

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY NON-STATE ACTOR (NSA) STATEMENT



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GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION

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Madame Chair, Moderator,

The *Standing Together for Nutrition Consortium* estimates that by 2022 - COVID-19 could result in an additional 9.3 million wasted, 2.6 million stunted children, 168,000 additional child-deaths, 2.1 million maternal anaemia cases and 30 billion US dollars in future productivity losses due to excess stunting and child mortality¹.

People simply have no choice. The prevention and treatment of malnutrition is essential for every COVID-19 package.

We urge all member states to incorporate the delivery of effective nutrition interventions into national COVID-19 response plans.

We urge All Member States to work closely with the Food System Summit and Nutrition 4 Growth to build integrated strategies to address rising malnutrition.

Thank you for your kind attention!

¹ Osendarp S et al (2020). The potential impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on maternal and child undernutrition in low-and middle-income countries <https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-123716/v1>
