

# Cambodia



**Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement:** June 2014

**National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition:** Technical Working Group for Food Security and Nutrition (TWG-FSN)

**SUN government focal point/country coordinator:** His Excellency Mr. Sok Silo, Secretary-General of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), Office of the Council of Ministers

## COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

### → Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/south-eastern-asia/cambodia>

### ● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2014

### ● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

### ● National nutrition plan

Second National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition (NSFSN) 2019–2023 – <https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-nutrition-plan-cambodia>

### ● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

Advocacy Strategy 2021–2024 –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/advocacy-and-comms-plan-cambodia>

### SUN networks in-country presence

● SUN Civil Society Network

● SUN Business Network

● UN Nutrition

● SUN Academia Network

● SUN Donor Network

● Others: e.g. youth, parliamentarian, media

### Finance for nutrition

● Resource mobilization strategy exists

● Budget tracking exercise done this year

● Funding gaps identified this year

● Domestic expenditures on nutrition tracked

● Yes ● In process ● No ● Costed ● M&E framework

## COUNTRY PRIORITIES 2022

→ Conducting a midterm review of the second NSFSN to assess progress, review priorities and strengthen linkages between sectors and preparing the third NSFSN 2024–2028.

→ Strengthening engagement with vulnerable populations, the media, academia, policymakers, youth and the private sector.

→ Strengthening provincial/municipal working groups for food security and nutrition, investment/budget tracking and monitoring and evaluation to accelerate the implementation of the second NSFSN.

## 2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

**Topic:** Cross-learning

**Title:** Nutrition events offer opportunities

**About:** The Food Systems Summit and dialogues promoted cross-learning, alignment around a shared vision, the adoption of a systems approach to decision-making and planning. Activities of 2021 were included in the Deputy Prime Minister's National Nutrition Day speech and priorities for 2022 were endorsed.

Open letter to the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Cambodia –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/open-letter-cambodia>

## PROGRESS TOWARDS

### SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

#### → SO.1 Strengthen and sustain strong policy and advocacy environments

The Deputy Prime Minister and chair of CARD, Mr. Yim Chhay Ly, chairs the TWG-FSN. Secretaries of State for the Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Health act as vice-chairs. TWG-FSN membership includes senior staff from the Cambodian Red Cross, the Cambodian Disaster Management Committee, the General Secretariat of the National Social Protection Council and the Secretary/Undersecretary of State of the Ministries of Social Protection, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Rural Development, Health and Environment. Civil society, the United Nations and donor agencies involved in humanitarian action, resilience-building and disaster risk reduction are also well represented.

#### → SO.2 Develop and align shared country priorities for action

As National Convenor, the Secretary-General of CARD and the SUN focal point, His Excellency Mr. Sok Silo brings together various representatives from the Government and other stakeholders, and strives to continually expand the inclusiveness of the network while bringing more focus to the subnational level and implementation issues. Through CARD he has effective political influence, working closely with members of both the TEG-FSN and the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister to increase awareness of the situation of vulnerable populations and to ensure that youth engagement is at the forefront in scaling up nutrition.

#### → SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

During Food Systems Summit dialogues, the TWG-FSN, Provincial Working Groups for Food Security and Nutrition (PWG-FSN) and government staff capacities were strengthened, with opportunities highlighted for inclusive governance at all levels. Relevant ministries are assisting local capacity-building and working with provincial/district governments. The Cambodia Nutrition Project, CARD and ministries are providing resources and expertise for capacity-building. The German Agency for International Cooperation, World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, Helen Keller International, Save the Children, World Vision International and SUN CSA members are supporting such capacity-building.

#### → SO.4 Ensure governance of SUN that promotes country leadership and responsibilities of government, aligns the resources of all SUN Movement stakeholders behind country priorities and strengthens 360 mutual accountability

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Cambodia set up 12 PWG-FSN and a SUN Business Network, grew its youth champions network, held 30 Food Systems Summit dialogues with over 2,000 participants, set Nutrition for Growth (N4G) commitments and drafted a costed wasting strategy (Global Action Plan – GAP). The dialogues, N4G and GAP processes led to a stronger systems approach being championed by CARD and relevant ministries. Setting high-level commitments and agreeing on a common approach helped instigate conversations about who should make decisions, how policy dialogues are facilitated given limitations on in-person meetings and the need for governance systems to support coordinated implementation.