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Allison is currently the Director, a.i. of Nutrition at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). She was reassigned as Deputy Director in March 2020, and is covering the Director position at interim. Prior to taking up her current role, she was a Senior Regional Nutrition Advisor including Social Protection, School Feeding and HIV at the WFP Regional Bureau in Nairobi, which she joined in 2014. During her career, Allison has held leadership positions in the nutrition field with UNHCR for nine years, and worked on projects with the MSF, UNICEF and IFRC. Before relocating to WFP's Rome Headquarter, she worked in East Africa and the Horn of Africa for 20 years.

She holds a Master's in Public Health with a speciality in International Nutrition, and concentration in Maternal and Child Health from the University of California-Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Anthropology and Religion (Peace Studies) from Swarthmore College in the USA.