

# National Technical Board of Nutrition (NTBN)

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## Who constituted NTBN?

Ministry of Women & Child Development has constituted National Technical Board of Nutrition (NTBN) under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, to **provide technical, responsive and evidence based recommendations on the policy relevant issues in concerning Nutrition for women and children.**

The role of the board is advisory and specific in terms of synthesis of technical, analysis and evidence based recommendations, responsive to the local context.

## Objectives of NTBN

NTBN was formulated with the following objectives:

- To make technical recommendations on the policy relevant issues concerning Nutrition for women and children.
- To advise the States/UTs on preventive measures (including behaviour change) and management of Severe acute malnutrition(SAM) children.
- To coordinate the collation, synthesis of existing scientific and operational research, identify research gaps and make technical recommendations for the research agenda.
- To provide technical guidance on the design of nutrition surveys proposed by States/UTs, other sectors and institutions and their coherence with ongoing National Health and other surveys.
- Formulation of India specific growth indicators including stunting.
- Any other issue which may be referred to the Board by

the MWCD.

### **Scientific Sub Committee (SSC)**

- NTBN is supported by the Scientific Sub Committee (SSC), co-chaired by Secretary, Department of Bio Technology (DBT) and Secretary, Department of Health Research (DHR).
- SSC-NTBN has been formulated with the objective of giving technical recommendations to NTBN and to identify the research gaps for setting up of potential research agenda.
- Also, to examine malnutrition related challenges such as high prevalence of anaemia, diarrhoea etc. its causes and potential interventions.

### **The NTBN has examined and finalized the following Guidelines:**

- Operational Guidelines on prevention of malnutrition and community based management of severe acute malnutrition (c-MAM)
- Operational Guidelines on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)