## Myanmar



Joined: April 2013

Population: 54.05 million

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## **INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018-2019**



## 2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED 46%

Finalising and endorsing Myanmar's first Costed Multi-sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition 2018 - 2023 (MS-NPAN) was the unifying force behind the Multi Stakeholder Platform (MSP).

The National Nutrition Centre (NNC), with REACH support, successfully facilitated the MSP to achieve this landmark result. The MSP brings together four government ministries (Health, Agriculture and Irrigation, Education, and Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement), the UN network, SUN Civil Society Alliance, and donors

The establishment of a business network and parliamentary engagement is in process. In line with the MS-NPAN the government of Myanmar launched its Rice Fortification Policy.

The Becoming
Breastfeeding Friendly
(BBF) working group
identified nine policy
recommendations
to improve the
breastfeeding
environment.

Enforcement of national legislation on maternity leave and Breast Milk Substitute are recognised as areas where additional concerted effort is required.

The national Maternity
Conditional Cash Transfer
programme will continue
to be used to encourage
behavioural change.
The NNC-led Myanmar
Nutrition Technical
Network (MNTN) meets
regularly to discuss
technical issues.

The MS-NPAN forms the bedrock of Myanmar's collective efforts to tackle malnutrition. The attendance of Ministers and Chief Ministers at the MS-NPAN launch shows strong government commitment.

The MS-NPAN inception phase will focus on common capacity assessments, M&E systems and subnational structures in seven prioritized geographical areas.

Nutrition advocacy on becoming breastfeeding friendly, exclusive breastfeeding and rice fortification are common priorities. A joint midterm evaluation for MS-NPAN will be conducted. The MS-NPAN 2018 – 2019 inception phase was launched thanks to MSP mobilized funding.

The five-year MS-NPAN was costed at national level at USD 663 million across the four sectors; health, education, agriculture and social welfare. Detailed subnational costing will follow.

The current ad-hoc financial tracking will be systematised through the MS-NPAN M&E process. This tracking will also allow for funding gap analysis for timely fundraising.

## **2019-2020 PRIORITIES**

- Completion of the 2018 2019 MS-NPAN Inception
- Resource mobilization and start implementing the 2019-2023 MS-NPAN;
- Scale up coordinated and strategic advocacy and communication campaigns on nutrition;
- Set up Nutrition Promotion Committees at State and Regional level;
- · Conduct a national Nutrition Stocktaking exercise;
- Capitalize on positive engagement with parliamentarians on issues of nutrition and food security.