

Central African Republic



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: February 2017

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: National Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Committee (CNMSAN)

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/middle-africa/central-african-republic>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2021

● MSP annual action plan exists

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-multi-stakeholder-platform-central-african-republic>

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

Subnational MSPs exist

Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

Plan Stratégique Multisectoriel de Sécurité Alimentaire et de Nutrition
[Multisectoral Strategic Plan for Food Security and Nutrition – PSMSAN]

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

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

→ Establishing prefectural committees and the civil society, scientific and private sector networks. These local branches will form the foundation of the MSP and are needed to implement activities at the subnational level.

→ Finalizing the Multisectoral Strategic Plan for Food Security and Nutrition (PSMSAN), along with its budget.

→ Convening the National Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Committee (CNMSAN) so that it can take ownership of the strategic plan and mobilize resources.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Funding

Title: Making a convincing case

About: The road map was signed by the Prime Minister, the country's Head of Government. This demonstrates a strong commitment to advance the cause of nutrition and food security in the Central African Republic.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The national SUN focal point is based in the Prime Minister's Office, but the CNMSAN has no headquarters or technical committee.

The activities planned under the CNMSAN's 2021–2022 road map are 54 per cent funded by the Government, which has approved the budget. This has enabled the first branches of the CNMSAN (the prefectural committees) to be established. Stakeholders have been mobilized, which is strengthening the national platform, but the scientific, civil society, donor, private sector and United Nations networks still need to be established.

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

The national performance framework is currently being drawn up. It will be integrated into the PSMSAN and will be available in the first half of 2022. All partners are stakeholders in producing this.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

The sectoral focal points received capacity-building in multisectoral and multi-stakeholder coordination during an experience-sharing and study visit to Senegal. The sectoral focal points require further capacity-building to take ownership of budget analysis, which was last delivered by an international consultant in 2018. This will enable them to participate more fully in budget meetings, prior to voting on the Finance Act. It will be important to receive technical assistance for designing advocacy tools and identifying sources of external funding for the delivery of locally developed solutions.

→ 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

The establishment of a prefectural committee to coincide with World Food Day was possible thanks to strong governance and local coordination. There are plans to develop the CNMSAN into a national council.