

Nigeria



Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16

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A multi-sectoral National Committee on Food and Nutrition (NCFN) is chaired and facilitated by the National Planning Commission. The NCFN is replicated at the sub-national level as the State Committee on Food and Nutrition. The Nutrition Division, in the Federal Ministry of Health, serves as

the current convening Government body responsible for scaling up nutrition and is responsible for bringing together various government ministries and departments. The Nutrition Partners Forum also includes both Governmental ministries and development partners.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The National Nutrition Strategic Plan 2014-2018 includes priority nutrition interventions and the strategic direction for nutrition in the health sector for the period 2014 to 2018. The National Policy on Food and Nutrition (NPFN) was revised in 2013 and awaits Federal Executive Cabinet

approval. The National Plan of Action on Food and Nutrition was adopted in 2014 by the National Committee on Food and Nutrition to translate the goals, objectives, and strategies articulated in the NPFN into implementable activities and projects.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The revised National Food and Nutrition Policy is Nigeria's Common Results Framework. In addition to the costed National Nutrition Strategic Plan of the health sector, a costed strategic plan of action for Agriculture is being developed to be in line with the newly approved policy. The SMART

Methodology used for the National Health and Nutrition Survey complements the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys and Demographic and Health Surveys, to populate State scorecards for advocacy on nutrition.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

In 2015-16, the tracking of budget allocations has been spearheaded by the Ministry of Budget and National Planning in collaboration with the Civil Society Scaling-Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) Alliance and Save the Children International. The National and State Medium Term Expenditure Framework, National Strategic Health Development

Plan and the National Health Act identify budget demands and potential sources of domestic financing from the consolidated revenue. In 2015-16, increasing domestic contributions with specific nutrition budget lines at national and state level were observed.





2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Engaging parliamentarians for legislative advocacy, budget oversight and public outreach
- Developing, updating or implementing multisectoral advocacy and communication strategies
- Strengthening of skills of key actors, such as Multi-Stakeholder Platform members. Priorities include communication and negotiation, team building and leadership, planning and coordination skills.