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## Purpose

Over 295 million people, across 53 countries, faced acute hunger last year, a figure that has risen consecutively for six years. Globally, malnutrition – an entirely preventable and treatable condition – is a direct or underlying cause of 45% of all deaths of children under the age of five. Good nutrition is foundational to development and is critical to the achievement of the majority of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Good nutrition plays a critical role in health, education, economic advancement, and gender equality. It also makes vaccines more effective, reducing the risk of infectious diseases. Investments to scale up high-impact nutrition interventions could avert 6.2 million deaths in children under age five over the next decade as well as generate economic benefit.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Nutrition for Development aims to raise the profile of global malnutrition in Parliament and champion solutions to end it. Since its inception in 2019, it has aimed to strengthen cross-party Parliamentary support for UK investment in nutrition and food security, and to support and challenge the UK Government to maintain their leadership on global nutrition and food security.

## The APPG's Aims

- To inform Parliamentarians about the global state of nutrition and food security.
- To strengthen cross-party Parliamentary support for UK leadership and investment in nutrition.
- To support and challenge the UK Government to maintain their leadership on global nutrition.

## The APPG's 2024/5 Objectives

- To keep members informed of updates and milestones across global nutrition and equipped with up-to-date data to enable them to make meaningful Parliamentary contributions.
- To ensure sufficient Parliamentary attention is given to the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris in 2025.
- To maintain and build relationships with key actors working on nutrition and with Parliamentarians in other countries.
- To undertake cross-party Parliamentary delegation overseas visits to high burden countries to understand examples of progress and challenges to meeting nutrition targets.
- To undertake cross-party Parliamentary visits to UK science and research hubs to understand examples of British innovation to address malnutrition and food insecurity.
- To demonstrate the cross-cutting / cross-sectoral nature of nutrition as foundational to development.
- To grow membership and reach of the APPG.

## The APPG Online

- Website: <https://appg-n4dev.org.uk/>
- X: <https://x.com/APPGNutrition>

# Progress Report 2024-2025

## Nutrition for Growth

A key focus of the APPG this year was to ensure sufficient Parliamentary attention was given to the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris in March 2025. N4G is a global pledging moment to drive greater action towards ending malnutrition. It aims to answer the questions of how to tackle malnutrition. The UK pioneered N4G, hosting a Hunger Summit under the spotlight of the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games, and hosting the first N4G in London in 2013. The APPG set out its [policy priorities](#) for the Summit and also held a series of meetings and events in the run up to the event:

In December 2024, the APPG on Nutrition for Development, together with the APPG on the UN Global Goals, met with the Special Envoy for N4G, Brieuc Pont, to provide an opportunity for UK Parliamentarians to be briefed by the Special Envoy on the overarching objectives of the Paris N4G, and to discuss how UK Parliamentarians can best contribute to a successful Summit.

In February 2025, the APPG co-hosted a reception in Parliament, *Looking Ahead to Nutrition for Growth 2025*, in partnership with the International Coalition for Advocacy on Nutrition (ICAN) UK, a network of more than 30 UK-based organisations collaborating to save and improve lives through better nutrition. Co-Chair, David Mundell MP, opened the event and was followed by speakers Sayyeda Salam, Executive Director of Concern Worldwide UK, Fatima Askira, Founder of BOWDI (Borno Women Development Initiative), and Misan Harriman, activist, photographer, and filmmaker who is a Save the Children Ambassador. The Minister for Africa, Lord Collins of Highbury – a former Co-Chair of the APPG – also spoke, and the APPG's Co-Chair, Steve Race MP, made closing remarks. The reception was attended by a number of APPG Members.

In March 2025, the APPG's Co-Chairs, David Mundell MP and Steve Race MP, travelled to Paris to build a deeper understanding of the aims and objectives of N4G Paris, to understand how UK Parliamentarians can support the Summit, and to engage and build relationships with French Parliamentarians ahead of N4G. Following this fruitful visit, the APPG Co-Chairs co-wrote [an article](#) in the Guardian alongside French MP, Éléonore Caroit, urging the UK and France to make strong pledges at the N4G Summit.

Later that month, APPG Co-Chair David Mundell MP [led a debate](#) in Parliament on the N4G Summit, with a number of cross-party Parliamentarians speaking, including fellow APPG Co-Chair, Steve Race MP, Vice-Chair, Monica Harding MP, and Member, Wendy Morton MP. Alongside this, the APPG Co-Chair, David Mundell MP, also wrote an article in [Parliament News](#) about the need for swift action to stop the malign effects of malnutrition.

The APPG Co-Chairs returned to Paris to attend the N4G Summit itself, joined by Dr Beccy Cooper MP, Chair of the APPG on Global Health and Security, and Lord Oates, Chief Executive of United Against Malnutrition & Hunger (UAMH), which provides the Secretariat for the APPG. The delegation joined several receptions and side events at the Summit, as well as the Official Opening of N4G, opened by the Prime Minister of France, François Bayrou, with H.M. Letsie III, King of Lesotho, Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, Vice President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and Rosângela 'Janja' Lula da Silva, the First Lady of Brazil.

