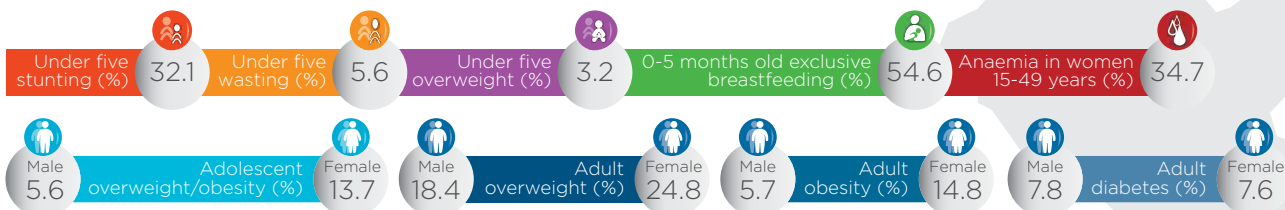




Joined: February 2014
Population: 4.73 million

Liberia



Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Not available for 2014*

Not available for 2015*

Not available for 2016*

2017 **8%**

2018 **31%**

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

A Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) has now been established in Liberia, which provides structure for members to engage in regular meetings. While the MSP gradually expands, involving new line ministries – including the Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Education and Commerce – continued growth will be

required to ensure multi-sectoral scope. The UN Network for SUN and the SUN Civil Society Network are active in MSP meetings, although business and donor networks are yet to be established. Liberia has an interim SUN Focal Point, awaiting formal appointment by the Office of the President.

Not available for 2014*

Not available for 2015*

Not available for 2016*

2017 **4%**

2018 **50%**

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

An updated National Nutrition Policy is currently being reviewed by line Ministers, signalling an increased commitment to the multi-sectoral approach. The drafting process has involved more stakeholders than in the past, with the MSP contributing to the policy's development. The country has now adopted fortification

standards for flour, cooking oil and salt, with the establishment of the National Fortification Alliance. Regulations for the marketing of breast-milk substitutes are being developed, with parliamentarians and the Minister of Health currently reviewing the legislation.

Not available for 2014*

Not available for 2015*

Not available for 2016*

2017 **4%**

2018 **4%**

Aligning actions around common results

While policies across sectors remain fragmented, stakeholders recognise the value of harmonising policy and legal frameworks, and, as such, have planned reviews of existing actions to ensure they correlate with national targets. Significant effort

will be needed to ensure these actions are aligned. However, some nutrition-specific interventions have been scaled up, such as community-based infant and young child feeding counselling, which is now offered in 12 of 16 counties.

Not available for 2014*

Not available for 2015*

Not available for 2016*

2017 **0%**

2018 **12%**

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

At present, nutrition interventions are primarily funded by external donors, with limited domestic resources allocated to the sector. Liberia is in a recovery period following the Ebola outbreak, meaning that planning for multi-year funding will start in 2018-2019. It will be essential to

increase advocacy efforts during this period so that nutrition interventions are allocated adequate financing. The Liberian Government provides human resources to support and facilitate nutrition interventions, highlighting its interest in supporting the sector.

2018 total weighted **24%**

2018-2019 PRIORITIES

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- Obtain approval to formally appoint the SUN Government Focal Point;
- Engage newly-elected parliamentarians to increase advocacy efforts for nutrition;
- Develop and review a National Nutrition Policy and multi-sectoral strategic plan;
- Continue facilitating the expansion and functionality of the established multi-stakeholder platform.