

# NIGER

## Call for Commitments for Nutrition

### Demographic data (2010, WPP 2012)

Population:	15.9 million
Children under 5:	3.3 million
Population growth rate:	3.74 %

### Nutrition data (DHS 2012/2006)

Stunting:	43.9%
Wasting:	18.0%
Low Birth Weight:	20.5%
Overweight:	2.4%
Exclusive Breastfeeding:	23.3%

### Cost of Nutrition Plans

Total Cost (4 years)	\$96.5 million
Annual Cost:	\$24.1 million
Per Capita Annual Cost:	\$1.3

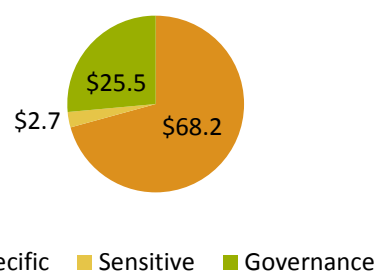
### Break-down:

Nutrition-specific interventions:	70.7%
Nutrition-sensitive approaches:	2.8%
Strengthening Governance:	26.5%



\* Annual Average Rate of Reduction, Data Source: WHO, DHS 2012

### Total Cost for 4 years (millions of USD)



## Coverage of Nutrition-Specific Interventions

Good nutrition practices	
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-6 months)	23.3% <sup>1</sup>
Complementary feeding with at least 4 groups per day (6-23 months)	No data
Vitamin and mineral intake	
Zinc treatment for diarrhoea	No data
Pregnant women attending 4 or more ANC visits (proxy for iron and folate supplementation)	No data
De-worming (12-59 months)	No data
Vitamin A supplementation (6-59 months)	95.0% <sup>2</sup>
Presence of iodised salt in the house	32.0% <sup>3</sup>

Comprehensive data on coverage of treatment for acute malnutrition, and micronutrient fortification are not available  
Source: <sup>1</sup>DHS 2012; <sup>2</sup>UNICEF 2013; <sup>3</sup>SOWC 2010

## Niger in the SUN Movement

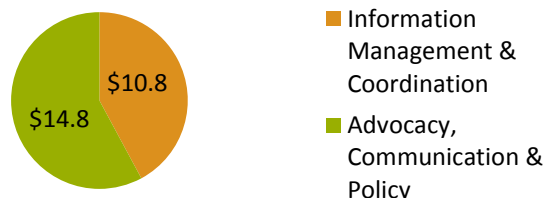
Niger joined the SUN Movement in February 2011. The Director of Nutrition in the Ministry of Health is the appointed Focal Point. Niger is implementing the "3N" strategy, *les Nigériens nourrissent les Nigériens* (Nigeriens Feed Nigeriens) which will run from 2012 to 2015. The "3N" is a multi-sectoral programme linking different initiatives under a common framework aiming to strengthen the agriculture sector while building resilience to food crisis and improving nutritional status. A road map to operationalize the "3N" programme is currently being developed. A multi-sectoral committee for the '3N' programme is chaired by the Minister of Public Health. The European Union acts as the SUN Donor Convener in Niger.

### Niger Plans for Nutrition

The '3N' Strategy was created with a focus on food security and chronic malnutrition. Nutrition-specific guidelines under the "3N" Strategy mainly target pregnant and lactating women, infants and young children. Many of these policies have been recently revised, or are currently being executed and elaborated. The costs of the nutrition strategic plan from 2013-2017 form the basis of the costs presented. These do not include full staff costs.

### Cost of Strengthening Governance Over 4 Years

Strengthening governance to implement nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches accounts for \$26 million, or 27% of the total cost of the plan. Almost half of this is allocated to information management and coordination.

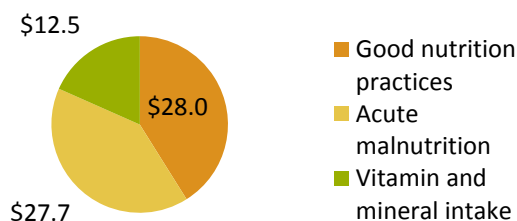


### Cost of Nutrition Plans

The total cost of the Nutrition Plans over four years is approximately \$97 million. This is an average of \$24 million per year, equivalent to a per capita annual cost of \$1.3.

### Cost of Nutrition-Specific Interventions Over 4 Years

Nutrition-specific interventions cost \$68 million, or 71% of the total plan cost. These costs are largely allocated to efforts to improve nutrition practices, treatment of acute malnutrition and a smaller amount allocated to vitamin and mineral intake.



### Cost of Nutrition-Sensitive Approaches Over 4 Years

Nutrition-sensitive approaches account for less than \$3 million, or 3% of total costs. All of this is allocated to food security approaches.

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### Priorities, Implementation & Accountability

Niger is enhancing the visibility of the SUN Movement. An official launch at national level took place in June 2013. Strengthening advocacy to maintain and increase the financing for nutrition is a priority for Niger.

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### Domestic & Donor Financing Commitments

The national budget line for nutrition has increased from FCFA 500 million to 1 billion in 2013. Additional funding support for nutrition is provided by external partners including the European Union.

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### Funding Gap

Although there is an agreed financial gap by all stakeholders, the estimation of this gap is not yet identified.