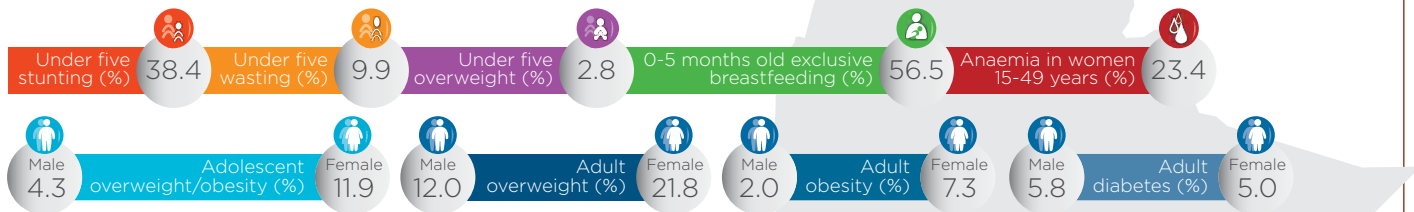




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Population: 104.96 million

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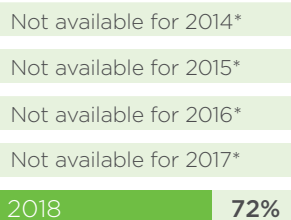
Institutional transformations in 2017-2018



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) has been politically endorsed. In addition, a federal and regional coordination body has been established. However, the MSP coordination mechanisms are not fully functional at the sub-national level. The MSP has finalised the food and nutrition policy. This will enable the establishment

of a national food and nutrition council and governing body, responsible for providing leadership for the implementation of food and nutrition strategies. The Government has endorsed the Seqota Declaration, a commitment to end stunting by 2030.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The National Nutrition Plan I (NNP) was fully implemented and NNP II was finalised through a consultative process with government and non-governmental stakeholders. Different advocacy activities have been undertaken to influence decision-makers: parliamentarians involved in the development of the NNP II;

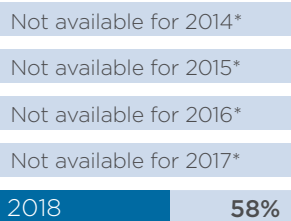
the Deputy Prime Minister; ministers and regional presidents involved in executing the Seqota Declaration (SD) and the former First lady, a SUN Nutrition Champion, engaged in the implementation of NNP. In addition, a maternity leave extension policy was fully implemented, and a food fortification strategy approved.



Aligning actions around common results

The NNPII and the SD enabled the relevant sectors to plan and implement nutrition-sensitive and -specific interventions. The NNP II also provides a Common Results Framework to help the Government and stakeholders to plan and allocate adequate resources for its execution. SUN Networks support efforts to ensure

a comprehensive and enabling environment to accelerate progress toward achieving NNP and SD goals. There are plans to establish a web-based monitoring system to collect data on the performance of NNP II implementing stakeholders and obtain relevant data to improve decision-making.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The national-level nutrition financing analysis has been completed for 2017, and the estimated resources required for the implementation of the NNP II and SD over the next 5 years have been identified. The Government and relevant national stakeholders have made the

commitment to support the implementation of the NNP II and the SD, but there is still a huge resource gap if they are to be fully executed. Although the Ethiopian Government has made some allocations on an annual basis, there is no multi-year commitment to finance the NNP II.



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- Strengthening SUN networks;
- Searching for financing for the NNP II and implementation of the Seqota Declaration as well tracking of existing investment;
- Utilisation of the Common Results Framework for planning, performance tracking and reporting;
- Mainstreaming of guidelines for development in nutrition sectors;
- Policy analysis to identify gaps on nutrition actions.