

Terms of Reference for the LSFF Indicator Guide: A Resource for National and Global Stakeholders

Background

Data-driven decision-making is critical for effective large scale food fortification (LSFF) programs, yet the current LSFF data landscape is fragmented and underutilized. While existing guidelines offer broad recommendations on data collection and use, there is no standardized or harmonized framework for LSFF indicators. This has led to inconsistent and incomparable data across countries, especially in key areas like fortification coverage and compliance. Despite broader efforts in the nutrition community to align indicator guidance, a major gap remains for LSFF – there is a lack of globally recognized, detailed, and fit-for-purpose LSFF indicator guidance. This limits the ability to design effective programs, adjust implementation based on performance, and make informed decisions on scaling up or down fortification efforts. To address this gap, DIInA will liaise with fortification experts to develop a list of prioritized LSFF indicators with guidance on its definition (including numerator and denominator). This guidance document is targeted to address the needs of the multidisciplinary stakeholders in LSFF, providing clear definitions of prioritized indicators and their use.

Purpose

The LSFF Indicator Guide Working Group will bring together technical experts, particularly national fortification experts, to:

- Agree on scope and framework for the guidance document
- Prioritize indicators for inclusion in the LSFF Indicator Guidance
- Review prioritized indicator definitions and associated content to ensure they are contextually relevant and actionable for national use.
- Provide input on a data decision hierarchy and the intended use of indicators

LSFF Indicator Guide Working Group member responsibilities

Working Group members will participate in five working group meetings between Q1 - Q2 2026 to contribute their expertise, support guidance advancement. Working Group members may be asked to contribute to indicator list development, identification of guidance users, engagement of guidance users (e.g. to ground truth indicator reference sheet templates), draft indicator reference sheets, and/or support guidance progress.

Roles & responsibilities

Working groups members:

- Participate actively in all meetings and review materials in advance.
- Provide expert input into the identification, prioritization, and definition of LSFF indicators.
- Share additional resources, initiatives, and documents that may be relevant for inclusion in the guide.
- Review and comment on draft outputs, including indicator content, and the guidance document.
- Review the nutrition compendium guide fortification overview tables and reference sheets
- Contribute to planning for dissemination and uptake of the finalized indicator guidance.
- Support the national and regional level uptake of the indicator guidance document.

Working group chair(s):

- Lead discussions and ensure inclusive participation.
- Facilitate consensus building on key decisions and outputs.

Timeline

Meeting #	Approximate Date	Purpose
1	March 2026	Agree on the overall framework for indicator guidance, confirm prioritization criteria, define the scope of the guidance document and identify any missing resources or indicators.
2	April 2026	Prioritize indicators for inclusion in the guidance
3	May 2026	Review content on indicators and their use.
4	June 2026	Review and endorse the final draft of the LSFF Indicator Guidance document.
5	July 2026	Finalize stakeholder engagement and dissemination plans

Terms of service

The anticipated time commitment for working group members is 5 days over an approximately 6-month period. The anticipated time commitment for working group chairs is 9 days over an approximately 6-month period. No financial compensation will be provided, but acknowledgement of members and their organization will be in the final output.