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**Subject: Policy Implications of Lancet Series on Nutrition, 2013 - Guard against Commercial Exploitation of Malnutrition**

Sir,

The Lancet has recently published a Series on Maternal and Child Nutrition, 2013. A formal launch of this series is planned for June 28, 2013 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The primary objective of this launch is to advocate for urgent action to address the appalling burden of malnutrition in mothers and children in India in light of the series findings.

We applaud and endorse the call that “the post-2015 sustainable development agenda must put addressing all forms of malnutrition at the top of its goals”. However, we have substantial reservations about some broad issues and the specific solutions being promoted, which are **articulated in the attached brief statement**. *This Lancet Series on Nutrition, 2013 should not be allowed to become an opportunity for commercial exploitation of malnutrition.*

We make a fervent appeal for an active consideration of our above stated concerns by the Government of India while taking any policy decisions based on the Lancet Series on Nutrition, 2013. We would be delighted if an opportunity is provided to us for explaining and discussing these issues in person.


We thank you for considering our appeal in national interest.

Yours truly,



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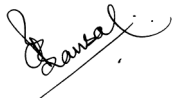
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