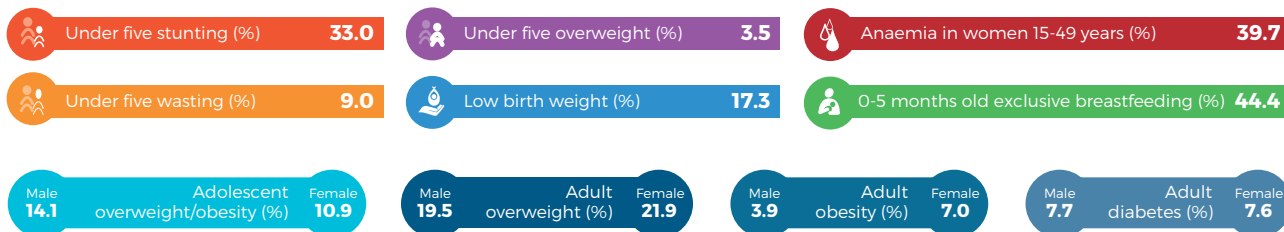
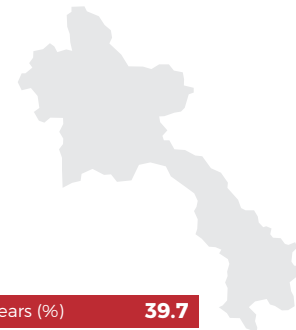


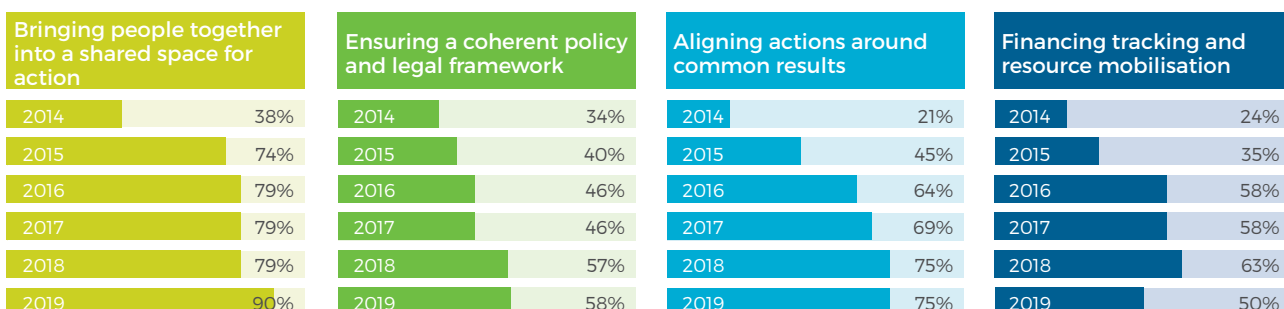
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INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018-2019



2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED 68%

<p>The National Nutrition Forum, held in December 2018, brought together over 200 multi-sectoral representatives from national and sub-national levels.</p> <p>The SUN Business Network was established. A 5-year strategic plan was developed and is awaiting approval from the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>There are 106 (of 148) districts that have established nutrition committees (this has increased from 40 last year).</p> <p>The SUN Civil Society Alliance, Development and UN partners and the SUN Business Network meet regularly.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health, through its line departments, facilitated the development of several nutrition specific guidelines and strategies.</p> <p>A Nutrition Social Behaviour Changes and Communication Strategic Action Plan was developed in 2018 with support from the World Bank and UNICEF. It was disseminated in the northern provinces.</p> <p>The Nutrition Information Platform (NIPN) and the nutrition surveillance systems were implemented.</p> <p>The World Food Programme supported a consultative meeting for standardization of food fortification.</p>	<p>The National Nutrition Strategy to 2025 is in place. A mid-term review of the National Plan of Action on Nutrition (NPAN) was conducted by a multi-stakeholder group and led by the Secretariat of the National Nutrition Committee.</p> <p>The Nutrition Stakeholder and Action Mapping exercise will be updated in 2019.</p> <p>Training for health staff on nutrition guidelines, job aids and protocols was scaled up in the reporting period.</p>	<p>The government and donors are increasing efforts to provide long term funding for nutrition.</p> <p>The Nutrition Committee Secretariat conducted a mapping of stakeholder resources for nutrition in 2016-2018, but it is still a challenge, especially for nutrition-sensitive programming.</p> <p>The government emphasized budget allocations related to nutrition through NPAN for high risk provinces, districts and communities.</p> <p>The majority of financial support for multisectoral coordination on nutrition is dependent on external financing.</p> <p>The private sector is increasingly engaged in nutrition.</p>
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2019-2020 PRIORITIES

- Focus efforts on key interventions and geographical areas;
- Continue to improve the quality of data collection to support decision-making on policy and interventions and to evaluate progress;
- Capacity building of nutrition stakeholders at sub-national level;
- Align support from international partners, according to recommendations from the mid-term review and NPAN.