

### INTRODUCTION

The R4V Nutrition Sector, with the objective to ensure refugees and migrant population groups most at risk of malnutrition have access to quality nutrition services and/or interventions to prevent, identify and treat different forms malnutrition, reviewed the response indicators for the RMRP 2025-2026. In this review, some indicators were removed and/or replaced.

Within the regional monitoring framework for the R4V humanitarian response, the objectives and sectoral indicators are key for planning response activities and their targets but also to analyze and report response activities carried out by nutrition partners. For this reason, it is essential that partners understand the indicators as well as their relation to the sector’s objectives to be able to properly plan response activities.

This guide is intended to be used by R4V Nutrition Sector coordinators and partners in the planning of the activities to be submitted to the RMRP 2025-2026. It has three main objectives:

- present how sectoral objectives relate to indicators of the [2025-2026 monitoring framework](#) and associated activities;
- suggest new indicators to replace the ones that were removed from the previous monitoring framework;
- provide guidance on activity submission, target definition and validation of activities based on lessons learnt drawn from previous RMRP planning processes.

### SECTOR OBJECTIVES AND RELATED INDICATORS

Objective 1	Indicators of the 2025-2026 monitoring framework
<p>Ensuring access to nutrition services/ interventions through qualified and trained personnel</p>	<p>Malnutrition prevention in children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # primary caregivers of children 0-23 months receiving IYCF counselling</li> <li>• # children 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women receiving nutrition supplementation</li> </ul> <p>Management of acute malnutrition in children under 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # children 0-59 months screened for acute malnutrition</li> <li>• # children 0-59 months with acute malnutrition (SAM and MAM) admitted for treatment</li> </ul> <p>Management of anemia in children under 19 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # children 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, children 5 to 9 years of age, and adolescents 10 to 19 years screened for anaemia.</li> </ul>

- # children 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, children 5 to 9 years of age, and adolescents 10 to 19 years received anaemia treatment.

Capacity building

- # of refugees, migrants, and host community members trained
- # of Government employees trained
- # of humanitarian and development workers/civil society actors trained
- # of other individuals trained (such as private sector workers)

Campaign

- # of people reached through informational or awareness/sensitization activities

Other

- # of guidelines, standards and tools developed to support and strengthen the response.

**Objective 2**

**Indicators of the 2025-2026 monitoring framework**

Understanding and characterizing the nutrition situation of vulnerable groups.

Under Sector Common Services (IM)

- # of data collection exercises conducted by partner
- # of coordinated, including inter-sectoral / inter-agency, assessments conducted

**Objective 3**

**Indicators of the 2025-2026 monitoring framework**

Advocating for stronger prioritization and funding of nutrition interventions as lifesaving in the migration context.

Under indicator type Advocacy mechanisms

- # produced and disseminated advocacy products
- # of multilateral or interagency events held (incl. meetings on advocacy, policy or coordination)
- # of public policies and programs supported

Some indicators were removed and replaced for generic ones relevant to all the sectors (found under Common Services):

Removed indicators from the RMRP 2023-2024 monitoring framework	Replacement indicators of the 2025-2026 monitoring framework
# Nutrition surveys undertaken	Under: Common Services (IM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of data collection exercises conducted by partner</li> <li>• # of coordinated, including inter-sectoral / inter-agency, assessments conducted</li> </ul>
# health and community workers trained to provide quality nutrition services to children under 5, adolescents and/or pregnant and lactating women	Under: Common Services (Coordination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of refugees, migrants, and host community members trained</li> </ul> Under: Common Services (IM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of other individuals trained (such as private sector workers)</li> </ul>
# training sessions conducted with R4V nutrition partners	# of humanitarian and development workers/ civil society actors trained  # of Government employees trained
# advocacy events/products in favor of nutrition of vulnerable groups in emergencies supported	Common Services (Coordination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # produced and disseminated advocacy products</li> <li>• # of multilateral or interagency events held (incl. meetings on advocacy, policy or coordination)</li> <li>• # of public policies and programs supported</li> </ul>
# caregivers, families, and/or community members reached with key nutrition messages and key information on nutrition services	Under: Common Services (Communication) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of people reached through informational or awareness/ sensitization activities</li> </ul>

It is important to plan for Nutrition sector coordination and information management (IM) activities and report them. The following indicators can be used from Common Services:

Indicators	Indicators of the 2025-2026 monitoring framework
Nutrition Sector coordination	<p>Common Services (Coordination)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of multilateral or interagency events held (incl. meetings on advocacy, policy or coordination)</li> </ul> <p>Under Common Services (Fundraising)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of inter-agency resource mobilization activities</li> </ul>
Nutrition Sector IM	<p>Under: Common Services (IM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of common information management products</li> </ul> <p>Under: Common Services (Reporting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of reports produced within the R4V framework</li> </ul>

