



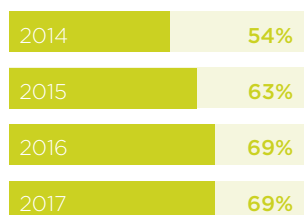
Joined: January 2013
Population: 189.38 million

Pakistan



*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

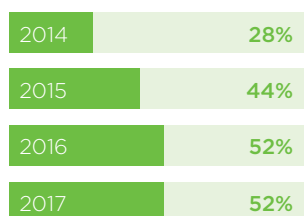
Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In 2016-17, provincial steering committees and SUN Focal Points were nominated. A high-level task force on early childhood development was also established at the National Planning Commission. National and Provincial Fortification Alliances have been established, which makes another multi-sectoral platform (MSP) for nutrition. The World Bank created a

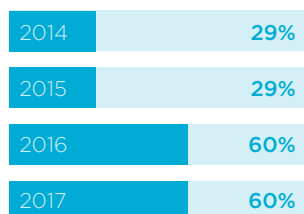
Multi Donor Trust Fund (MTDF) for Sindh and Punjab provinces with the aim to reduce stunting. In 2016-17, the SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) membership was expanded to include 129 civil society organisations. More than 45 universities have joined the SUN Academia and Research Network.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

In 2016, the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa established rules on the protection of breastfeeding and child nutrition, while pieces of legislation are being under development in other provinces. Resolutions on universal salt iodisation have also

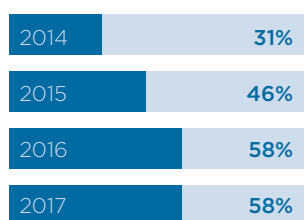
been approved by the provincial assemblies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Punjab. United Nations agencies are supporting the revision of the food fortification standards.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

Pakistan's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy for 2018-2025 is being finalised. A health and nutrition dashboard has been created by the Ministry of Health Services, Regulation and Coordination; integrating programme data from the

provinces. Provincial multi-sectoral plans have been costed. A thematic working group was established to initiate the implementation of the Pakistan Business Engagement Strategy.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Government of Pakistan's allocation of funds for nutrition programmes remained steady i.e. USD 2 billion in 2015-16 USD and 1.9 billion in 2016-17 – covering both nutrition-sensitive and specific programmes. Mid-term evaluations of multi-sectoral programmes in Sindh and Balochistan are ongoing, which will provide information on future

programme needs. Financial tracking of public sector funding has been started, and a decentralised tracking system is being developed. In 2016-17, the CSA has launched a social media campaign entitled #InvestmentInNutrition, as part of advocacy to increase investments in nutrition.



2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Finalise Pakistan's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy;
- Approve the Federal Nutrition Programme (PC-1);
- Promulgate legislation on food fortification in the provinces;
- Prepare operational guidelines for the enforcement of breastfeeding laws;
- Develop a SUN advocacy and communication strategy.