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## The Eleanor Crook Foundation Announces 100 Million USD Commitment to Global Nutrition at the Milan Global Nutrition Summit

**Milan, Italy (November 4, 2017)** – The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) today announced a USD 100 Million commitment by 2030 to fund research, capacity building, and advocacy for global nutrition. The commitment will unlock an additional USD 50 Million in matched funding for nutrition from the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID). ECF additionally announced a new strategic collaboration with DFID and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) that will further align the nutrition strategy and programming of the three institutions.

“Let this chapter, this next 15-year instant between 2015-2030, be the end of the story of hunger, and the start of something startling, and new. How many more wrong-turns and crossroads before every mother is able to feed and nourish her children?” said William Moore, Executive Director at ECF.

ECF’s Executive Director William H. Moore, UK Minister The Rt. Hon the Lord Bates, and USAID Counselor Thomas Staal met in Milan today to sign a statement of intent to launch the collaboration.

This three-way collaboration aims to bring DFID and USAID’s support for nutrition scale-up alongside ECF’s capacity to pursue innovative and cost-effective approaches to improving nutrition. The approaches include community-based treatment of severe acute malnutrition, nutrition messaging through mobile technology (mHealth), and gender-sensitive nutrition programming. The parties will report their progress and outcomes to the Global Nutrition Report and at the 2020 Nutrition for Growth Summit.

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Malnutrition is the number-one driver of the global burden of disease.<sup>1</sup> Chronic malnutrition affects 23% (155 million) of CU5.<sup>2</sup> Addressing malnutrition will require concerted, coordinated efforts to find effective, innovative, and scalable solutions to the most intractable drivers of poor nutrition.

#### **ABOUT THE ELEANOR CROOK FOUNDATION**

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) is a growing US-based philanthropy focused exclusively on global nutrition. ECF supports innovative solutions to malnutrition through three key means: (1) funding and support for nutrition implementation research in East Africa; (2) technical capacity building and funding for local East African organizations to implement high-quality nutrition programs in their own communities; and (3) coalition-building and external stakeholder engagement initiatives to leverage additional support and funding for global nutrition.

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<sup>1</sup> International Food Policy Research Institute. 2016. *Global Nutrition Report 2016: From Promise to Impact: Ending Malnutrition by 2030*.

<sup>2</sup> Global Nutrition Report 2017