleanorcrookfoundation.org (for Chytanya).