

# Objectives

Members of the NWGN separately or in collaboration support inclusion of nutrition in policies and strategies of stakeholders. The NWGN will do this through debate, identifying gaps in existing activities and strategies and development of strategies to fill these gaps. The specific objectives of the NWGN are:

- Knowledge and information exchange
- Formulate and publicise joint views and positions
- Strengthen nutrition related efforts of members and stimulate collaboration between government, civil society, knowledge institutes and food industries.
- Act as national focal point for food and nutrition security



## Members of the NWGN:

DSM, ETC Foundation, GAIN NL, ICCO Cooperation, Royal Tropical Institute, Micronutrient Initiative NL, Save the Children NL, UNICEF NL, Unilever R&D, Wemos, World Food Programme NL, Wageningen UR-CDI, Wageningen UR-Division of Human Nutrition.

**NWGN** was formed in response to the Lancet Nutrition Series meeting (October 2008, Utrecht) with the aim to enhance the attention for the role of nutrition in international development.

## NWGN

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# Mission

The **NWGN** wants to contribute to bring the Netherlands in the forefront of improving nutrition in the development context by fostering and maintaining nutrition of vulnerable groups, with a specific reference to the first 1000 days of life, on the international agendas of government, civil society, knowledge institutes and food industries in the Netherlands.



## Vision

The **NWGN** recognizes that malnutrition erodes human capital and is convinced that improving nutrition contributes to productivity, economic development, and poverty reduction by improving physical work capacity, cognitive development, school performance, and by reducing disease and mortality. In addition, they recognize that improving child and maternal nutritional status play a key role in reducing hunger and the economic costs associated.

Members of the **NWGN** combine information, knowledge, networks, and expertise and initiate and support activities (to be) carried out by member organisations to contribute to improvement of nutrition, especially of vulnerable groups and in the first 1000

days of life. The members intend to achieve this by knowledge and information exchange, advocacy and collaboration.

The **NWGN** is convinced that improving nutrition is critical to achieving development. The members want to address malnutrition by a comprehensive and coherent approach including addressing the multifaceted causes of malnutrition related to household food security, food quality, safe drinking water and sanitation, education, communication, caring practices and quality of health services. They recognize this can only be achieved through collaboration between knowledge institutes, NGO's, governments and the private sector.