

Scaling Up Nutrition in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe National Nutrition priorities, targets and commitments

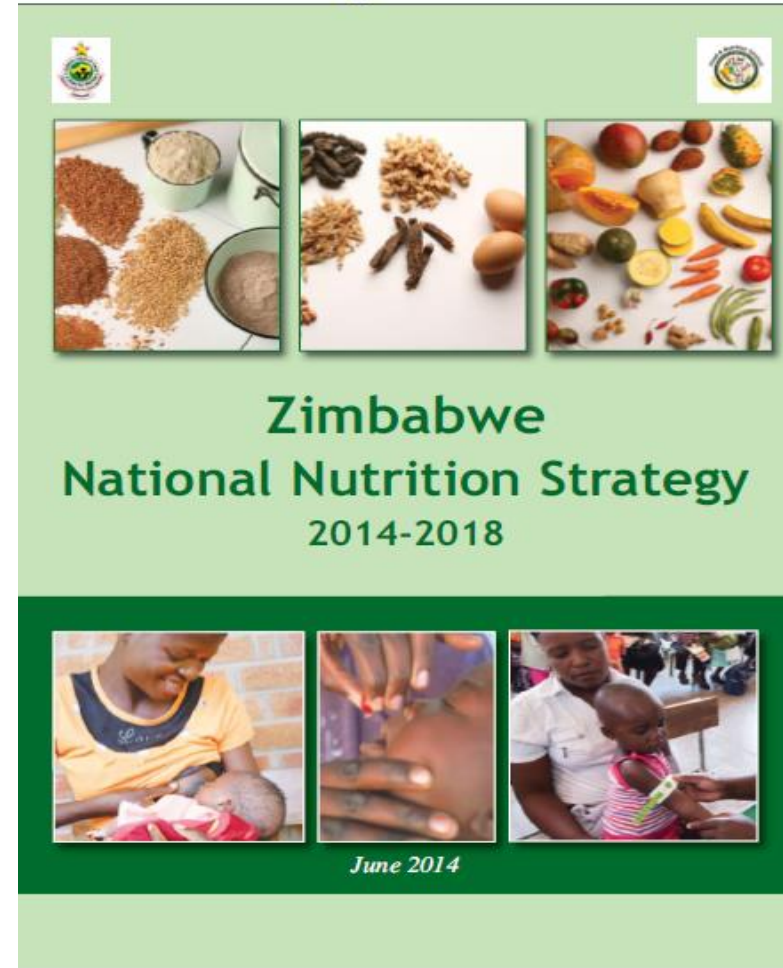
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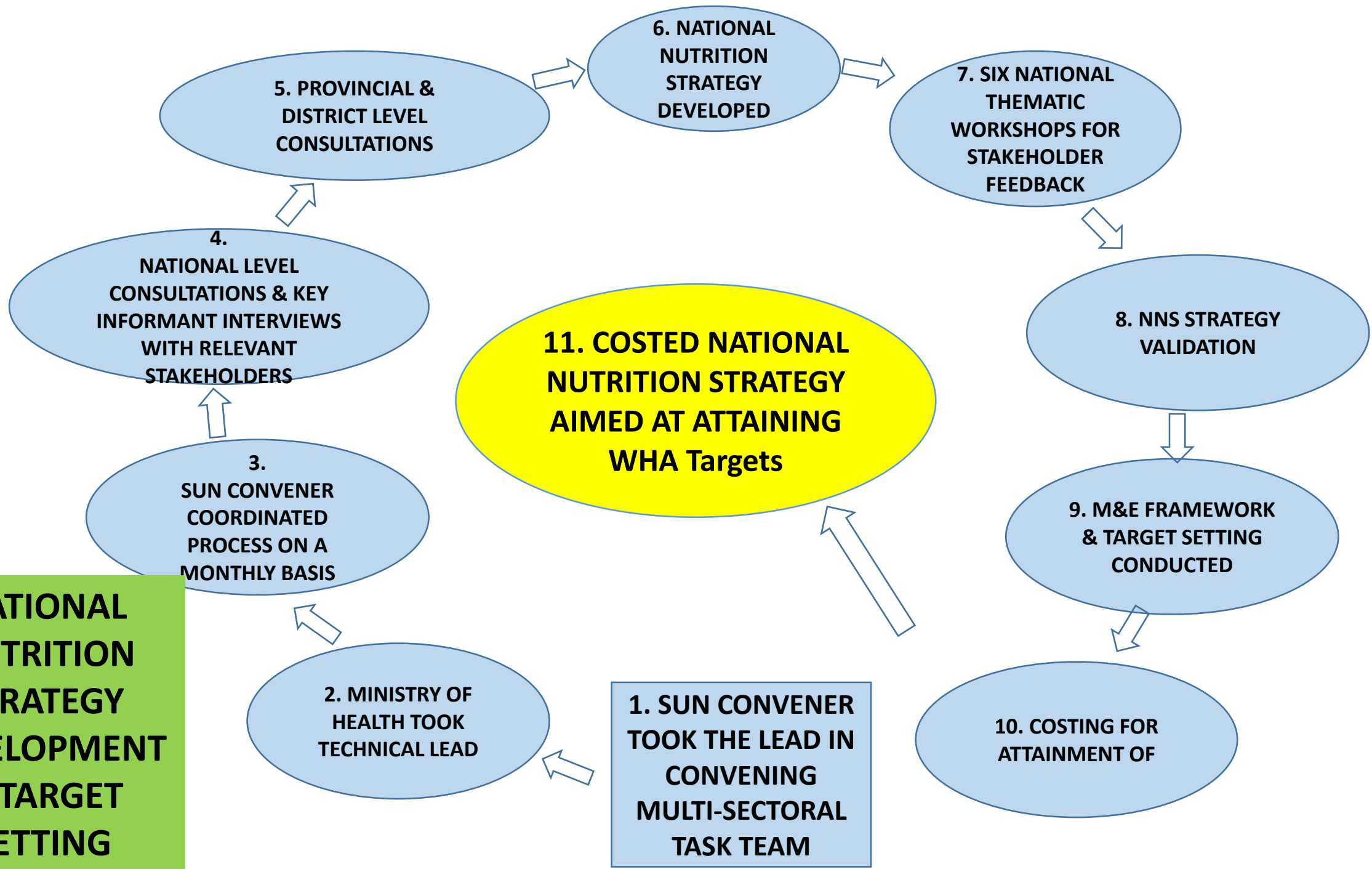
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Background

