





Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In the second quarter of 2017, the multi-stakeholder platform (MSP) in Yemen was expanded to comprise new partners in its Steering Committee, including academic and civil society organisations focusing on women's empowerment and community participation at the grassroots level. In 2017, new partnerships were established with institutions such as the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Although the SUN focal point is a member

of the Nutrition Cluster, comprising UN agencies and civil society organisations, the National Secretariat has not experienced the optimal level of coordination across other sectors due to the ongoing crisis. However, during the reporting period, concerted efforts have been made to better coordinate amongst all stakeholders and sectors including clusters on food security, nutrition, education, WASH, and other stakeholders.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

A review of whether nutrition-related policies and laws are enacted and effective has not taken place during the reporting period. Due to the ongoing conflict, humanitarian assistance remains the primary focus. Government agencies lack the operational costs to review or update any laws or regulations. The Ministry of Industry and Trade has

monitored several trade laws and regulations in 2017 relating to the monitoring of quality of foods for children and their conformity with international standards. The 4th Five Year Plan for the Agriculture Sector (2012-2016) was assessed in 2017 by the Ministry of Agriculture, in a bid to improve its coverage.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

As a result of the newly established partnership with IFPRI, stakeholders will benefit from the available documents, plans, policies, and programmes who currently solely rely on needs assessment reports. This will further help in listing nutrition projects, with nutrition-sensitive

and specific indicators and other relevant data, as this information will be updated regularly and made publicly available. MQSUN has been re-engaged to revisit the priorities of the National Plan of Action for Nutrition.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Although there is significant funding from donors and international organisations towards nutrition in Yemen, which are mainly targeted towards the humanitarian

response, there are no contributions from the Government due to the ongoing conflict.

2017-2018 PRIORITIES

41%

- Harness advocacy opportunities to influence political and economic decision-makers to align all Yemeni policies to fight hunger and malnutrition;
- Increase the mobilisation of resources and initiatives on nutrition issues.

2017 total

weighted