

Madagascar



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: February 2012

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: National Nutrition Office for the SUN Movement

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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/madagascar>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2013

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

National Action Plan for Nutrition III 2017–2021, currently being updated for 2022–2026 (National Multisectoral Action Plan for Nutrition – PNAMN, undergoing finalization) –

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

● 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

Network of Nutrition Champions (ChaNut); parliamentarian network (on standby); government platform (on standby)

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

→ Finalizing the updated national nutrition policies and plans, and mainstreaming nutrition into the budgets of all sectoral and development plans.

→ Developing advocacy and completing the mapping update of nutrition actors and actions to ensure greater consideration of and funding for nutrition.

→ Investing in decentralized entities for nutrition.

→ Strengthening nutrition emergency measures in the Grand Sud and establishing the relationship between humanitarian and development aid.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Financial advocacy

Title: Advocacy strategy

About: An advocacy strategy needs to be developed with the mapping of nutrition actors and actions updated to facilitate more active fundraising from technical and financial partners, given their own strategic interests.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

In 2021, Madagascar received support from the SUN Movement via the Technical Assistance to Strengthen Capabilities (TASC) project and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to develop the National Nutrition Policy 2022–2030 and the National Multisectoral Action Plan for Nutrition (PNAMN) 2022–2026, as well as for the 2017–2020 budget analysis. An evaluation has been carried out for the National Action Plan for Nutrition III 2017–2021, with the PNAMN 2022–2026 currently being finalized. Once complete, Madagascar will have a well-designed policy, strategy and action plan, but finance and resource mobilization will still need to be harmonized around the Common Results Framework.

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

In 2021, a task force was set up and official commitments were made at the Food Systems and Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summits, as well as for the 2022 African Union theme and the new SUN Strategy. The National Nutrition Office advocated among decision makers, partners, the mining sector and UNITLIFE. Funding was increased in related sectors, specifically for the Nutritional Outcomes Improvement Project, International Fund for Agricultural Development's Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains Development Programme (DEFIS), German Development Agency's Food Security, Nutrition and Enhanced Resilience Project (ProSAR) and Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA) Food and Nutrition Improvement Project (PASAN). More advocacy and innovative financing are needed, to which the development of an advocacy strategy and mapping of actors and actions will contribute.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Madagascar has held regular discussions with the SUN Movement as part of a national dialogue, the development of the food systems road map and the preparation of N4G commitments. The National Nutrition Office has received leadership training, with the Smart Protein project and collaboration with SUN networks (including the SUN Academia Network, MIKASA) resulting in several research studies on the harnessing of plants with high nutritional value as well as several public events. National and international workshops were held through the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa in conjunction with JICA to share nutrition-related experiences and good practices in Madagascar.

→ 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 National Nutrition Office is linked to the Prime Minister's Office, yet its governing entities (the National Nutrition Council and its permanent office) and the government platform need to be revitalized. Although the National Nutrition Office has its own internal resources, its budget is well below requirements. Madagascar has established regional nutrition offices, but capacity-building is needed. The monitoring and evaluation plan for the National Food and Nutrition Policy 2017–2021 will be updated for the new policy. The national monitoring and evaluation committee and regional monitoring and evaluation groups have been revitalized, but a more suitable software package and management mechanism still need to be developed for collecting nutrition data.