

Ethiopia



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: September 2010

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: National Food and Nutrition Coordinating Body and National Food and Nutrition Technical Committee

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/eastern-africa/ethiopia>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2016

National Nutrition Program Multi-sectoral Implementation Guide –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-multi-stakeholder-platform-ethiopia>

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

●●● National nutrition plan

National Food and Nutrition Strategy (2021–2030); Roadmap for Seqota Declaration Expansion and Scale-up Phases 2021–2030 –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-nutrition-plan-ethiopia>

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

National Food and Nutrition Strategy (communication and advocacy section)

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
Youth Champions identified

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

→ Ensuring technical assistance and financial resource mobilization and support to roll out the National Food and Nutrition Strategy and the Seqota Declaration expansion phase, including drought- and conflict-affected areas, and strengthening monitoring, evaluation and research work.

→ Developing strategies and guidelines, ensuring regional adaptation and facilitating implementation.

→ Strengthening multi-stakeholder coordination and governance at all levels, including SUN country networks.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Seqota Declaration innovation phase learning

Title: Expanding the Seqota Declaration to 240 *woredas*

About: The Seqota Declaration is Ethiopia's commitment to ending stunting in children under 2 years by 2030. It was tested in 40 stunting-prevalent *woredas*, with an impact evaluation showing a significant reduction in stunting prevalence, prevention in more than 109,000 children and 1,000 less deaths.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

In August 2021, Ethiopia approved and launched the National Food and Nutrition Strategy 2021–2030, which was supported by an advocacy and social mobilization campaign to strengthen its implementation and engage nutrition stakeholders throughout the country. The Seqota Declaration, which is the Government's commitment to ending stunting, was launched at the same time, and expands the innovation phase from 40 *woredas* (districts) to 240 *woredas* through a multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approach. Phase II of the national programme for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and the national water and energy policy and strategy highlight important policy efforts for 2021.

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

In 2021, Ethiopia made major progress in its country priorities. The approval of the National Food and Nutrition Strategy and the Seqota Declaration strengthened regional coordination and enhanced the monitoring and reporting framework. Work towards the approval of the establishment of the Food and Nutrition Council and Agency is ongoing. Following the dialogues of the Food System Summit, Ethiopia joined the coalition to achieve zero hunger, healthy diets and school feeding, which help better advocate for food and nutrition at the international level. By the end of 2021, Ethiopia had submitted country commitments at the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit and led an N4G Summit side event.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

In Ethiopia, the food and nutrition implementing sectors and SUN network members participated in various activities to strengthen the country's nutrition capacity. These include providing technical assistance for the development of guidelines and tools for regional food coordination offices, conducting training and mentorship, running advocacy events, ensuring nutrition leadership development and attending nutrition conferences and workshops run by the academic sector. In addition, financial commitments were secured from the Government, with donors matching funds for national programmes. Various stakeholders have committed funds to nutrition in 2021.

→ 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

Under the leadership of the focal point, the SUN Secretariat conducted quarterly coordination meetings with all networks. This fostered alignment among stakeholders who in turn actively developed their activities based on their joint programmes. Several network meetings took place under the nutrition development partners' forums. Coordination and technical committees were established at all levels and are led by the Government. Nutrition leadership training was provided to federal governments and regions to strengthen nutrition governance and coordination in the sector. All network members participated and exercised mutual accountability during the joint annual assessment report for 2021.