***General Guidelines***

* *Suggested page length: 5-6 pages*
* *Objective: The strategy aims to present a collective vision on how UN is currently contributing to nutrition outcomes and identify strategic opportunities for enhancing UN impact given the UN’s strengths and comparative advantage vis-à-vis nutrition.. It describes how the UN is supporting national nutrition efforts and seeks to identify needs that are not being addressed and/or that could be addressed more efficiently or effectively.*

**Section 1: Nutrition Situation** *[1/2 page]*

*Briefly describe the nutrition situation in the country. Use data from any situation analysis conducted in the country and other relevant literature (nutrition surveys, reports, etc.). Highlight the key problems and the drivers of malnutrition.*

**Section 2: Nutrition Governance** *[1/2 page]*

* *Summarise the breadth and status of the nutrition-related policy framework. Briefly describe any current nutrition policy, strategy and/or action plan including its validity (current/outdated), status (formally endorsed by government) and whether it is multi-sectoral.*
* *Specify whether any relevant national and/or sectoral policies and/or strategies discuss nutrition? If so, which ones?*
* *Describe the institutional arrangements for nutrition including the main nutrition stakeholders in the country; primary coordination mechanisms for nutrition (high level, technical level and secretariat, if any) at national and sub-national level. Specify whether they are informal or formal structures as well as the extent to which they are operational and inclusive of multiple sectors. Describe the status of other SUN networks in country (donors, civil society, UN, business) and the extent to which they are operational and inclusive.*

**Section 3: Government Response** *[1/2 page]*

*Briefly explain the nutrition response, as defined by relevant government strategies and plans, being sure to identify:*

* *National priority interventions/core nutrition actions selected to address the country’s nutrition issues.*
* *M&E system in place for strategies/plans; i.e. how is progress tracked*
* *Overall funding allocated to nutrition actions by government plans, if possible, and any major gaps.*

**Section 4: Current UN Support** *[1-2 pages]*

*Summarise how UN agencies are currently supporting the defined Government’s nutrition response (as described by the National Action Plan (or National Nutrition Strategy if an action plan does not exist) and aspirations for future UN contributions being sure to highlight:*

* *UN support being provided to the Government’s priority interventions/actions and current mechanisms for coordination, highlighting the extent to which UN response is multi-sectoral.*
* *How UN support addresses the country’s nutrition issues (i.e. where is UN seeking efficiency, effectiveness, joint programmes, common delivery mechanisms, joint targeting).*
* *Any programming/support gaps (e.g.no programmes in area of UN value added, limited alignment with national policy and UNDAF or equivalent, unaligned geographic focus…).*
* *How the UN ensures inter-agency coordination on nutrition (e.g. existence/functions of UN network for SUN, links to UNDAF and UNCT).*
* *Note key non-UN actors[[1]](#footnote-1) supporting the implementation of national priority interventions/core nutrition actions (brief description of key programmes, geographic focus areas, target groups).*

**Section 5: UN Vision on Nutrition** *[1/2 page]*

*Briefly describe the UN vision on nutrition in the country, i.e. what change is expected in terms of nutrition outcomes and/or what returns are expected in relation to UN investments in nutrition.*

**Section 6: Looking Forward** *[2 pages]*

*Outline the key elements of the UN Nutrition Strategy/Agenda, highlighting:*

* *Strategic Focus Areas;*
* *Expected Results (e.g. target outcomes); and*
* *Immediate Actions/Priorities (e.g. priority outputs).*

*The text should include how the UN intends to address current gaps, as well as outline those strategic opportunities the UN system aims to pursue, such as:*

* + - *Joint advocacy efforts*
    - *Joint programmes/programming*
    - *Geographic/targeting convergence*
    - *Leveraging significant programmes/opportunities with other actors (e.g. private sector, civil society)*
    - *Maximizing alignment with other initiatives on nutrition (e.g. SUN, AGIR, other)*

**Section 7: Measuring Success** *[1/2 page]*

*Briefly reiterate the priority outcomes on nutrition the UN is aiming to address and how these are aligned with UNDAF (or equivalent) outcomes, UN Global Nutrition Agenda (UNGNA) priority outcomes and UN Network for SUN performance indicators. Discuss how progress will be tracked and key measures of success[[2]](#footnote-2). Also consider who will own the process and keep the strategy alive within UNCT. Indicate whether the elements proposed in this UN Strategy/Agenda is feasible with current resources (financial/technical) or whether additional resources will need to be mobilized.*

**Annexes (as appropriate and to be agreed by UN Network for SUN members)**

1. *A few key slides from the UN Nutrition Inventory to highlight (a) UN geographic focus vis-à-vis areas with highest levels of malnutrition; (b) UN alignment with objectives of the national nutrition strategy and/or plan including investment levels; (c) UN alignment with core nutrition actions at national and/or subnational level (as appropriate).*
2. *Key indicators (and/or logframe) to measure progress with regards to implementation of UN Strategy/Agenda.*
3. *Other.*

1. Significant actions by other actors in nutrition that have influenced UN decisions on how and where to focus UN support to nutrition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Where appropriate and valued by UN Network for SUN members, these indicators can be framed in a log frame as annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)