

# Mozambique



### Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



#### Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The multi-sectoral platform (MSP) for nutrition, convened by the Technical Working Group of the 2010-2020 Programme for the Reduction of Chronic Undernutrition (GT-PAMRDC) through the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN), has ensured capacity-building for provincial technical groups on the inclusion of nutrition into provincial and district economic plans. The PAMRDC is now decentralised to all

11 provinces, but it has proved challenging to ensure participation of all sectors at the district level. Two provinces have initiated this process. A SUN Business Network (SBN) kick-off meeting and consultative workshop was conducted with the participation of stakeholders from the private sector, donors, civil society, UN and the government. Civil Society Networks have been established in four provinces.

#### Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

New laws, strategies and plans have been approved in the past year, including the provincial PAMRDC; a law on food fortification, as well as a food fortification strategy; a communication strategy for nutrition behaviour change; sectoral economic and social plans (PES) with nutrition components; and an operational

plan for agrarian development. Advocacy campaigns by civil society have targeted policy-makers to foster ownership and accountability, and to position nutrition as a key factor for the well-being, income and development of children, families, communities, and the country.

#### Aligning actions around a common results framework

The establishment of provincial technical working groups has resulted in the design and approval of provincial multi-sectoral nutrition plans, which complement the national level plan. The report of the annual indicator assessment of the implementation of PAMRDC was submitted to the Council of Ministers. This year, the assessment was also carried out at the provincial level, thereby informing

provincial governments on the progress. A Mozambican delegation participated in the fourth African SANKALP Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Nairobi. The delegation included people from SETSAN and various food commodity industries. The meeting highlighted the importance of working together to build a community for the promotion of nutrition.

#### Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

It remains a major challenge to identify funds allocated specifically for nutrition. Only a few sectors are currently able to track amounts allocated for nutrition in national budgets. Overall financial tracking and transparency continues, as funds are channelled through the public

finance system (e-SISTAFE). Advocacy for longer-term resource allocation to scale up and expand nutrition activities is done on a continual basis. It is necessary to improve the provinces' PAMRDC resource allocation.

## **2017-2018 PRIORITIES**

- Advocate for the establishment of a high-level inter-ministerial governance mechanism for food and nutrition security - the National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (CONSAN) - to be positioned under the auspices of the Prime Minister;
- Further roll-out the PAMRDC at the district level, beyond the two provinces already completed;
- Ensure improved cost estimates and financial tracking for nutrition actions at central, provincial and district levels;
- Conduct a mid-term review of the PAMRDC and elaborate the National Food Security and Nutrition Strategy III (ESANIII).