



Joined: June 2013  
Population: 11.88 million

# South Sudan



\*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

## Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



### Bringing people together into a shared space for action

South Sudan is still in the midst of a humanitarian crisis, driven by three years of a civil war. In 2017, over 5.5 million people are facing extreme hunger. The Government of South Sudan is committed to scaling up nutrition, with the multi-stakeholder platform (MSP), established in 2015, being revitalised in June 2016. The SUN Civil Society Platform was set up in 2017. The Donor Network is yet to be

established. Expansion of the MSP is planned to also include nutrition-relevant line ministries and sectors, as, currently, SUN activities only fall under the Ministry of Health. Plans are underway to further involve the heads of United Nations and civil society organisations in the SUN Movement activities in South Sudan, in support of the South Sudan SUN Movement a shortterm workplan.

### Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Nutrition-relevant legislation has not as yet been put in place in South Sudan, although the Nutrition Department at the Ministry of Health and members of the Nutrition Cluster – comprising the Government, UN and civil society – have been working closely to develop regulations and guidelines. The development of the Food and Nutrition Policy is underway, as reviews are ongoing. Guidelines on

Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) have been endorsed by the Ministry of Health and are being rolled-out, with impact monitoring underway. However, a Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and other legal frameworks are yet to be developed and put into force.

### Aligning actions around a common results framework

The Ministry of Health is integrating nutrition into health sector guidelines, strategies and policies. Key nutrition activities and partner mappings are carried out in collaboration with the Nutrition

Cluster. The Ministry of Health – in consultation with stakeholders – have, in the reporting period, developed an annual nutrition work plan, and joint monitoring mechanism.

### Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

No progress has been documented in the reporting period due to the ongoing conflict.

## 2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Finalise the Food and Nutrition Policy by June 2018 as well as disseminate the CMAM guidelines and MIYCN guidelines and strategy;
- Maximise the engagement of the multi-sectoral platform for the SUN Movement;
- Ensure advocacy, especially within the realms of resource mobilisation and financial tracking;
- Build capacity of platform members to track progress on SUN-related outputs;
- Advocacy and resource mobilisation to conduct a comprehensive nutrition baseline survey.