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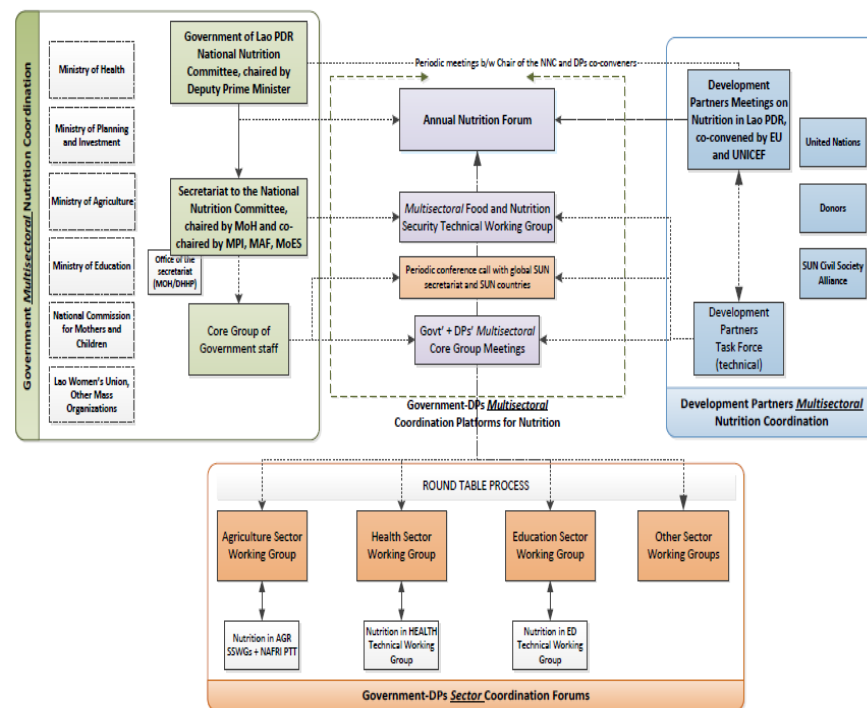
SUN Movement
25th SUN Country
Network Meetings –
Information systems for
nutrition: data collection,
analysis and reporting

Lao PDR

Coordination on data and accountability for nutrition

- coordinated by **Secretariat to the National Nutrition Committee Lao PDR**, chaired by Deputy Minister MoH and inclusive of key sectors (MoH incl. NloPH; MAF; MoES; MPI incl. Lao Statistics Bureau)
- high level leadership from Deputy Prime Minister (NNC Chair) with integration into Round Table Process / 8th NSEDP
- Support: UN (UNICEF, WFP, FAO, WHO), Donor (WB, USAID, EU, SDC, Lux Dev), INGO

National Coordination Platforms for Nutrition in Lao PDR (update May 2015)



Lao PDR National Plan of Action on Nutrition (2016-2020) includes nutrition indicators in line with WHA, SDG, MIYCF, 8th NSEDP.

Factors taken into account when deciding nutrition information to collect:

- alignment with NPAN indicators;
- data collected enables progress to be monitored against key targets.

Ensure initial alignment across actors along the data value chain

Data Prioritization

- Series of technical consultations held under leadership of NNC/ Sec with DP support to agree:
- NPAN common results - key indicators, targets and how data will be collected
 - which nutrition indicators to include in surveys and routine monitoring systems (e.g. HMIS/ DHIS2)

Data Collection

- Nutrition data collected through:
- national and sub-national surveys: LSIS, FNSS, LCAAS, school-based surveys (e.g. iodine), CFSVA. Each survey has a lead institution assigned
 - HMIS/ DHIS2
 - Nutrition Stakeholder, Action and Finance mapping

Data Accessibility

- HMIS data via DHIS2 platform (MoH)
- Nutrition survey data reviewed and validated during technical consultation/ Steering Committee. Final reports disseminated nationally
- Nutrition mapping database available from NNC Secretariat Office
- Increased accessibility of nutrition data planned through NIPN

Data Use

Data used for nutrition advocacy, to inform policies, programming and funding priorities

Alignment across actors achieved through coordination by NNC/ Secretariat with key sector participation and Development Partner technical/ financial support

Challenge and solution

Key Gap:

- availability of up to date, quality nutrition data to assess progress against key NPAN targets and inform policy, programming, and funding priorities

Key Solution:

- Inclusion of key nutrition indicators (CU5 anthropometry, CU5 and woman anaemia, IYCF, household salt iodisation) in next Lao Social Indicator Survey II (2017)
- LSIS II conducted by Lao Statistics Bureau under leadership of Ministry of Planning and Investment (NNC member) with technical & financial support from UNICEF, USAID, EU, UNFPA, WFP, SDC, Lux Dev, JICA (LSIS technical committee established).
- LSIS II data will inform planning, policies and programmes in health, nutrition and education.
- Quality, disaggregated data will help to prioritize resource allocations.

Recommendations

Regular technical consultations coordinated by GoL, with key sector participation and DP support are important to achieve:

- consensus on NPAN common results (incl. key indicators and targets);
- agreement of indicators to include in routine monitoring systems (e.g. HMIS/ DHIS2);
- conduct of national and sub-national surveys involving multiple sectors (e.g. 2015 Food and Nutrition Security Survey; LSISII, 2017);
- conduct of the annual Nutrition Mapping;
- agreement on priority areas required to strengthen the nutrition information system;
- Agreement on hosting of analysis unit of a NIPN (NERI?) and Lead of Advisory Committee (NNC-S?).

Country priorities in 2017

- Conduct LSISII (data collection planned from Feb/ March 2017);
- Continue to strengthen routine monitoring systems;
- Support Nutrition Surveillance System development;
- Periodic reporting to NNC/ Secretariat of NPAN implementation progress;
- Conduct annual Nutrition Mapping;
- Establish a National Information Platform for Nutrition (NIPN) in Lao PDR (scoping missions in April 2015 and 2016, possible identification mission: Q1 2017 with support from EU)
 - Concept: bring together existing data from all sectors that influence human nutrition in Laos, both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive, and analyse it to help understand the factors that cause or prevent malnutrition.
 - Objective of the analysis: contribute to the development and improvement of policies and programmes in all sectors that influence nutritional outcomes including health, agriculture, food security, education, WASH, social protection, environment.
 - NIPN outputs: policy briefs, analytical reports, papers and maps; to inform policies and funding priorities.

Platform is complementary to current health information systems and data on agriculture/food prices/ etc and could help to identify gaps in data, but does not have the intention to collect new data.

Thank you