



Joined: May 2011
Population: 28.04 million

Nepal



Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The central Multi-Sectoral Steering and Coordination Committees are chaired by the National Planning Commission's Vice Chair and Social Sector Member, respectively. The decentralised coordination platform of the Steering Committees, at the district and village development levels, have been created and are functional. The National

Planning Commission, with support from the National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat convenes the MSP members regularly, at different levels (policy, coordination and planning and implementation levels). A donor convener is yet to be nominated. Advocacy efforts from the Ward Citizen Forum has led to the development and endorsement of district plans.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The Right to Food Act and Food Safety Policy are being drafted and consultations on the Food Security and Sovereignty Policy are in progress. The implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan is underway. Three stakeholder statements have been issued, and Paras Khadka, captain of Nepal's cricket

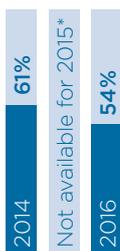
team, has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for nutrition, food security and the 'Golden 1,000 Days' campaign. Post-earthquake, emergency responses have been implemented in 14 affected districts, covering all building blocks of nutrition.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan (MSNP) is implemented in the 16 out of the 28 prioritised districts. Within this Plan, different sectors have seen different levels of uptake although most sectors incorporate their parts. The costed district nutrition plan was developed by 16 districts, and funds

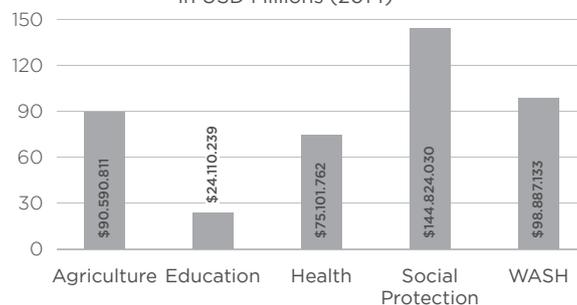
were allocated and distributed by the Government in 2015. The Civil Society Alliance (CSANN) works in 6 districts and at the national level. A Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) was completed in 2015 while the demographic and health survey is ongoing.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan (MSNP) and the district implementation plans under the MSNP have been costed and expenditure reports are available. Governmental and non-governmental stakeholders support the preparation of programmes and budget on a periodic basis. The Government has provided funds to the 16 MSNP districts through its Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development. Most of the donor support for nutrition is reflected in the "Red Book", the Government's authentic budget book, and disbursed directly.

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



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- The national Nutrition and Food Security Coordination Committee has initiated the process of formulating the second MSNP
- The creation of a budget code for nutrition in order to track MSNP investments
- There is a need to continue financial tracking for nutrition to ensure that funding for the MSNP increases.
- The recruitment of an institution to carry out the evaluation of the MSNP.