



Call for a consultant for the realization of a study on the Nutrition Financing and Accountability Frameworks ahead of the Nutrition for Growth Summit

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Background:

In 2025, France will host the [Nutrition for Growth \(N4G\) Summit](#), an international event where governments, donors, foundations, international organizations, academia, civil society and the private sector will make political and financial commitments to end malnutrition. Civil Society organizations are calling for the Summit to be organized with strong civil society involvement and for the commitments made to consider the priorities of the most vulnerable while effectively addressing the root causes of malnutrition.

Accountability for political and financial commitments relating to nutrition has been a key issue since the first N4G Summit in London (2013). As a collective force deeply rooted in communities and often at the frontline of nutrition challenges, civil society organizations (CSOs) possess unique insights of the impact of policy decisions, especially on the most vulnerable populations. Working with locally based CSOs is essential to ensure that commitments are not just promises but translate into tangible actions that effectively address malnutrition and food insecurity. By leveraging their expertise, advocacy skills, and grassroots connections, civil society can scrutinize progress, identify gaps, and push for necessary adjustments or enhancements to strategies, thereby ensuring that N4G commitments lead to meaningful and sustainable improvements in global nutrition. However, CSOs often lack the tools to carry out this task effectively.

Accountability raises a number of challenges: it requires revitalizing political will, sustainable resources, tools, UNs framework and guidance to enable states, private companies and any other stakeholders to be held accountable. There are existing frameworks, civil society initiatives, monitoring tools and discussion forums that already contribute to accountability efforts. However, difficulties remain in monitoring the effects of political and financial commitments in countries, especially for the most vulnerable populations. The global accountability framework for nutrition should allow civil society to hold Governments into account, and encourage transparent monitoring of progress.

Nevertheless, significant progress has been made. Indeed, the last edition in Tokyo (2021) was the subject of considerable work by the [Global Nutrition Report \(GNR\)](#). Now under the responsibility of [PATH](#), the GNR has carried out the first independent assessment of the state of global commitments linked to nutrition. The [Nutrition Accountability Framework \(NAF Tracker\)](#), has been launched to enhance transparency and accountability within the global nutrition sector. Its primary role is to track political and financial commitments to nutrition. The NAF Tracker has been endorsed by the Japanese government, the SUN Movement, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, USAID and other stakeholders, to be the official tool for collecting data on the commitments made at the Tokyo summit, and for monitoring the progress made against those commitments. Although the NAF makes it possible to track commitments made, it cannot monitor their implementation, or the funding flow due to technical difficulties and a lack of political will on the part of governments or the means to monitor the situation.

Action Contre la Faim, Nutrition International, Concern Worldwide UK, Save the Children and the Scaling Up for Nutrition Civil Society Network (SUN CSN), are planning to support and continue the work on accountability, by creating an “Accountability Task Force” (ATF). The ATF will look at the gap and the needs for better accountability, produce recommendations for France, and for the international community, informed by the work of the consultant and conduct an extensive consultation process. The ATF will play a key role in advocating for better accountability before the N4G Summit in France.

Key objectives

ATF requested the consultant to carry out a major preliminary analysis of accountability in the area of nutrition. The consultant's task will be first to define rigorously what is covered by accountability, then to identify existing accountability frameworks and tools to analyze their strengths and weaknesses. Above all, the core of the consultant's work will be to determine what civil society needs and what it is lacking to enable it to monitor and evaluate political and financial nutrition commitments. Finally, the consultant will have to identify the barriers and needs to ensure that governments can provide effective, complete and transparent accountability.

The consultant's mission has two key objectives :

Define and take stock of the accountability ecosystem

- What is the scope of accountability ?
- What are the different accountability frameworks for nutrition (official declarations, resolutions, commitments, tools, laws, UN frameworks...)?
- What are the different tools for ensuring accountability (monitoring and evaluation tools, open source websites, practical toolboxes, major workshops...)?
- What is the CSO involvement / role in the accountability ecosystem ?
- Highlight the relevance, strengths and weaknesses of the various accountability frameworks and tools

Identify the gaps and needs to ensure accountability

- Identify civil society gaps and needs to enable them to monitor political and financial commitments
- Identify commitment makers' gaps and needs to be effectively accountable
- Propose and develop 3 to 4 major recommendations for improvement that will enable the commitment-makers to be accountable and the CSO to hold the commitment-makers to account.

Timeline

The consultancy is foreseen to last 35 full working days (ideally from April 8th to May 24th). The distribution of working days is still flexible, but the study needs to be completed ideally by the beginning of May 2024.

Study and consultant language

The consultant must be fluent in English and French. Spanish and Arabic are valuable skills. The intermediary deliverables and the final study have to be drafted in English and submitted to the ATF for approval.

Expected deliverables

The Consultant will have to deliver the following deliverables:

<i>Deliverable</i>
A work plan
1st Draft of a report including methodology and initial findings
Comprehensive and detailed report that presents the study's methodology, analyses and final findings

Proceedings

<i>Stages</i>	<i>Duration (approx.)</i>
Kick-off meeting	1/2 day
Design of the work plan and the methodology	3 days
Catch-up meeting with the ATF to present the work plan	1/2 day
Data gathering, analysis and interview	7 days
Catch-up meeting with the ATF to present the work and have opportunity to ask questions	1/2 day
Integration of ATF's comments, data gathering, analysis & interview continues	7 days
Catch-up meeting with the ATF to present the work and have opportunity to ask questions	1/2 day

Integration of ATF's comments and drafting of the 1st draft of the report	3 days
Catch-up meeting with the coalition to present the 1 st draft	1/2 day
Integration of ATF's comments, analysis & interview continues, and final draft of the report is prepared	9 days
Catch-up meeting with the ATF to present the final draft	1/2 day
Integration of ATF's final comments and delivery of the final report	3 days
TOTAL	35 days

N.B. The ATF reserves the right to terminate the contract at the work plan stage if the consultant is unable to meet expectations.

Documents to be submitted when applying

Applicants should submit by no later than April 3rd included the following documents:

- Detailed curriculum vitae in English
- 1 or 2 pages explaining in English how your experiences are relevant to the consultancy's mandate and providing some initial points on how you would approach the analysis
- An interview might be conducted after the reception of the application.

All documents should be sent to ttoulas@actioncontrelafaim.org

Consultant profile

- At least 5 years of experience in the non-profit sector, preferably in humanitarian aid or development cooperation;
- At least 3 years of experience in the international nutrition sector and an extensive knowledge of nutrition sector and international accountability policy;
- Having successfully completed at least 2 consulting mandates for NGOs on relevant issues over the last 2 years;
- Fluency in English and French.

Salary conditions

- Salary conditions to be discussed during the interview.

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