

Prevention and Control of Malnutrition (International Malnutrition Task Force) Interventions

Task Force Report Form 2020



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Has your objective(s) as a task force been modified since the original proposal? Is so, please provide brief justification.

No

Have the activities to be undertaken been modified since the original proposal? If so, please provide brief overview and justification.

No

Brief overview of Activities since last annual report

Our main activities have been:-

- capacity building in relation to scaling-up WHO guidelines for treatment of severe acute malnutrition
- interactions with WHO re scoping review and guideline development
- participation in discussions regarding school feeding and healthy development
- organising symposium for 22nd IUNS-ICN in Tokyo.

Please list any successes accomplished during this period (aligned with proposed measures of success from original proposal, or include justification for modifications)

Capacity Building

1. A third paper has been published resulting from a 2-year research project 'Investigating the efficacy and effectiveness of a Malnutrition eLearning course for global capacity building'. The latest paper is entitled 'Implementing effective eLearning for scaling up global capacity building: findings from the malnutrition eLearning course evaluation in Ghana' in Global Health Action.

1. A paper is ready for submission entitled 'Scaling-up improved in-patient treatment of severe malnutrition: key factors and experiences from South Africa, Bolivia, Malawi and Ghana'. This involves collaborations with IMTF regional partners in Bolivia and Ghana and national implementers in Malawi and South Africa.

Interactions with WHO

1. In collaboration with IUNS Task Force ICONIC, we successfully bid in October to undertake for WHO a scoping review of evidence to identify key issues in the identification and treatment of severe wasting and oedema in children aged six months and over. This review was submitted in December 2020 and will be used by WHO to develop PICO questions for the WHO Guideline Development Group.

School feeding and healthy development

1. Professor Jackson continued collaborations with academics and policy makers regarding school feeding and healthy development of children in low and middle income countries. Discussions are also underway with academics and policy makers in Jamaica and with Professor Don Bundy of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine regarding formation of an inter-sectoral group to address child violence and its possible amelioration through school feeding.
2. Professor Jackson also represented IUNS/ IMTF on the UN School Nutrition panel. The objectives of the Group are:-
 - To create a platform that brings together a group of active and committed technical experts and agency representatives working on school nutrition.
 - To support joint narratives, resources and initiatives on school nutrition based on identified gaps.
 - To facilitate interagency communication, feedback and knowledge sharing in relation to new and upcoming work on school nutrition.
 - To advocate for the inclusion of school nutrition within the broader school health and food systems agendas.
 - To compile a library of school nutrition resources.
 - To spread awareness, knowledge and good practices on school nutrition among a wide spectrum of stakeholders

22nd IUNS-ICN, Tokyo

f) A Symposium entitled 'Building capacity to scale-up improved inpatient treatment of severe malnutrition: experiences of South Africa, Bolivia, Malawi and Ghana' was organised, submitted, and accepted.

Please mention your plans for the coming year and how they have been adapted based on success to date (if appropriate).

We plan to continue with our capacity building activities re malnutrition, and to explore further the needs and opportunities regarding school nutrition. The latter may be aided by the joining of UNSCN and the SUN Movement into one entity – UN Nutrition.