



NUTRITION SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
TANZANIA NATIONAL NUTRITION LONG-TERM PLAN (NN-LTP)

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TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToRs)

Nutrition International is recruiting an individual Consultant to perform the duties specified in this ToR. Nutrition International is committed to the fundamental principles of equal employment opportunity. Women are encouraged to apply.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Government of Tanzania is undertaking the development of a National Nutrition Long-Term Plan (NN-LTP) to guide multisectoral efforts to improve nutrition outcomes and strengthen human capital over the next 25 years. The plan will align with Tanzania Development Vision 2050, which aims to transform Tanzania into an upper-middle-income economy by 2050.

The NN-LTP will provide a long-term strategic framework, focusing on system transformation, institutional strengthening, research and innovation, and long-term development pathways rather than detailed programmatic interventions. The process will be guided by the Three Horizons framework defined in an approved Roadmap.

The Tanzania Prime Minister's Office will oversee the development and adoption of the NN-LTP, while the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre will provide technical leadership and day-to-day coordination. The process will be guided by an approved Roadmap and will involve extensive consultations across sectors, and development partners.

Nutrition International is providing strategic and technical support to this process, through a team of in-house experts, complemented by national consultants. Nutrition International will recruit a Nutrition Specialist, working closely with the National Facilitator, to provide technical nutrition expertise covering data analysis, evidence synthesis, and programming, for the NN-LTP.

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The purpose of this consultancy is to provide strategic nutrition expertise to support the development of the NN-LTP 2026–2050, ensuring that the plan is evidence-informed, forward-looking, equity-sensitive, and aligned with national and global priorities.

The Nutrition Specialist will support the integration of nutrition considerations across sectors and for different population groups, contribute to defining long-term transformation pathways across the Three Horizons, and ensure that the NN-LTP reflects a strong foundation in evidence, equity, and systems thinking, and incorporates a long-term research and learning agenda.

SCOPE OF WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working closely with the National Facilitator and in collaboration with the TFNC and Nutrition International, the Nutrition Specialist will undertake the following tasks:

3.1 Technical Support for Evidence Generation

- Support the synthesis of existing evidence on nutrition status, trends, and disparities in Tanzania, including an analysis of unequal outcomes across population groups, and the inequities that underpin these.
- Contribute to forward-looking analysis of nutrition challenges and opportunities for different populations, including demographic, epidemiological, socio-economic, and food systems transitions.
- Support analysis of structural determinants of malnutrition, including norms, institutions and systems related to health, food environments, social protection, and WASH, and how these shape malnutrition in different forms for different populations.
- Identify key systemic gaps, emerging risks, and long-term drivers of change to inform strategic directions across the Three Horizons.

3.2 Technical Input into Strategic Framework and Transformation Pathways

- Provide technical input into the development of long-term strategic pillars and transformation areas for nutrition.
- Support the framing of priorities across the Three Horizons, ensuring a balance between strengthening current systems, enabling transition, and long-term transformation.
- Contribute to identifying priority areas for system strengthening, institutional development, research, and innovation, and implications for different populations.
- Ensure alignment with global nutrition guidance while adapting to Tanzania's long-term development context.

3.3 Contribution to Results Pathways and Learning Framework

- Support the development of long-term results and outcomes pathway, including indicative milestones rather than fixed targets.
- Contribute to the design of a learning, research, and review framework to guide adaptation over the 2026–2050 period.
- Ensure alignment with national data systems while recognizing limitations in long-term forecasting.

3.4 Technical Input into Long-Term Financing and Investment Outlook

- Provide technical input into identifying priority investment areas for nutrition system strengthening and transformation.
- Contribute to framing the long-term investment case for nutrition, including human capital and economic benefits.
- Support development of high-level financing considerations and scenarios, rather than detailed costing of specific interventions.

3.5 Support to Stakeholder Engagement and Consultations

- Participate in technical working groups and multisectoral consultations.
- Ensure/facilitate citizen and civil society inputs, particularly those of marginalized populations vulnerable to malnutrition, into the NN-LTP development process
- Provide technical inputs and presentations to support discussions on long-term nutrition priorities and system transformation.
- Support synthesis of stakeholder inputs into strategic directions and the overall NN-LTP framework.

3.6 Technical Review and Quality Assurance

- Review draft sections of the NN-LTP to ensure technical rigor, nutrition- and equity-sensitivity, multisectoral coherence, and alignment with the long-term approach.
- Ensure that nutrition content reflects systems thinking, evidence-based priorities, and long-term transformation pathways.
- Support integration of inputs from Nutrition International portfolios and other stakeholders.
- Contribute to the preparation of technical briefs and background materials as required.