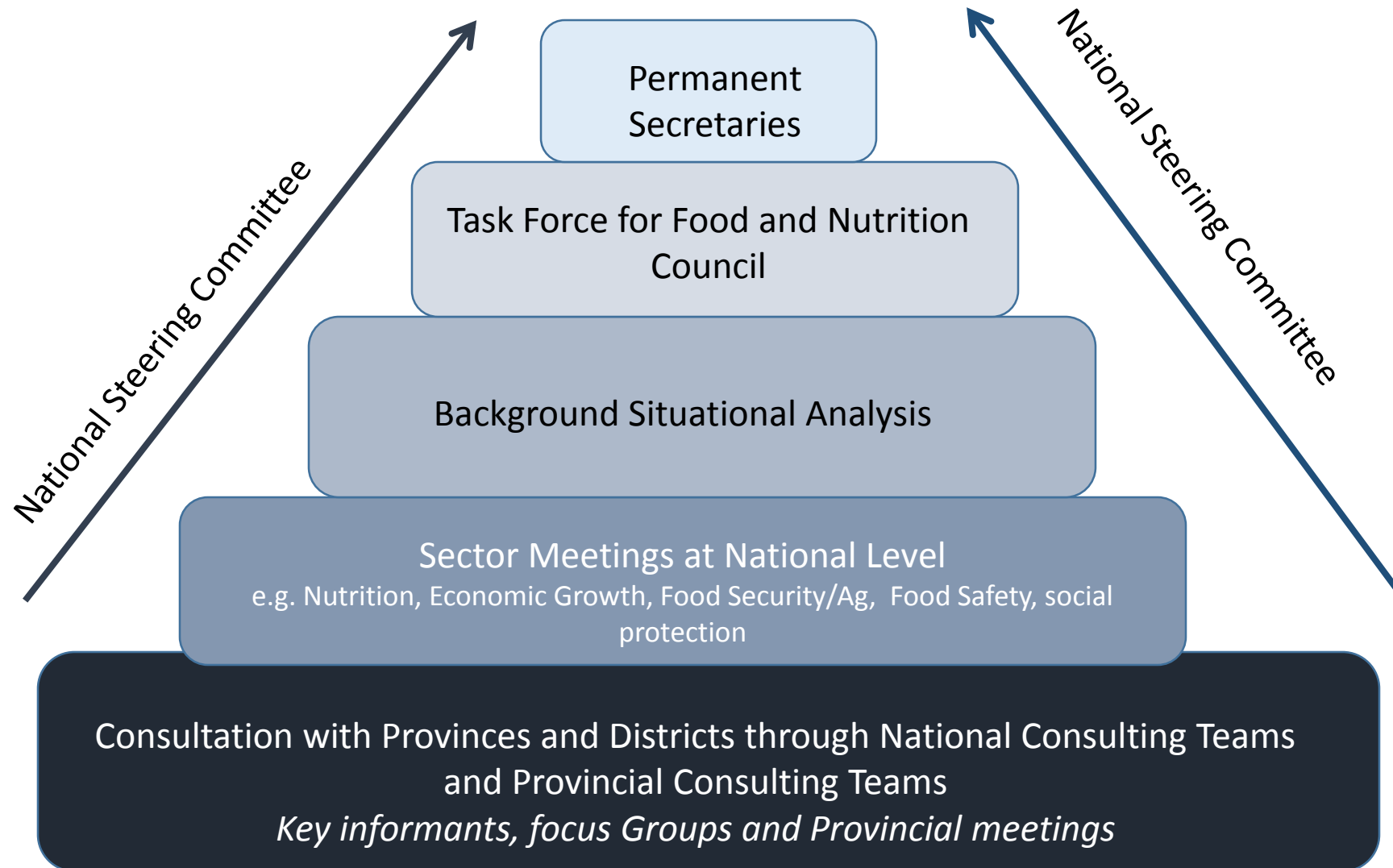
- **Endorsement of National Food & Nutrition Security Policy that incorporates Best Practices in 2012**
- **Commitment 5 of the Policy provided framework for the development of the National Nutrition Strategy**
- **National Nutrition Strategy officially endorsed in 2015 and is SUN Common Results Framework**



