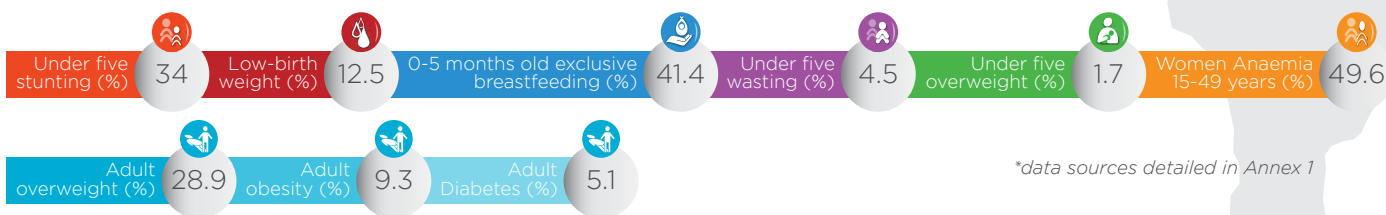




Joined: December 2011
Population: 10.32 million

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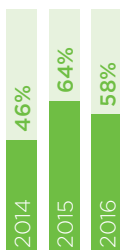
Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Benin's Multi-Sectoral Platform - the National Council of Food and Nutrition (CAN) - has progressively consolidated and is now decentralised in 10 communes, pending its extension to the remaining 67 communes. The Civil Society Network has recently been created, while creation

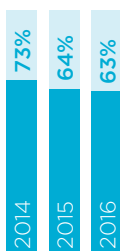
of a Parliamentary Network is in progress. Collaboration with academia has increased and an agreement has been signed with the universities of Benin for the integration of a nutrition module into training curricula.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The National Nutrition Policy is in the process of being updated. Food and nutrition are now part of the development plans of communes; certain communes have even been provided with five-year strategic plans and budget lines specifically for nutrition. Nutrition is more and more seen as

an indispensable element of agricultural policy, with the creation of the Law on Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security, a strategic food and nutrition document for the agricultural sector, and through the integration of a nutrition component into agricultural programmes.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The 2016-2025 common results framework for the fight against chronic malnutrition is being progressively implemented in communes, particularly as part of the Multi-Sectoral Food and Nutrition programme. In parallel, Government programmes are more and more aligned with

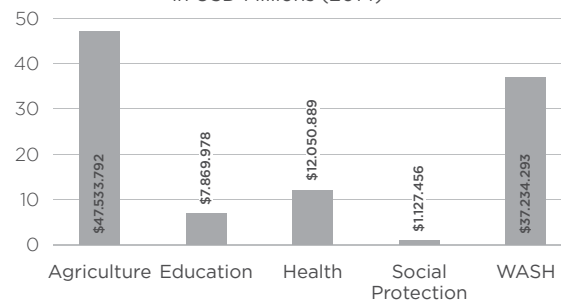
the common results framework. Furthermore, a monitoring and evaluation system is being created. The National Association of Communes of Benin (ANCB) has succeeded in having nutrition integrated into its communal development support funds, thanks to advocacy efforts.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Budgeting has not yet been carried out for the common results framework. However, budget allocation monitoring of public expenditure on nutrition was carried out for 2015, with the support of the SUN Movement Secretariat. The National Council on Food and Nutrition (CAN) is responsible for the traceability of funds for nutrition within the State budget and the budget of other key stakeholders. The availability of funding for nutrition programmes is slowly increasing, although there is still a lack of flexibility in the allocation of financing in other communes or for other activities.

Nutrition-Relevant Allocations Across Government Sectors in USD Millions (2014)



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Ensure coordination to ensure the optimal coverage of interventions at the municipal level throughout the country
- Facilitate communal consultation frameworks in 40 communes of Benin
- Strengthen the monitoring of interventions at the level of Platforms
- Strengthen advocacy, at all levels, for the mobilisation of domestic and non-domestic resources for nutrition, as well as to ensure the visibility of resources allocated to nutrition.