



## **Wasting Advocacy Coalition 2025**

### ***Terms of Reference as of August 2025***

#### **Purpose**

The Wasting Advocacy Coalition is a civil society-led, multi-stakeholder global advocacy coalition that aims to ensure that each child vulnerable to wasting has access to prevention and treatment. To this end, the Wasting Advocacy Coalition advocates to:

- **Close the treatment coverage gap** with the ultimate goal of ensuring access to treatment to all children with GAM, noting the necessity for prioritization of the most severe cases.
- **Scale up detection and prevention activities** to mitigate exposure to wasting and deterioration from moderate to severe cases.
- **Promote the inclusion of innovative, evidence-based approaches** to prevent and treat wasting in national nutrition policies, and encourage the global treatment and prevention infrastructure to enable flexibility and responsiveness to national plans.
- **Increase overall, long-term and multi-annual global and domestic resource mobilization** for wasting prevention and treatment. Promote effective, efficient, and scaled up co-financing to address the direct and underlying causes of child wasting, with a significant portion of global resources dedicated to implementing nationally-led plans.
- **Strengthen accountability mechanisms**, including via clear and transparent tools to track progress on financing, operations, and logistics of wasting treatment and prevention. Strengthen the implementation of global wasting policies at the national level.
- **Foster multi-sectoral action to build resilience** in primary and community health systems, through strengthened overall health systems, sustainable food systems, and robust social protection and safety nets.

#### **About the Coalition**

The Wasting Advocacy Coalition (WAC) is a civil society-led, multistakeholder global advocacy coalition that aims to ensure that each child vulnerable to wasting has access to prevention and treatment.

Use of the WAC logo indicates an activity led by the coalition, and does not indicate sign-on, support, or involvement of all members.



The Coalition's meetings are regularly attended by colleagues from implementing INGOs, UN agencies, policy-focused non-profits, philanthropies, and other actors. Most meetings are open to all actors. Periodic meetings are held by the CSO-subgroup for occasional strategic decision making; however, these decisions and processes will be open for input by all actors engaged in the coalition.

Members of the coalition engage in joint activities, such as: collaboration in multilateral forums and processes, information sharing, co-production of advocacy materials, policy recommendations, social media campaigns, and coalition statements, discussions with key stakeholders and decision-makers, and briefings from/to UN agencies and governments. The Coalition also works to grow consensus and direction among wasting advocacy partners across the sector. All members of the coalition must act in a way that prioritises children over any commercial, political, or business interest, and avoid conflicts of interest.

**The Coalition is co-hosted by Save the Children and World Vision International,** and co-chaired by Rachel Hickman and Elizabeth Margolis.

**To join the mailing list or for more information,** please reach out to [r.hickman@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:r.hickman@savethechildren.org.uk) and [elizabeth\\_margolis@wvi.org](mailto:elizabeth_margolis@wvi.org).

**When:** Third Wednesday of every month at 09:00 ET

**Where:** Remote

**What does it mean to join:** The meeting agenda and details are communicated via email. By joining this coalition, you will receive information about the monthly meetings, related activities, and various informational updates. You will be encouraged to participate in monthly calls to plan joint engagement in global wasting advocacy efforts. You will also be encouraged to participate in information sharing, external meetings, and joint advocacy work. Ad hoc meetings and working groups will be established on an as needed basis.