In the margins of the Summit, the delegation was able to meet with nutrition experts to hear about their work in communities, including Dr Mairo Mandara, a Nigerian obstetrician, gynaecologist, and public health physician, Dr Sufia Askari, Managing Director of Sight and Life, a global organisation dedicated to tackling

malnutrition, and Dr Sherin Varkey, World Bank Program Leader for Human Development for Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Eritrea. The delegation also met with SUN Civil Society Network (SUN CSN) youth advocates, Jane Napais Lankisa, a trained nutritionist from Kenya, Messeny Bafouro Camara, a rural engineer from the Republic of Guinea, Finian Ali, an activist, NGO Professional and Development Research Fellow from Nigeria, and a group of World Vision International's Young Leaders – Salome, 16 years' old and from Colombia, Sunischita, 15 years' old and from Nepal, and Williams, 17 years' old and from Sierra Leone.

At the Summit, the Co-Chairs were encouraged to see the world coming together to address the global challenge of malnutrition. However, it was disappointing that the UK Government chose not to make a financial commitment at the Summit, despite its stated support for nutrition. The APPG's response to the Summit can be found [here](#).

## Showcasing British science

One of the key objectives of the APPG is to undertake cross-party Parliamentary visits to UK science and research hubs to understand examples of British innovation to address malnutrition and food insecurity, and to feed the world sustainably. These visits demonstrate the strength and breadth of the UK's research and innovation in malnutrition, agriculture and food security, and also highlight the importance of maintaining consistent funding streams for research and development, given that research programmes such as these cannot easily be turned off and on. In 2025, the APPG visited three institutions to learn more about their work:

In February 2025, the APPG's Co-Chair, David Mundell MP, and Member, Baroness Hayman, visited John Innes Centre's headquarters in Norwich to hear about their groundbreaking work on fortified and drought resistant crops and other work to tackle global malnutrition. The John Innes Centre is an independent, international centre of excellence in plant science, genetics, and microbiology. During the visit, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with a number of John Innes Centre's inspiring and dedicated academics, led by its Director, Professor Graham Moore.

In June 2025, the APPG's Co-Chairs, David Mundell MP and Steve Race MP, and Members, Lord Cameron of Dillington and Baroness Hodgson of Abinger, visited Rothamsted Research's headquarters in Harpenden. Rothamsted Research is the longest-running agricultural research institute in the world with a proud history of ground-breaking discoveries. During the visit, the delegation met with a number of Rothamsted Research's academics – led by its CEO, Professor Angela Karp, a powerhouse of agricultural research knowledge and experimentation – to learn more about the role of British scientific research in improving the nutritional quality of crops for human and livestock consumption.

In October 2025, the APPG's Co-Chair, Steve Race MP, visited the University of Exeter to hear more about its global malnutrition and food insecurity portfolios, with a focus on the impacts of climate change on food and farmers, and how we need to build resilience into the food system, ahead of COP30. The University of Exeter's Food Security Portfolio directly addresses ecosystem modification, nutrition, climate change, and destructive economies, with an aim to develop and deliver sustainable social and economic solutions at scale across development assistance countries and marine environments.

## Learning delegations to high burden countries

Parliamentary delegations to high burden countries are vital to the work of the APPG, enabling Members to understand more about the global state of nutrition and see first-hand the impact of malnutrition as well as local solutions to address malnutrition and food insecurity.

In June 2025, APPG Co-Chairs, David Mundell MP and Steve Race MP, and Vice-Chair, Monica Harding MP, visited Tanzania to see first-hand the impact of UK overseas development in treating and preventing malnutrition and to understand the work of national and regional government, scientists, health workers, humanitarian organisations, charities, civil society, local businesses, and local communities. Lord Oates, Chief Executive of United Against Malnutrition & Hunger (UAMH), which provides the Secretariat for the APPG, also joined the visit.

The visit coincided with the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Week Conference in Dar es Salaam co-hosted by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Sokoine University of Agriculture, with support from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The ANH Academy Week brings together a community of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers working at the intersection of agriculture, food systems, nutrition, and health to foster knowledge exchange, innovation, learning, and uptake of interdisciplinary research. The delegation joined the ANH2025 programme at various moments throughout the week including for the opening and closing plenaries, which were led by the Deputy Prime Minister of Tanzania, Hon. Dr Doto Mashaka Biteko. The delegation was also able to meet with Neema Lugangira, a Tanzanian Member of Parliament and champion on global nutrition.

The delegation was able to visit some projects and organisations working specifically on addressing malnutrition and food insecurity in Tanzania, including the World Food Programme (WFP)'s clean cooking transition in schools project, a UNICEF-supported 'Village Health and Nutrition Day' in Zanzibar, Sanku's Nutrient Premix Blending Factory and Flour Bag Factory, and Action Against Hunger Tanzania Mission.

