

# No Wasted Lives Coalition launch Community of Practice on simplified approaches to acute malnutrition treatment

The No Wasted Lives Coalition has launched a community of practice (COP) on Simplified Approaches to Treatment Across the Continuum of Acute Malnutrition hosted on the State of Acute Malnutrition website. The aim is to share evidence, knowledge, learnings, and updates about research and implementation of simplified approaches, specifically those focused on uniting treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition.

Simplifications explored in this COP refer to a range of modifications to the standard Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) model. These include:

- A common approach for detection and treatment of both severe (SAM) and moderate (MAM) acute malnutrition, in one programme and at delivery-point.
- The use of just one type of ready-to-use

food (RUF) product for treatment.

- These programmes may only include children who transition between SAM and MAM, in recovery or deterioration, or can also include all primary cases of SAM and MAM.

In addition, commonly implemented and researched elements of the simplified approaches, described in the COP include:

- Training mothers and family members to detect acute malnutrition at home and refer for treatment
- Admission and discharge based on MUAC or oedema
- A simplified dosage of RUF, not based on weight
- A reduced dosage of RUF, either for SAM patients or for all acutely malnourished children as they recover.

Broader options to simplify include reduction of visits to health sites during treatment or

management of acute malnutrition by community health workers.

The COP includes an introduction to the topic, collates specific and allied evidence to date, frequently asked questions, and implementation examples from research and pilots.

A dedicated thematic area on simplified approaches has been set up on the ENN hosted en-net, and integrated within the COP, to support this effort.

Visit the COP here in English:

<https://acutemalnutrition.org/en/Simplified-Approaches> and French: <https://acutemalnutrition.org/fr/Simplified-Approaches>

Visit en-net in English:

[www.en-net.org](http://www.en-net.org) and French: [fr.en-net.org](http://fr.en-net.org)

For further information on the COP, contact: [info@acutemalnutrition.org](mailto:info@acutemalnutrition.org)



## What's new at ENN?

### Field Exchange

We are now translating all original Field Exchange articles into French and putting them online on our FEX French landing page: <https://www.enonline.net/fex/fr> Circulate this link to your French-speaking colleagues and partners where they can find an archive of French material. Articles from this issue will appear there shortly. Ensure your colleague and partners are fully subscribed to Field Exchange here [www.enonline.net/subscribe/fex](http://www.enonline.net/subscribe/fex)

We will release general issues of Field Exchange in October 2019 and February 2020 and a special issue on wasting in South Asia in June 2020. If you have ideas for articles please email [chloe@enonline.net](mailto:chloe@enonline.net)

### Nutrition Exchange

ENN and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) have partnered to produce our first regional issue of Nutrition Exchange (NEX) on maternal nutrition in South Asia. This contains nine articles from seven countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and has been written by and for government staff and their development partners. Download from <https://www.enonline.net/nex/southasia> and also access a podcast about a maternal nutrition programme in India <https://www.enonline.net/mediahub/podcast/karnatakanutritionprogramme>

NEX issue 12 will be published in July in English and French with Arabic and Spanish to follow. Access all copies here <https://www.enonline.net/nex>

### Update on MAMI (management of at-risk mothers and infants under six months of age)

ENN coordinates a special interest group fo-

cused on the management of at-risk mothers and infants under six months of age comprising researchers, programmers and policy-makers active in this area. You can watch video footage of ENN presenting about this work and MAMI collaborators sharing research and programming at the MSF Paediatric Study Day in Stockholm in April 2019:

<https://youtu.be/BoG2MWOILsM> (English)

and <https://youtu.be/FzQGimGnvKY>

(French). Read more about the research and work happening in this area at

<https://www.enonline.net/ourwork/research/mami>

Related to this, ENN is also part of a new research initiative led by the London School of Health & Tropical Medicine in collaboration with Jimma University in Ethiopia and GOAL. Funded by the Eleanor Crook Foundation, a randomised control trial on a community-based intervention for at risk infants the under six months will be carried out in Ethiopia. For more information, contact Marie McGrath, [marie@enonline.net](mailto:marie@enonline.net)

### en-net

A new thematic area on simplified approaches for acute malnutrition treatment has been launched on en-net, ENN's online discussion forum. Visit en-net in English: <https://www.en-net.org> and French: <https://fr.en-net.org>

### Global Technical Assistance Mechanism for Nutrition (GTAM)

ENN is the knowledge management and monitoring partner for the Global Technical Assistance Mechanism for Nutrition (GTAM) led by UNICEF and World Vision. This mechanism aims to improve the support countries receive who face humanitarian emergencies by mobilising global resources to address unresolved techni-

cal issues with advice, consensus-driven guidance and specialist technical expertise.

en-net (<https://www.en-net.org>) is one of the key platforms GTAM will link with. ENN's role is to monitor and document the development and functioning of the GTAM against its objectives (using our existing publications to share this with the wider nutrition community) and to support the development and dissemination of knowledge products in response to the needs identified through the system. For more information, contact Tanya Khara, [Tanya@enonline.net](mailto:Tanya@enonline.net)

### Wasting-stunting study

ENN has started research as part of its long-standing work into wasting and stunting (WaSt). This study, funded by USAID/OFDA and the Global Health Bureau, will be implemented in Nigeria. It aims to bring new evidence produced by the WaSt Technical Interest Group (TIG) on the relationship between wasting and stunting and their combined impact on mortality into existing programme practices. To read more about the study, see this summary [https://www.enonline.net/attachments/3150/WaSt-Study-Summary\\_25Apr19.pdf](https://www.enonline.net/attachments/3150/WaSt-Study-Summary_25Apr19.pdf) or email Carmel Dolan [Carmel@enonline.net](mailto:Carmel@enonline.net)

### Multi-sector nutrition programmes

ENN recently published three new case studies from Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Niger on large-scale, sub-national implementation of multi-sector nutrition programmes. This work builds on previously published case studies on the same theme and provides important evidence for policy-makers and practitioners on how these programmes are being operationalised by various government departments and institutions in these three countries. For more details on the case studies see <https://www.enonline.net/ourwork/knowledge-management/sunkm>

For related videos and podcasts please see <https://www.enonline.net/mediahub>