



Joined: September 2011
Population: 2.43 million

Namibia



*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

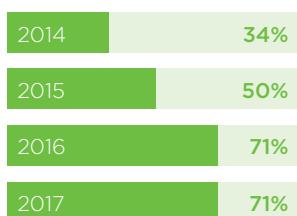
Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In 2017, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) appointed an Inter-Agency Steering Committee to finalise the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy (FNSP) and revive the National Food Security and Nutrition Council. The

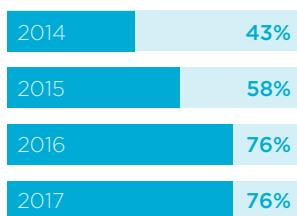
Council is chaired by the OPM, while the Namibia Alliance for Improved Nutrition (NAFIN) will serve as a technical partner to the Council to advocate for nutrition specific interventions.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The FNSP has been developed with inputs from various stakeholders and is awaiting validation. The revised policy has been aligned to international, regional, and national recommendations. The Cabinet approved the Namibia Zero Hunger Strategy and Roadmap, appointing the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to coordinate its implementation. The School Feeding Policy, National Drought Policy, and National Policy on Disaster

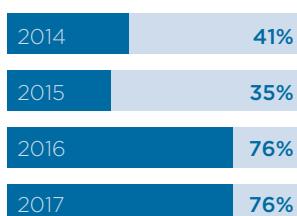
Risk Management are at varying stages of approval. In 2017, legislation on the fortification of maize and pearl millet (mahanangu) was passed. Her Excellency Graça Machel, the child rights advocate, visited Namibia, resulting in increased attention on the nutrition of children, mothers, and adolescents. An advocacy booklet to support parliamentarian engagement was developed and is planned to be launched in late 2017.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The common results framework (CRF) under the Scaling Up Nutrition Country Implementation Plan (SUNCIP) was established and all nutrition actions by various actors thus aligned. The update of the SUNCIP is contingent upon the revision of the FNSP. Planning and costing of nutrition activities took place at the start of the financial year for the Ministry of Health, Social Services and other line

ministries. All stakeholders, including line ministries, are mandated to provide quarterly reports for the CRF, coordinated by NAFIN. Enforcement of regular reporting will be enhanced in order to strengthen accountability. The Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring reports compiled and produced bi-annually by the OPM provide valuable data on the status of food and nutrition security in the country.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The reduction in donor funding has increased the Government's responsibility to mobilise resources, especially for HIV. NAFIN has a line item within the Ministry of Finance of N\$ 300,000 annually. Limitations in the financial resources

available and allocated to nutrition is agreed upon among government and partners. The costed Country Investment Plan is expected to support resource alignment by sectors and external stakeholders.



2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Strategic planning to define actions to be included in the common results framework (CRF);
- Engaging parliamentarians in legislative advocacy, budget oversight, and public outreach;
- Improving on the NAFIN functionality especially in its technical working groups. There is a need to build the capacity of members and for technical support to accelerate earlier gains.