The delegation was honoured to meet many inspiring and dedicated people during the visit, to hear powerful testimonies from those affected, and to celebrate the incredible work of healthcare professionals, scientists, researchers, educators, regional and national governments, NGOs and civil society, and other partners who are the backbone of the response.

## Raising the Parliamentary profile of malnutrition

Throughout the year, Members of the APPG have frequently contributed to debates and oral questions in both chambers, as well as tabling written questions on the subject of global nutrition. As well as the Westminster Hall debate ahead of N4G, notable highlights include APPG Co-Chair raising the Child Nutrition Fund at FCDO orals, APPG Member Baroness Brown holding a debate on the use of starvation as a weapon of war in the House of Lords, and various members of the APPG speaking about hunger in a House of Lords debate on the humanitarian crisis in Sudan.

The APPG has also written to various Ministers in the Government, calling for greater action on global nutrition, as well as working with other APPGs and civil society organisations to hold events, meetings, and briefings to raise the Parliamentary profile of malnutrition.

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The work of the APPG would not be possible without the organisations working in the nutrition and development sectors. The APPG would like to thank all the partners, organisations, and individuals it has had the pleasure of working with or meeting this year, including, but not limited to:

Action Against Hunger, Action for Global Health, the Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy, BOWDI – Borno Women Development Initiative, CGIAR, Concern Worldwide UK, Eleanor Crook Foundation, University of Exeter, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Foreign, Commonwealth and

Development Office (FCDO), Gates Foundation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) East Africa Hub, John Innes Centre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Médecins Sans Frontiers, Power of Nutrition, University of Reading, Results UK, Rothamsted Research, Sanku, Save the Children UK, Sokoine University of Agriculture, SUN Civil Society Network, UNICEF, Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre, World Food Programme, World Vision International.

## Looking Ahead 2026

Following confirmation of the APPG's workplan at its Annual General Meeting, the APPG will continue to work cross-party to raise the profile of global malnutrition in Parliament and champion solutions to end it. The APPG will continue to build a breadth and depth of Parliamentary support for global nutrition, including by undertaking learning visits to British science institutions and to high burden countries.

There are several key opportunities that the APPG will look to focus on in the new year, as well as continuing its focus on key contexts and thematic issues. March will mark one year on from N4G, marking a moment for us to reflect back on the commitments and progress since the Summit. In France, where the Summit was held, there are potential plans to hold N4G stocktake activities around the G7, which the APPG will look to engage with.

In 2026, the UK Government will also host its future of development conference, an opportunity to ensure nutrition is recognised as foundational to development. The UK is also set to host the 2027 G20 Summit, and the APPG will look for opportunities to engage and shape the agenda related to nutrition and development.

## Membership

The APPG's success would not be possible without the support and dedication of our Members. We are very grateful for their commitment to championing action on malnutrition within Parliament.

We would like to pay particular tribute to this year's Co-Chairs, David Mundell MP and Steve Race MP, and Vice-Chairs, Monica Harding MP and Baroness Goudie, for their ongoing dedication and work.

**The Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St John**  
(Conservative)

**The Baroness Hodgson of Abinger**  
(Conservative)

**The Rt Hon Lord Boateng**  
(Labour)

**Laura Kyrke-Smith MP**  
(Labour)

**The Baroness Brown of Silvertown**  
(Labour)

**Alice Macdonald MP**  
(Labour)

**The Rt Hon Lord Bruce of Bennachie**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**The Rt Hon Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale**  
(Labour)

**The Lord Cameron of Dillington**  
(Crossbench)

**The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP**  
(Conservative)

**Sarah Champion MP**  
(Labour)

**The Rt Hon David Mundell MP**  
(Conservative)

**Bambos Charalambous MP**  
(Labour)

**The Rt Hon Baroness Northover**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**The Lord Crisp**  
(Crossbench)

**The Lord Purvis of Tweed**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP**  
(Labour)

**Steve Race MP**  
(Labour)

**The Rt Hon Baroness Featherstone**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**The Baroness Sheehan**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**The Rt Hon the Lord Foulkes of Cumnock**  
(Labour)

**The Baroness Sugg**  
(Conservative)

**The Baroness Goudie**  
(Labour)

**The Baroness Suttie**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**Monica Harding MP**  
(Liberal Democrat)

**David Taylor MP**  
(Labour)

**The Rt Hon the Baroness Hayman**  
(Crossbench)

**The Lord Verjee**  
(Liberal Democrat)

## Secretariat

The Alliance to End Malnutrition and Hunger Limited (known as United Against Malnutrition & Hunger, or UAMH) acts as the Secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nutrition for Development.

UAMH is an alliance for global action on malnutrition and hunger, bringing people and organisations together from scientific, business, finance, military, diplomatic, faith, philanthropic, and civil society backgrounds who want to see a world in which everyone has access to the nutrition they need to thrive and to contribute to prosperous and stable communities.

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