BENIN Call for Commitments for Nutrition

Demographic data (2010, WPP 2012)

Population:	9.5 million
Children under 5:	1.6 million
Population growth rate (2010):	3.01%

Nutrition data (AGVSAN 2008)

Stunting:	37.0%
Wasting:	4.7%
Low Birth Weight:	12.5%
Overweight:	9.0%
Exclusive Breastfeeding:	43.1%

Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development

(2009)	
Total Cost (4 years)	\$135.3 million
Annual Cost:	\$33.8 million
Per Capita Annual Cost:	\$3.3

Break-down:

Nutrition-specific interventions:	87.3%
Nutrition-sensitive approaches:	1.0%
(Food security costs only)	
Strengthening Governance:	11.7%



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* Annual Average Rate of Reduction, Data Source: WHO, AGVSAN 2008

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Coverage of Nutrition-Specific Interventions

Good nutrition practices	
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-6 months)	32.5%1
Complementary feeding with at least 4 groups per day (6-23 months)	32.1%1
Vitamin and mineral intake	
Zinc treatment for diarrhoea	No data
Pregnant women attending 4 or more ANC visits (proxy for iron and folate supplementation)	58.2%1
De-worming (12-59 months)	No data
Vitamin A supplementation (6-59 months)	98.0% ²
Presence of iodised salt in the house	93.5% ¹

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Comprehensive data on coverage of treatment for acute malnutrition and micronutrient fortification are not available Source: ¹DHS 2011-12; ²UNICEF 2013;

Benin in the SUN Movement

Benin joined the SUN Movement in September 2011 and appointed the Technical Advisor for Agriculture to the President as the SUN Focal Point. The *Conseil National de l'Alimentation et de la Nutrition* or National Council on Food and Nutrition is Benin's multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder, high-level platform for coordinating efforts for scaling up nutrition. A platform of technical and financial partners was established in 2012 under the joint initiative of the World Bank and UNICEF to support the work of the National Council. The SUN Donor Convener in Benin is UNICEF, with the World Bank providing additional support.

Benin Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development

The Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development (PSDAN) sets out both nutrition-specific and nutritionsensitive approaches and is operationalised through the Result-based Food and Nutrition Programme (PANAR) and the National Food Security Programme. The PANAR has five sub-programmes that cover nutrition-specific interventions and the National Food Security Programme has two programmes focused on nutrition-sensitive agriculture.

Cost of the Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development

The total cost of the PSDAN over four years is approximately \$135 million. This is an average of approximately \$34 million per year, with a per capita annual cost of just over \$3.



Costs for Nutrition-Sensitive Approaches Over 4 Years

Nutrition-sensitive approaches are focused on food security and cost \$1.4 million over 4 years, or 1% of the PSDAN's total cost.

Costs for Strengthening Governance Over 4 Years Strengthening governance to implement nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches accounts for \$16 million, or 12% of the total cost of the PSDAN.



Priorities, Implementation & Accountability

The government has prioritised the mobilisation of resources from domestic, technical and financial partners to implement the PSDAN.

Domestic & Donor Financing Commitments

A special allocation of \$100,000 was incorporated into Benin's nutrition budget in 2012, and a specific government budget line for nutrition will be established in 2013. Approximately 13% of the cost of the five PANAR subprogrammes is expected to come from Benin's national budget, with an additional 8% provided by local government bodies. This leaves 79% of the total plan currently unfunded. Resources have been mobilised to meet the total estimated costs for the Programme for Food Security through Agricultural Intensification through domestic and external partner support.

Funding Gap

An in-depth examination of domestic and external funding streams to cover the costs of the Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development will be carried out to estimate the funding gap.