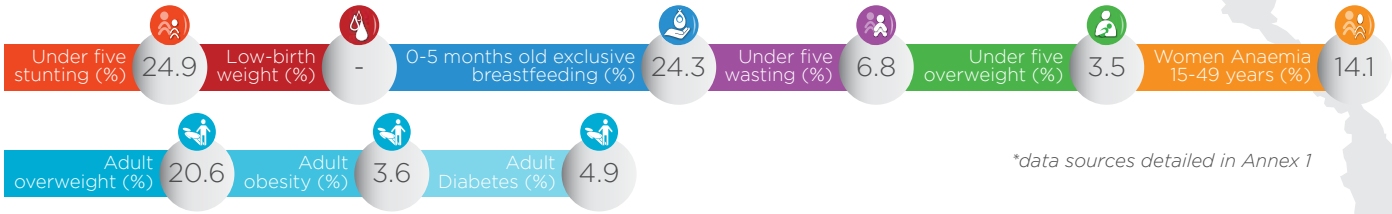




Joined: January 2014
Population: 90.73 million

Vietnam



*data sources detailed in Annex 1

Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Vietnam's National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is the convening body responsible for research, training and implementation. The Nutrition Working Group, an official technical working group within the Health Partnership Group is the Multi-Stakeholder Platform co-chaired by NIN

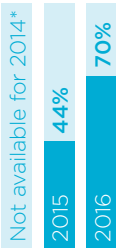
and UNICEF, and was convened regularly every six weeks over the past year. The health sector has decentralised coordination structures in 63 provinces. Recent efforts include the reaching out to Education, Agriculture, and Social Affairs Ministries to involve them for the nutrition agenda.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The National Nutrition Strategy 2011-2020 is in place and the National Nutrition Action Plan 2016-2020 (NPAN) is under development. The legal enforcement of the Code on Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, maternity leave for up to six months, and food fortification are all in place.

Stunting has been included as an indicator in the National Health Action Plan 2016-2020, and its inclusion in the Socio-Economic Development Plan is under consideration. A Children's Law supporting nutritional care for pregnant women, infants and young children is also being ratified.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The NPAN, which will serve as the national guideline for mainstreaming nutrition into sectoral policies, is currently being developed with actions and revised indicators. The NPAN is being costed for the nutrition-specific and -sensitive interventions and

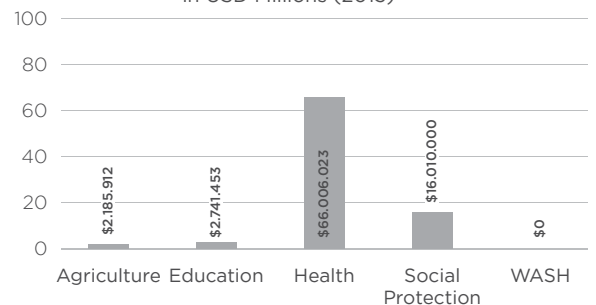
a mid-term review has been planned for sharing the lessons learnt. The Nutrition Surveillance system collects, analyses and communicates the agreed indicators, with regular progress reports disseminated to nutrition stakeholders.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Resources for implementation are mobilized and allocated in alignment with the national strategy and plan. In 2015-2016, at provincial levels, annual planning and action have taken place but the major budget for nutrition specific interventions is coming from the central government budget. The national nutrition budget is reviewed and adjusted based on analysis of annual reports, data from Nutrition Surveillance system, and joint reviews and visits made by government authorities.

Nutrition-Relevant Allocations Across Government Sectors in USD Millions (2015)



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Estimating the costs to implement actions, and financial tracking at the national and sub-national levels
- Utilising high-level events, partnerships and communication channels for leveraging commitments, generating investments and enhancing the use of data
- Engaging nutrition champions to position nutrition as a priority at all levels.