

# Mauritania



**Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement:** May 2011

**National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition:** National Multisectoral Platform for Nutrition (PNMN)

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## COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

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

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/western-africa/mauritania>

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

Date established: 2016

### ● MSP annual action plan exists

### ● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

### ● National nutrition plan

Strategic Multisectoral Nutrition Plan 2016–2025 –

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

### ● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

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

### 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

- Updating and budgeting framework documents for the development of nutrition.
- Improving the effectiveness of multisectoral coordination, especially at the subnational level, and refining the planning and implementation of nutrition interventions.
- Strengthening advocacy for a budget line allocated to nutrition in the State budget.
- Enforcing the existing regulatory framework and implementing a system for the monitoring and evaluation of interventions contributing to the Common Results Framework.

## PROGRESS TOWARDS

### SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Mauritania has the necessary documents, which are being updated and budgeted in line with the current context, such as the Strategic Multisectoral Nutrition Plan 2016–2025 and its Common Results Framework, which will be amended based on the updated Strategy for Accelerated Growth and Shared Prosperity (SCAPP) 2022–2025 (in its final stage of validation), and the new Post-COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan. There has been a national communication strategy for nutrition since 2008, but this has never been properly implemented.

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

There is still no dedicated budget line for nutrition so advocacy on this matter must be strengthened. However, in 2021, the Government signed a tripartite agreement with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the government agency Taazour to cover 50 per cent of the costs of nutritional supplies in 2021, 75 per cent in 2022 and 100 per cent in 2023, through the Ministry of Health's budget. This represents a strong political commitment, which has resolved the problem of adequate treatment for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in the context of COVID-19. A mapping of nutrition actors and actions has been partially completed and will be finalized in 2022.

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

In 2021, UNICEF provided effective multifaceted support, under which the SUN focal point had access to a technical adviser and funding was secured for almost all activities relating to multisectoral coordination.

#### → 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 decree on the National Nutrition Development Council, covering nutrition governance arrangements in Mauritania at the national and subnational levels (revising the 2010 decree), was adopted by the Council of Ministers in January 2022. The multisectoral platform is operational and all its networks have been set up, which has greatly improved multisectoral coordination. The country has a SUN focal point and a strategic governance body chaired by the Prime Minister. All regional representations were set up in 2021 and are being made operational. A framework is still needed for the monitoring and evaluation of interventions by sector to target outcomes of the Common Results Framework.