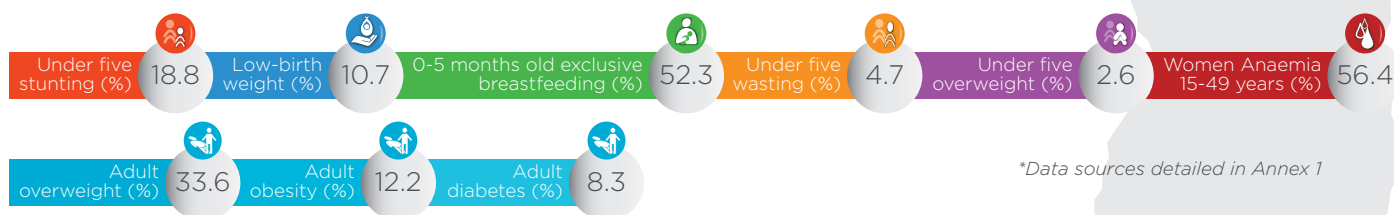




Joined: March 2011
Population: 27.58 million

Ghana



*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Ghana's multi-stakeholder platform (MSP), the Nutrition Cross-Sectoral Planning Group (CSPG), continues to expand, bringing together ten sectors today. The CSPG works at the national level under the auspices of the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). The three northern regions have regional nutrition MSPs, and plans are in place to roll-out the MSPs to all regions and districts.

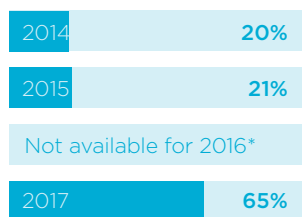
All SUN Networks, except a Business Network – which is currently being established – are up and running, including the recently revived SUN Donor Network. A priority for the period ahead is to form a media network. The appointment of nutrition champions, including the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection and the Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, is currently being discussed.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

A long-term Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) Strategy has been developed, which will be used to review the draft National Nutrition Policy. Pro-nutrition legal frameworks have been put in place to cover areas such as the marketing of breast-milk substitutes, although their enforcement is deemed weak. Maternity

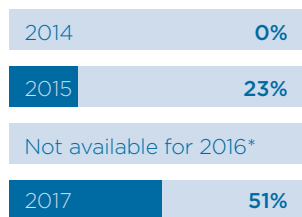
protection laws have also been enacted, with advocacy taking place for the extension of maternal and parental leave. Efforts are underway to develop a nutrition planning manual to enhance the capacity of sectors and districts for nutrition planning.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

Nutrition is a key component of the Government's medium-term development policy framework (2018-2021). A matrix of policy objectives and strategies – with roles and responsibilities – has been developed, with a common results framework (CRF) that will be

used to track progress of its implementation. National annual progress reports of the medium-term development policy framework will track progress of nutrition indicators. The SUN Donor Network developed a mapping framework of its members' programmes in March 2017.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

A tracking of nutrition spending has been done for 2014 and 2015, but not yet completed for 2016. Financial data gaps for some sectors still prevail, as is the case for off-budget donor expenditures. The low conversion of pledges to disbursements, both domestically and from external sources, is a challenge for the SUN Movement in Ghana. The current planning processes at district and sectoral

levels will bring about costed plans to support resource mobilisation and advocacy for increased financial resources amongst parliamentarians and other politicians. The setting up of a nutrition sector working group as part of Ghana's architecture for development cooperation will also help streamline nutrition spending and ensure activities are in line with government priorities.



2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Create an inter-ministerial committee at the Office of the President;
- Streamline SUN coordination, at all levels;
- Complete a nationally-costed nutrition scaling up plan;
- Complete a budget and expenditure tracking exercise, with an accompanying resource mobilisation strategy;
- Launch the SUN Business Network;
- Establish a SUN Media Network.