

Data from the sources listed in the Technical Appendix were compiled into a master database, with detailed information on country-specific data sources and footnotes. A flat Excel spreadsheet, summarizing the information into a single file, was created to populate the country profiles and is available on the Nurturing Care website (www.nurturing-care.org).

Countries

Profiles are provided for 197 countries. The complete list can be found in the Technical Appendix.

Selection of the 91 countries for which profiles were originally produced in 2018 was based on at least one of three criteria:

- 1 Countries with 30 per cent or more of children under age 5 at risk of poor development as a result of stunting or extreme poverty (less than US\$1.90 a day) in 2010. This threshold was selected as the cut-off since, according to WHO, stunting is a public health concern in a country if at least 20 per cent of children are stunted,¹ and since an estimated 10 per cent of the world population live in extreme poverty.²
- 2 Developing countries that accounted for 95 per cent of children under age 5 estimated to be at risk of poor development in 2010 due to exposure to stunting or extreme poverty. Many of these are countries with large child populations, including Brazil, China, Mexico and Turkey.
- 3 Countries included in the Countdown to 2030.

Subsequently, a decision was made to expand and update the profiles for 138 low- and middle-income countries in 2019. In 2020, the existing profiles for 138 countries were updated and new profiles were developed for 59 high-income countries.

^{1.} World Health Organization, *Global Nutrition Policy Review: What does it take to scale up nutrition action?*, WHO, Geneva, 2013, <<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/84408>>.

^{2.} World Bank, *Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2016: Taking on inequality*, World Bank, Washington, D.C., 2016, <<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25078/9781464809583.pdf>>.