

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 address 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.
- Foster multi-sectoral action to build resilience in primary health systems, through strengthened overall health systems, investments in healthcare infrastructure, improved supply chains, sustainable food systems, and robust social protection floors.

About the Coalition:

The Wasting Advocacy Coalition 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.

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 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.

The Coalition is hosted by the International Rescue Committee and chaired by Ilana Gelb.

To join the mailing list or for more information, please reach out to

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When: Third Wednesday of every month at 9am 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 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.