DELIVERABLE

The Nutrition Specialist will submit the following key deliverables:

- **Technical inputs to inception phase:** Contributions to methodology, analytical framework, and application of the Three Horizons approach
- **Nutrition evidence synthesis inputs:** Lead the analysis and synthesis of nutrition trends, determinants, and long-term drivers of change
- **Technical inputs to strategic framework:** Contributions to strategic pillars and transformation pathways across the Three Horizons
- **Inputs to results and learning framework:** Contributions to long-term results pathways, milestones, and learning/review framework
- **Review and technical inputs to draft NN-LTP:** Strengthening strategic coherence, evidence base, and systems-focused framing
- **Final technical review of NN-LTP:** Ensuring technical quality, alignment with long-term perspective, and comprehensiveness
- **Monthly Progress Reports**
Summarizing progress on project activities, stakeholder engagement, key achievements, challenges, and next steps.
- **End-of-Contract Report**
A comprehensive report outlining activities completed, key results achieved, lessons learned, and recommendations for sustaining and advancing progress.

GENDER

Nutrition International is committed to gender equality. Consultants are required to indicate how they will ensure that gender equality considerations are included in the provision of TA, including how they are incorporated into deliverables. Examples of gender equality integration could include but are not limited to; ensuring government departments responsible for women are included wherever possible, gender sensitive indicators are included, emerging data is sex disaggregated, and relevant documentation related to gender is reviewed. Nutrition International's gender equality strategy as well as tools to support gender mainstreaming can be accessed here: [Program Gender Equality Strategy](#).

TIMELINE

- The consultancy will be conducted over a maximum of 60 working days between July and October 2026, with an estimated level of effort of approximately five (15) days per month for up to a total of 60 days.

STATION / LOCATION

- The Nutrition Specialist will be based in the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) office, Dar es Salaam. There may be some local travel as and when required during the assignment. Local travel under this consultancy will be supported by Nutrition International based on prior approval by NI team. Travel allowance will be based on the standard rates of the Nutrition International.

MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING/COORDINATION MECHANISM

- The Nutrition Specialist will report to the Nutrition International Manager, Nutrition Governance, Africa. S/He will work closely with the Nutrition International Country Office and other units at NI HQ as may be needed. S/He will work with and provide technical support to the National Facilitator responsible for the NN-LTP development, and coordinate with the TFNC for technical guidance and feedback.

PROFILE/ QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT

The Nutrition Specialist should have:

Education

An advanced degree (Master's or higher) in nutrition, public health, or related field.

Experience

- Minimum of 8–10 years of progressively responsible experience in nutrition policy and programming, research, strategic planning, or multisectoral nutrition programming
- Strong understanding of the nutrition landscape in Tanzania, including the nutrition situation, policies, institutions, and multisectoral coordination mechanisms.
- Demonstrated experience in nutrition analysis, evidence synthesis, and interpretation of data to inform policy and strategic decision-making, including application of an equity lens.
- Proven experience contributing to the development of national or sub-national policies, strategies, or long-term planning frameworks, preferably in nutrition, food systems, or related sectors.
- Strong technical knowledge of maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN) and broader multisectoral nutrition approaches, including linkages with health, agriculture, education, social protection, and food systems.
- Experience engaging in or supporting multi-stakeholder consultations and policy dialogue involving government, development partners, civil society, and other stakeholders.
- Experience working with government institutions and/or development partners in Sub-Saharan Africa, with strong preference for experience in Tanzania.
- Demonstrated understanding of gender equality principles and their application in nutrition and food systems.
- Fluency in English and Swahili (written and spoken) is required.
- Tanzanian nationals are strongly preferred for this position

Skills

- Strong analytical and strategic thinking skills, with the ability to interpret complex evidence and translate it into long-term strategic insights.
- Ability to contribute to long-term planning processes, including development of strategic frameworks, transformation pathways, and learning agendas.
- Excellent technical writing skills, with demonstrated ability to produce high-quality policy, strategy, and analytical documents.
- Strong ability to translate technical evidence into clear, policy-relevant messages for diverse audiences.
- Proven facilitation, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration skills, particularly in multisectoral settings.
- Ability to work effectively with government stakeholders, including the Prime Minister's Office and technical institutions such as TFNC.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams.
- High level of organization, professionalism, and ability to manage multiple tasks within tight timelines.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested Consultants are invited to submit the following by email to TechnicalAssistance@NutritionIntl.org , copying ematiri@nutritionintl.org by July 3, 2026 23:59pm in Ottawa.

- Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume.
- Cover Letter/ Suitability statement for the consultancy.

Additionally, applicants are expected to complete the [Technical Assistance Provider Recruitment Form - Nutrition International \(nutritionintl.org\)](#).

* The award of this Consultancy contract will be contingent on project funding availability