

Political ambition
and leadership
for nutrition



Globally, 159 million children are stunted (too short for their age), 50 million are wasted (too thin for their height), and 41 million are overweight. Over 2 billion people suffer from deficiencies of vital micronutrients.

Women, children, and adolescents bear the disproportionate burden of malnutrition, which impairs their survival, growth and development, and severely undermines their potential.

In 2013, the UK government hosted the first Nutrition for Growth (N4G) summit, which pushed nutrition up the global agenda. It brought together diverse stakeholders, and provided a much needed boost to tackle malnutrition by raising resources for nutrition.

In 2015, the world adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, including a target to end malnutrition in all its forms by 2030, with a firm commitment to leave no-one behind. Moreover, the UK has set itself an ambitious target to improve nutrition for 50 million people by 2020.

This year, world leaders will gather again for the Nutrition for Growth 2016 summit, and **the UK must offer the highest level of political support to the summit, to report on progress and demonstrate the UK's continued legacy in tackling malnutrition.** This will contribute to sustaining the momentum in global efforts on nutrition, without which malnutrition risks falling off the political agenda.

