# Nigeria

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# **INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018–2019**

Bringing people together into a shared space for action		Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework		Aligning actions around common results		Financing tracking and resource mobilisation	
2014	0%	2014	0%	2014	0%	2014	0%
2015	0%	2015	0%	2015	0%	2015	0%
2016	0%	2016	0%	2016	0%	2016	0%
2017	0%	2017	0%	2017	0%	2017	0%
2018	0%	2018	0%	2018	0%	2018	0%
2019	48%	2019	40%	2019	27%	2019	45%

#### 2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED

Nigeria is making good progress. Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSP) exist at both national and sub national level and are working towards common results frameworks (CRF).

There is the ongoing scale up of nutrition interventions at the National and subnational levels.

Poor coordination of MSPs at the subnational levels is an ongoing challenge and there is still the need to push for a robust nutrition budget line and timely release of budget for implementation. Progress can be seen across multiple fronts. There has been ongoing review of, and updates to, relevant policies as well as ongoing advocacy efforts.

This has led to the extension of maternity leave to 6 months in Kaduna; an increase in the number of organizations who have crèches and breastfeeding corners in the workplace. However, there has not been analysis carried out to determine the effectiveness of these policies.

Ongoing challenges include; paucity of funds, poor coordination mechanisms and M&E processes, poor compliance to regulations and low implementation of plans. All sectors have a good understanding of their priority actions and capacity gaps.

Detailed work plans are developed consistently, and there is increasingly effective coverage of nutritionspecificc and nutrition sensitive programmes. However, there is still marked multi-sectoral coordination gaps which sometimes result in overlapping of roles and activities across sectors.

Poor co-ordination, overlapping of responsibilities amongst stakeholders and poor data harmonization remains a huge challenge for the sector.

Effective stakeholder engagement and consultation to align actions and identify specific roles is necessary.

## **40%**

This is evidence of increased collaboration between partners, increases in budgetary allocation, and increased coordination amongst stakeholders.

However delays in the release of funds to execute action plans and interventions remains a major concern.

Increased and timely release of domestic funds, generating credible and usable data which can be used appropriately and for scaling up of high impact interventions will be of immense value.

## **2019–2020 PRIORITIES**

- Strengthen the SUN Secretariat in country in terms of infrastructure;
- Increase coordination of the SUN networks;
- Increase sub national (states and LGAs) participation in SUN;
- Work with Ministry of Budget and National Planning for allocation of more resources;
- Mobilize Academia to form a network;
- More tracking of resources and increase domestic funding.