The Country Dashboard: Afghanistan

The Country Dashboard provides an overview on the progress using a standard set of indicators that cover different dimensions of the SUN Movement Theory of Change, from commitments to actions to results to impacts.

Data for Afghanistan are available for 63/79 (80%) indicators mostly covering the timeframe 2014-2016. Based on the data, Afghanistan is progressing with strong performance on legislation for nutrition and several underlying drivers for nutrition, as well as low levels of overweight and obesity. However, as the enabling environment is strengthened, more could be done to increase finance for nutrition, improve child feeding practices and scale up high impact interventions to address the excessive burden of undernutrition, especially stunting among children and underweight and anaemia among women, and diet-related NCDs.

This dashboard can be adapted for use at sub-national level and complemented with additional indicators based on data availability. The selected indicators are aligned with globally agreed frameworks for nutrition and with the SDGs indicators.
### Enabling Environment

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### Finance for Nutrition

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### Interventions and Food Supply

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<td>3.15 Social Protection Programme coverage</td>
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* low malaria transmission setting

### Enacted Legislations

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### SDG Drivers of Nutrition

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<td>5.7 New HIV infections (per 1000 uninfected population)</td>
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<td>5.11 Early marriage (before age 18)</td>
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<td>5.12 Female secondary school enrollment</td>
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<td>5.15 Urban population living in slums</td>
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### IYCF and Dietary Intake

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<td>7.10 Diabetes (adult women)</td>
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<td>7.11 Hypertension (adult women)</td>
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## SDGs linked to Nutrition

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