

CONCERN WORLDWIDE SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS TO 2021 N4G

1. Resilience/Health

Brief description of commitment:

By 2025, Concern commits to supporting governments and key stakeholders in at least ten countries, to reach 250,000 children, by strengthening health system resilience to deliver nutrition services at scale during and after shocks, including further development and expansion of the CMAM Surge approach.

Details:

Concern will support selected governments in the implementation of the Global Action Plans on Child Wasting (GAP) country frameworks focusing on strengthening practical integration and delivery of services for wasting into health systems in fragile and conflicted affected countries, to deliver effective, integrated nutrition services at scale. Working with partners, Concern will contribute technical, financial and logistical support to government counterparts to better analyse and address bottlenecks in the integrated delivery of nutrition services. This will include training/ capacity strengthening, support to supply chains for key nutrition commodities, promotion of supportive supervision at health facility level; and engagement and capacity building at community level for early identification and referral of children with acute malnutrition (e.g. Family MUAC). Concern also commits to generating and sharing practical learning on nutrition service delivery in different contexts and at different levels of the health system.

The [CMAM Surge approach](#) is designed to build capacity within the health system to better anticipate, prepare for, and respond to seasonal peaks in wasting. Concern will continue to coordinate and lead both the West African CMAM Surge Taskforce and the Global CMAM Surge Technical Working Group. These groups coordinate CMAM Surge activities, maximizing quality, effectiveness and learning by: (1) pursuing a CMAM Surge learning agenda on key issues emerging from practitioners; (2) identifying and promoting positive adaptations and best practice on CMAM Surge and (3) identifying opportunities for continued scale-up of the approach. Taskforce members include CMAM Surge practitioners from NGOs, UN, donors, implementing governments, and other actors.

Measurable goals of the commitment:

- By 2025, Concern will provide support to quality wasting treatment at sub-national level in at least 10 countries.
- Concern will support the treatment of at least 50,000 children with acute malnutrition annually via support to governments.
- By 2025, Concern will produce at least 2 evidence-informed learning outputs on CMAM Surge implementation in order to promote best practice.
- By 2025, the CMAM Surge Operational guidance is revised.

2. Resilience/Food

Brief description of commitment:

By 2025, Concern will help 5 million extremely poor people across 20 countries to achieve sustainable livelihoods and improved food and nutrition security.

Details:

Concern supports the development of nutrition-focused and equitable food systems working on food value chains from input supply, the production of diverse foods and food products to facilitating the access and consumption by those who are living in extreme poverty. To achieve this Concern will:

- (1) Support farmers to adopt climate smart agriculture, increasing extremely poor farmers' and pastoralists' resilience to climate change and improve food and nutrition security. Participatory farmer-led approaches are used in order to prioritize contextualized and indigenous agricultural knowledge and practices. Home gardens coupled with the rearing of small livestock and poultry will be used as a key tool to strengthen the capacity of poor families to produce and consume more diverse and nutritious foods year round. Access to inputs will be through a market-based approach, and high quality technical trainings will be provided to support improved outcomes.
- (2) Support market system development and income generation, alongside sustainable and equal nutrition sensitive value chains and through these, strengthen food systems for all, thus supporting the most vulnerable people to meet their health and nutrition needs. Through the diversification of livelihoods and linking them to saving and loan schemes, households will become more resilient to hazards contributing to improved food and nutrition security throughout the year.
- (3) Work with households living in extreme poverty to increase their consumption of more nutritious and diverse foods by strengthening the capacity of agriculture extension agents, lead farmers, social workers and participants of community groups such as Farmer Field Schools, saving and loan groups and mother support groups.

Measurable goals of the commitment:

- By 2025, 5 million extremely poor people are supported to achieve sustainable livelihoods and food and nutrition security.
- By 2025, 20 countries implementing climate smart agriculture programmes.
- By 2025, 10 countries implementing food and nutrition security programmes with reduced hunger gaps.
- By 2025, 500,000 individuals targeted with home gardening support.
- By 2025, 10 countries implementing food and nutrition security programmes with improved dietary diversity scores.

3. Policy Engagement on Hunger/Food/Resilience

Brief description of commitment:

By 2025, Concern will have three years of documenting and sharing its contribution to “policy and practice change” in support of more sustainable food systems, with a specific emphasis on strengthening partnerships by working with and through national and international level SUN and GAP structures towards better nutrition outcomes.

Details:

The Nutrition Year of Action has delivered commitments, both at the UN Food Systems Summit and at the Nutrition for Growth Summit. The promises of 2021 must inform the practices of 2022 and beyond, and the commitments need to lead to meaningful change for the people with whom Concern works. Concern will play its role in making this a reality, bringing good practice and evidence - including evidence of where systems and partnerships are failing to deliver to target communities - consistently to those who shape country policies and practices. Concern will seek innovative solutions to longer-term, complex challenges related to conflict, hunger and the climate crisis through focused thought leadership anchored in action-research. We will use our experience and learning to inform and work through the SUN and GAP structures at national and international level for replication of good practices.

Measurable goals of the commitment:

- By 2025, Concern will play an active role in SUN civil society networks in at least 6 countries.
- By 2025, Concern will take an active role in national and/or sub-national Food Security and Nutrition coordination structures (e.g. clusters and sectoral coordination bodies) in at least 20 countries.
- By 2025, 8 Policy Briefs documenting evidence/learning vis-à-vis nutrition specific/sensitive programming are developed and disseminated.
- By 2025, 10 Concern country programmes are advocating to ensure that Governments’ UNFSS ‘National Pathways’ include strong nutrition commitments.
- By 2025, 10 countries convene annual events based on the [Global Hunger Index](#) to stimulate reflection on food and nutrition security in the country and what actions are needed to achieve Zero Hunger and Zero Wasting.