Dr. Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro will be honored as the 2018 World Food Prize Laureates for their individual efforts in reducing maternal and early childhood malnutrition in Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

Dr. Haddad persuaded policymakers to place a high priority on global nutrition, particularly since improving nutrition will almost halve child mortality before the age of 5. He also created initiatives for accountability and guidance in global nutrition through the creation of the Global Nutrition Report, which analyzed government advancements in reducing malnutrition. Through Dr. Haddad’s leadership, governments were able to see their progress and allocate resources where they’re needed most to combat malnutrition across the globe.

Dr. David Nabarro coordinated the UN’s Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, which established the magnitude of child malnutrition through science-based evidence and highlighted the lack of progress towards a solution. Under Dr. Nabarro’s direction, the SUN Movement unified leaders of countries suffering from food issues, donors from charitable organizations and members of civil society groups. His efforts helped establish agriculture and food issues as a mainstream concern, and his creation of various nutrition interventions were implemented by national governments.