GROWTH MONITORING & PROMOTION

EXPERT CONSULTATION

UPDATES, KNOWLEDGE-SHARING, & LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 20-21, 2022

USAID and USAID Advancing Nutrition in collaboration with the Global Financing Facility, UNICEF, and the WHO invite you to join a technical consultation to hear from experts on technical advances in growth monitoring and promotion (GMP) and updates in innovations and implementation since the 2018 convening, share your research or implementation learning with global stakeholders, and work together with colleagues to explore opportunities to address enduring challenges related to GMP to support healthy growth and development for all children.

CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES

- Review and discuss experiences, innovations, research, and advances in GMP implementation since the Global Convening in 2018, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Identify challenges that continue to impact quality GMP.
- Discuss opportunities for strengthening GMP as an important delivery platform for improving child nutrition, health and development outcomes by sharing examples of improved GMP approaches and innovations.
- Identify common interests and priorities for future research and programming resources to strengthen growth monitoring and promotion.

AGENDA

DAY 1: REFLECTING ON THE 2018 GMP CONVENING & SHARING EXPERIENCES	
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM ET	**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
• Kellie Stewart, USAID Bureau for Global Health • Kelsey Torres, USAID Advancing Nutrition • Julie Ruel-Bergeron, Global Financing Facility Secretariat • Lisa Sherburne, USAID Advancing Nutrition	

8:20 AM – 9:20 AM ET	EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION
• Standards on Growth Monitoring and Promotion - Elaine Borghi, WHO • Discourse on Stunting and Linear Growth - Ed Frongillo, University of South Carolina • Measure of Linear Growth Faltering - Swetha Manohar, Johns Hopkins University • State of Tools and Technologies for GMP - Maggie Holmesheoran, USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance • Reflections on GMP Progress and Updates - Claudia Rokx, Heights and Minds	
9:20 AM – 9:35 AM ET	**Q&A SESSION**
9:35 AM – 9:45 AM ET	BREAK
9:45 AM – 10:40 AM ET	**ACTIONS FOR IMPACT: REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES SINCE 2018**
1. Seychelles – Hana Bekele, WHO 2. India – Purnima Menon, IFPRI 3. Egypt – Amaal Abdel Hay, Ministry of Health and Population 4. Ghana – Ghana Health Service 5. Nepal – Bibek Lal, Ministry of Health and Population	
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM ET	**DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE DAY**

DAY 2: SHARING LEARNINGS AND SOLUTIONS TO THORNY CHALLENGES	
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM ET	**WELCOME BACK AND RECAP OF DAY 1**
• Lutuf Abdul-Rahman, USAID Ghana	
8:10 AM - 8:55 AM ET	**SOLVING STICKY ISSUES IN GMP - PART 1**
TRACK 1: MEASURING & TRACKING GROWTH	
• Growth Measurement: Data Quality and Use – Elisa Dominguez, WHO • Quality Improvement – Pooja Pandey, Suaahara II Nepal • Quality Improvement – Mary Chea, Ministry of Health Cambodia	
TRACK 2 : PROMOTING GROWTH	

• Visualizing and Recording Growth – Marcia Griffiths, The Manoff Group • Community accountability – Elvina Karyadi, World Bank Indonesia	
8:55 AM - 9:05 AM ET	BREAK
9:05 AM - 9:50 AM ET	**SOLVING STICKY ISSUES IN GMP - PART 2**
TRACK 1: MEASURING & TRACKING GROWTH	
• Digital Solutions for Measurement and Recording Growth – Margit Bach, UNICEF • Digital Technologies for Growth Monitoring – Markus Pohl, Welthungerhilfe • Digital Solutions for the GMP Processes – Sascha Lamstein, USAID Advancing Nutrition	
TRACK 2 : PROMOTING GROWTH	
• Quality Counseling – Joy Del Rosso • Early Childhood Development and Nurturing Care – Blanca Távara Campos, Ministry of Health Peru • Early Childhood Development and Nurturing Care – Silver Karumba, USAID Rwanda	
9:50 AM – 10:20 AM ET	**PLENARY SHARING & DISCUSSION**
10:20 AM – 10:25 AM ET	**NEXT STEPS**
• Elaine Gray, USAID Bureau for Global Health	
10:25 AM – 10:45 AM ET	**CLOSING REMARKS**