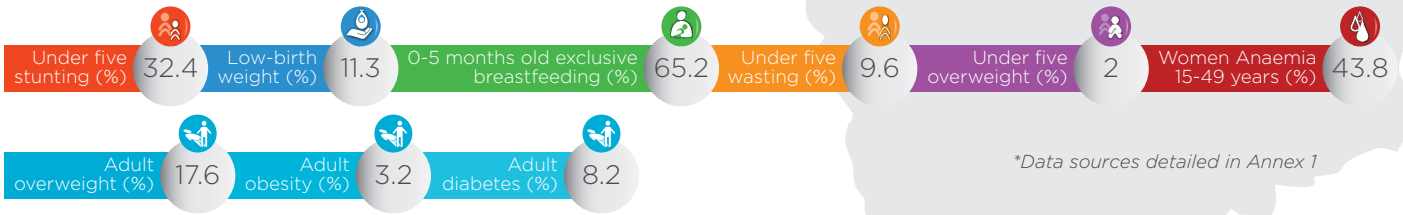




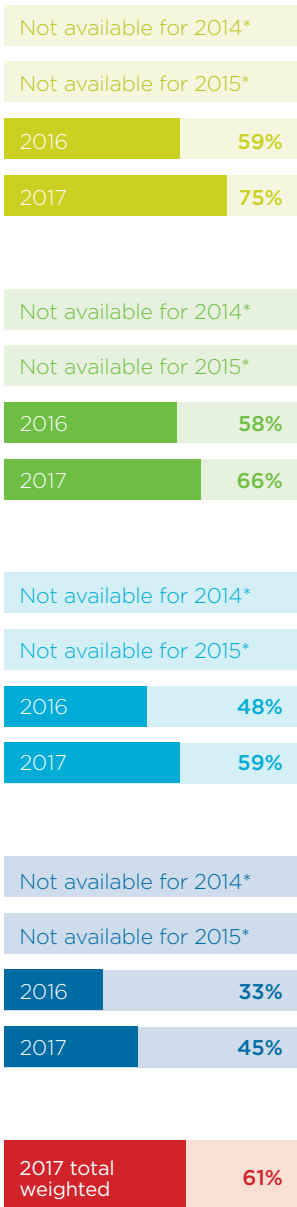
Joined: June 2014
Population: 15.52 million

Cambodia



*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In 2017, the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) established a working group on WASH and nutrition, ensuring the convergence between the two sectors. The SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) Cambodia, led by an interim Executive Committee (EC) – comprising Helen Keller International, Plan International, World Vision International, Action Against Hunger and Save the Children – has concluded its interim mandate,

and a new committee will be elected in mid-2017. UN agencies are rallying behind national nutrition priorities. However, the UN Network has not been formalised and the Business Network has not been established. The decentralisation of multi-sectoral efforts is supported by key donors. The visit of the SUN Movement Coordinator to Cambodia proved helpful in triggering a strategic dialogue amongst stakeholders.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

CARD is conducting a mid-term review of the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition (NSFSN) to look at progress made from 2014 to 2016 and to set short and medium-term priorities (for 2019-2023). In 2017, FAO launched a report on gender and the right to food, whilst the WFP completed research on adolescent nutrition, with a particular focus on

girls. The national social protection policy framework is in place (signed in March 2017), and incorporates cash transfers to support the 1,000-day window (i.e. pregnant and lactating women and children under two years), in addition to school meals for pre-school and primary school children. Nutrition is integrated into the school health policy.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The review of the NSFSN will be used to prioritise key interventions and policies. Nutrition-relevant policies include: the Fast Track Roadmap for Improving Nutrition 2014-2020, the National Plan of Action for the Zero Hunger Challenge, the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Action Plan for Rural WASH 2014-2018, the Ministry of Health Baby Friendly

Hospital Initiative (BFHI), and the Agricultural Sector Strategic Development Plan. The Ministry of Health has disseminated the 3rd annual national nutrition report highlighting achievements in 2016. The MRD has completed the first-ever mapping of WASH partners. The new joint monitoring indicator framework for 2016-18 has been approved.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Ministry of Economy and Finance has allocated budget lines for nutrition. Nutrition-related activities and their expenditures are reported in the Ministry of Health Annual Progress Report for 2016. SUN CSA has finalised a financial manual, detailing the financial policies and procedures to ensure transparent tracking of

allocations and expenditures. In 2016, a total of USD 14.7 million has been spent on nutrition by 16 UN and civil society partners. Within this amount, USD 5.9 million is focused on fortified rice as part of the school feeding programme targeting pre-school and primary school children.

2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Engaging the private sector to kick-start the SUN Business Network;
- Increasing nutrition financing commitments from the Government and ensuring longer-term programming from development partners;
- Enforcing regulations for food fortification, including market surveillance and awareness-raising for the private sector.