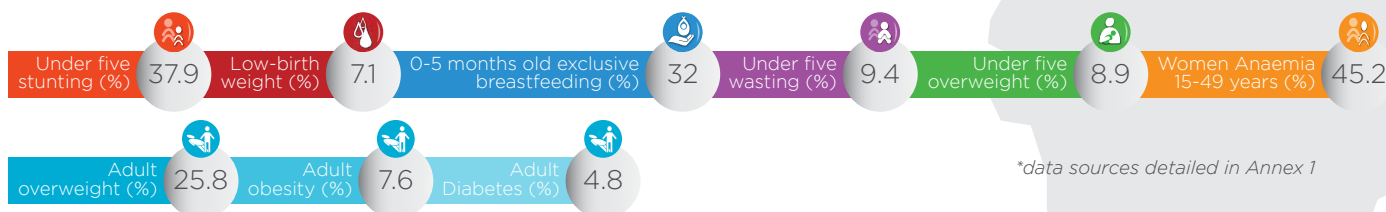




Joined: January 2012
Population: 6.04 million

Sierra Leone



Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16

Bringing people together into a shared space for action



The coordination mechanism has been established, as per the 2013-16 Food and Nutrition Security Implementation Plan. Coordination mechanisms exist at the district level but need expanding to the chiefdom/community level. The national platform meets every two months however, at the district level, coordination mechanisms exist but need to

be strengthened in order to expand to chiefdom/community levels. The Vice President's Office hosts the fully functioning SUN Secretariat. Line Ministries (MOHS and MAFFS) have deepened their integration of nutrition into programmes, and have recruited more district nutritionists. There is a need to expand membership of various networks.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework



The 2015-2017 National Ebola Recovery Strategy prioritises women and children, in particular. The rotation of executive officers and ministers to new posts has been seen in recent months, which, offers an opportunity to drive policy around a common results framework. Advocacy pushes

for the alignment of policies and legislation with the Implementation Plan. A series of nutrition-relevant policies are in the final stage of review or have been completed, on topics such as gender equality, agriculture, land, small and medium-sized enterprises, and food-based dietary guidelines.

Aligning actions around a common results framework



The post-Ebola strategic plans are aligned with SUN principles, where women and children are at the core of all actions. All national nutrition policies are aligned with SUN, although the gradually, efforts to mainstream and rolling out to the districts have been gradual. District planning officers at district councils are key to align sectoral policies. National policies are

in line with SUN principles and used to develop action plans and to strengthen coordination at national and district levels. The UNDAF is aligned with the Implementation Plan and Agenda for Prosperity (A4P), with clearly defined targets. Joint monitoring is taking place but there is room for improvement and better coordination is needed.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation



The National Food and Nutrition Security Implementation Plan has been costed. There is a need to review and develop the next five year Plan. The Government has completed a comprehensive budget tracking exercise, which provides informa-

tion on resource allocations and gaps. On this basis, the Government and partners are advocating for increased resources for nutrition. One of the challenges remains to turn pledges into actual payouts.



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Strengthening the coordination of SUN Platforms at the national and district levels
- Evaluating the Food and Nutrition Security Implementation Plan to assess lessons learnt, challenges and the way forward.
- Increase the budget for nutrition within each line ministry
- Strengthening reporting, information sharing and documentation (M&E) within the national SUN Secretariat
- Continuing advocacy for the reduction of malnutrition and passing and promoting the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes before breastfeeding week in August 2017.