**NATIONAL
NUTRITION
STRATEGY
DEVELOPMENT
& TARGET
SETTING**



CONSULTATIVE PROCESS FOR NATIONAL NUTRITION STRATEGY TARGET SETTING



Vision & Mission of the Zimbabwe National Nutrition Strategy

The vision of the National Nutrition Strategy is “**nutrition security for all Zimbabweans**”.

The mission for the NNS is to “**implement evidence-based nutrition interventions that are integrated within a broad multi-sectoral collaboration framework**”.

What NNS is designed to address

1. Nutritional needs of adolescents as future parents
2. Nutritional needs of pregnant & lactating women
3. Micronutrient deficiencies in children & adults
4. Stunting & Wasting in infants and young children
5. Weak institutional capacity to enforce food safety standards
6. Unhealthy diets and lifestyles of adults
7. Inadequate diets and dietary standards in institutions
8. Inadequate capacity of national and sub-national levels to integrate nutrition into information systems and disaster risk management



Key Result Areas

1. Adolescent and maternal nutrition
2. Infant and Young Child Nutrition
3. Management of Acute Malnutrition
4. Nutrition information systems and advocacy
5. Multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration for integrated nutrition response
6. Capacity for Nutrition and Resource Mobilization

**WORLD HEALTH
ASSEMBLY
TARGETS FOR
ZIMBABWE
ACCORDING TO
NATIONAL
NUTRITION
STRATEGY**



	Baseline (2014)	Target (2018)	Verification Source
Stunting in children under five years	32%	27%	ZDHS
Low Birth Weight	9.50%	8%	ZDHS
Wasting in children under five years	3%	2%	ZDHS
Overweight in children under five years	5%	3%	ZDHS
Anemia in women of child bearing age(15-49 years)	28%	20%	ZDHS
Exclusive breastfeeding in children under six months	31%	50%	ZDHS

Example of SMART Commitment

TARGET

REDUCE STUNTING IN CHILDREN UNDER 5 FROM 32% IN 2014 TO 27% IN 2018

GOAL

8 PROVINCES AND 60 DISTRICTS HAVE FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY COMMITTEES THAT ARE FULLY DISCHARGING THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE BY 2014. 50% OF WARD FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY 2018

RESPONSIBLE

GOVERNMENT, UN, DONORS, CIVIL SOCIETY

STRATEGY 1

MULTISECTORAL COMMUNITY BASED FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY PROGRAMME

Multi-sectoral community based approach for food & nutrition in Zimbabwe

- CBM piloted in 4 districts, Mwenezi, Chiredzi, Chipinge and Mutasa
- Programme targeting pregnant and lactating women and children Under 2 years of age
- Total coverage of programme 160 000 children under 2 and 90 000 women of child bearing age
- Ensures social accountability among government , civil society, donors etc
- Allows for near real time monitoring of specific food and nutrition security indicators that inform action at ward level
- Improves targeting of vulnerable households to allow alignment of resources and programmes

Alignment of Actions Across Sectors among Stakeholders in Zimbabwe to Attain Targets

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Setting up a multi sectoral community based model to reduce Stunting

Impact Level
Stunting
Low Birth Weight

Outcome Level
Exclusive Breastfeeding
Anemia
Wasting

Output Level
Multi-stakeholder platforms for SUN capacity strengthened at all levels

National planning and budget cycle for nutrition

- Ministry of Health & Child Care planning & resource allocation is for nutrition specific interventions
- It is guided by the National Nutrition Strategy & the National Economic blueprint (ZIMASSET)
- Current allocation focusing on emergency response
- Nutrition surveillance results and vulnerability assessment results used to build case to advocate for resource allocation towards nutrition
- Existing monitoring systems in place to inform decision making on resource priority
- The food and nutrition security analysis used to track progress on impact of existing interventions
- Near real time monitoring used to monitor interventions at ward level and to support district resource mobilisation

However.....

- The majority of funds allocated to the National Nutrition Department is going towards salaries
- There is limited allocation of funds from Government to FNC
- No allocation & tracking of funds for nutrition sensitive interventions in other sectors

In conclusion.....

- The Zimbabwe Multi-stakeholder SUN Platform will continue advocating for a multisector alignment of actions and resources towards nutrition to achieve the national nutrition commitments, priorities and targets.

THANK YOU