### ACTIVITY SUBMISSION AND VALIDATION

Based on previous RMRP planning exercises, the following challenges/inconsistencies were seen and recommendations were made for activity submission, target definition and validation of activities:

ACTIVITY SUBMISSION	
Challenges	Recommendations
Some activities unrelated to the R4V Nutrition sector activities, such as food distribution, distribution of breast-milk substitutes, were submitted under the R4V Nutrition Sector using an indicator unrelated to the activity.	<p>Activities outside the scope of the R4V Nutrition Sector and related population groups should not be submitted to this sector. In case of doubt, please refer to the following document: Introduction to the R4V Nutrition Sector:</p> <p><a href="https://www.r4v.info/en/document/introduction-r4v-nutrition-sector">https://www.r4v.info/en/document/introduction-r4v-nutrition-sector</a></p>
Some partners provided very little details regarding their activities, making it therefore difficult to understand the planned activity as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under “Activity name” include the title of the activity detailing the activity, related to the indicator population group targeted “Breastfeeding counseling for infants 0-6 months”</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under “Activity description” provide a brief description of the activity in less than 250 words including: details of the activity, population group targeted and their number, geographical area, in collaboration with which partner: “Conduct breastfeeding counseling sessions targeting 500 caregivers of infants 0-6 months through trained personnel from implementing partner (NGO) at the Ecuador/Peru border. This activity includes identification of infants aged 0-6 months and evaluation of their feeding practices.”</li> <li>• Ensure the indicator type selected is related to the activity proposed.</li> </ul>
<p>The submission template only allows the disaggregation of male and female children and adults, not all the nutrition target groups (or ethnic groups).</p>	<p>As the submission template only allows disaggregation of male and female children and adults, ensure that specific targets and targets groups are described under “activity description”.</p>
TARGET DEFINITION	
Challenges	Recommendations
<p>Some activities were targeted at population groups that are not the focus of the nutrition sector (e.g. male adults)</p>	<p>Ensure the target submitted is in line with the indicator, e.g. target cannot be included in the column “male” if the indicator is on pregnant and lactating women.</p>
<p>Some of the targets were reduced based on the target reached in the previous year with the available funds or taking into account the PIN.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the target submitted is not superior to the PIN for the specific population group(s).</li> <li>• Ensure that target reflects the number of people to be reached if funds were mobilized, i.e. the number should not reflect the target of beneficiaries that could be reached without funds mobilized. In that sense, ensure funding requirements inserted are in line with the target.</li> </ul>

VALIDATION OF ACTIVITIES	
Challenges	Recommendations
<p>Not all partners that submitted nutrition activities are actively participating in the nutrition sector.</p>	<p>Follow the validation criteria provided in the Planning instructions of the 2025-2026 RMRP guidelines on pages 14-15 (setting up a validation committee, deciding the criteria for validation of activities etc.):</p> <p><a href="https://www.r4v.info/en/document/rmrp-2025-2026-planning-instructions">https://www.r4v.info/en/document/rmrp-2025-2026-planning-instructions</a></p>
<p>Some activities submitted do not correspond to the guidelines of the sector (e.g. distribution of breast milk substitutes).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every activity submitted for the RMRP has to go through the validation process led by the Nutrition Sector lead, or at least where the Nutrition Sector is present.</li> <li>• Ensure that activities submitted to the Nutrition sector are validated in a space separate from other sectors (e.g. health, food security). Set up one or several sessions to allow enough time for activity validation.</li> </ul>
<p>In countries, where Nutrition is under another sector, the review of the activities of that sector were prioritized, leaving little or no time for the review and validation of Nutrition activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take into account the time needed to send comments to partners and get their modified activities back.</li> <li>• Ensure to establish a validation committee per country to validate activities submitted to the Nutrition sector, composed by the sector coordinator with one or two nutrition sector partners (depending on the context of the country) to conduct the following activities:</li> <li>• Ensure that partners that present nutrition activities under the RMRP are part of the nutrition sector, i.e. have nutrition capacity and participate in sectoral meetings. If not the case, activities should not be approved.</li> <li>• Ensure activities submitted are the ones established by the R4V Nutrition sector and contribute to the sector objectives. (In case of doubt, please refer to the following document: Introduction to the R4V Nutrition Sector: <a href="https://www.r4v.info/en/document/introduction-r4v-nutrition-sector">https://www.r4v.info/en/document/introduction-r4v-nutrition-sector</a>)</li> </ul>

- Ensure activities submitted have sufficient details under “activity description” in a way to allow understanding of the activity and target group (guidelines to be prepared in advance, see previous point).
- Ensure that activities submitted are targeted at the nutrition sector population groups (i.e., children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and adolescents).
- Ensure that the columns “activity name” and “activity description” of activities submitted match the nutrition indicator.
- Ensure to use the validation criteria included in the RMRP guidelines is followed.
- Submit activities to the national R4V only after the previous steps took place.

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