

# The U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan Technical Working Group

## An Overview

### Purpose

The U.S. Government has long been a leader in improving nutrition to save lives and enhance the prospects of future generations globally. The *U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan (2016–2021)* was developed to strengthen the impact of the government’s diverse nutrition investments. The Coordination Plan aims to harness the power of these investments through better communication and collaboration across U.S. Government agencies and departments and by linking research to program implementation. By nurturing cross-government partnerships and coordination, the Coordination Plan magnifies the reach and effectiveness of programs and investments. The Coordination Plan was launched in 2016, and a Technical Working Group (TWG) was formed to lead implementation.

### History

At the historic 2013 Nutrition for Growth summit in London, the U.S. Government committed to developing a government-wide nutrition strategy to accelerate progress toward relevant World Health

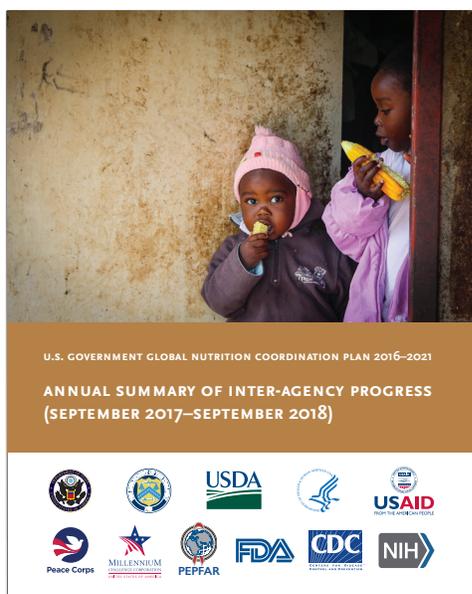
Assembly targets, the Sustainable Development Goals, and other U.S. Government global commitments. Over three years, eight departments and independent agencies developed the U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan, an interagency coordination platform that brings together domestic and international nutrition technical expertise to maximize nutrition impact through better coordination and accountability.

### The Technical Working Group Structure

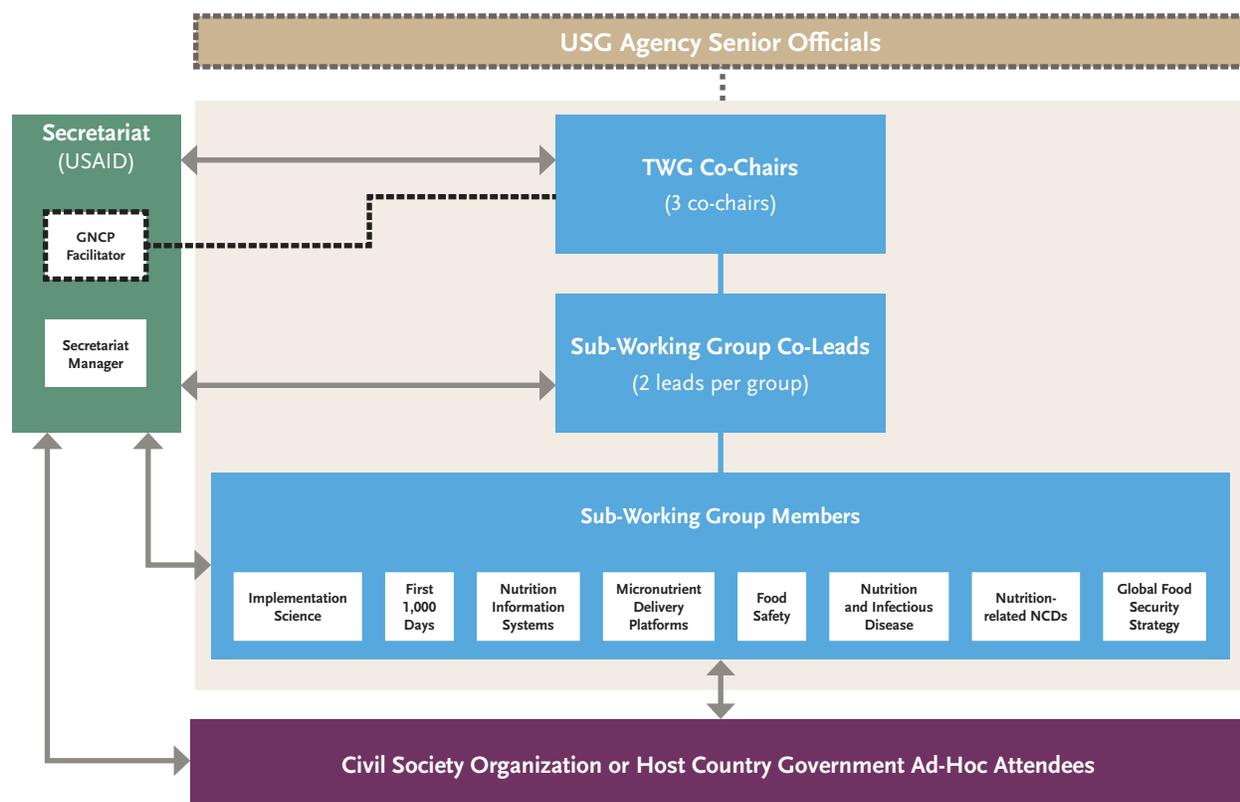
The TWG is a forum for sharing information, best practices, and new issues regarding U.S. Government nutrition programs. **TWG members** are technical advisors, program staff, or personnel who are highly interested in global nutrition. They are from U.S. Government departments and independent agencies engaged in global and domestic nutrition programs and research that contribute to global nutrition efforts. TWG members actively participate in at least one TWG sub-group. **U.S. Agency Senior Officials** provide oversight and support, and the **TWG Secretariat** provides operational support.

The TWG is led by three **Co-Chairs** who oversee eight sub-groups, each led by two **Co-Leads**. The sub-groups focus on the following technical areas:

- Food Safety
- First 1,000 Days
- Global Food Security Strategy
- Implementation Science
- Micronutrient Delivery Platforms
- Nutrition Information Systems
- Nutrition-Related Non-Communicable Diseases
- Nutrition and Infectious Diseases



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### Technical Working Group Activities

The TWG sub-groups meet regularly to share relevant updates, identify sub-group priorities, and coordinate and plan actions to address these priorities. Recognizing the intersections among the focus areas, sub-groups collaborate on actions and share research and programmatic experience, both across the U.S. Government and with external stakeholders. They also strengthen coordination across sub-groups for programming that touches on various technical focus areas. Example activities include:

- Hosting knowledge-sharing events, *e.g.*, presentations, seminars, and webinars
- Engaging countries in planning, designing, and implementing nutrition activities, *e.g.*, reviewing nutrition sections of country plans to ensure technical quality and increase transparency across U.S. Government agencies/departments working in the U.S. and overseas
- Collaborating on global and national events, *e.g.*, World Breastfeeding Week and Food Safety Month

### U.S. Government Agencies and Departments involved in the Coordination Plan

- Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Peace Corps
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Department of Agriculture—including primarily the Foreign Agricultural Service, Food and Nutrition Service, Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, and Agricultural Marketing Service
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Institute of Health, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy