

Mozambique



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: August 2011

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: Technical Food and Nutrition Multisectoral Group (Government and partners) and Nutrition Partners Forum

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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/mozambique>

● 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

Annual Plan for Nutrition, Minister of Health, Food Security and Nutrition Strategy

● 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

Youth nutrition network, established in 2021, coordinated by the *Movimento pela Cidadania* [Citizenship Movement]

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 the nutrition baseline study to enable the establishment of the national information system for food and nutritional security.

→ Approving and implementing the Food Security and Nutrition Policy and Strategy.

→ Conducting the food education national campaign.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The Food Security and Nutrition Strategy and Policy have been completed with the support of several international partners. Approval by the Council of Ministers is expected in early 2022. Terms of reference to conduct a third baseline exercise have been developed, while food and nutrition have been integrated into ministries' focus, messaging and policies. In 2021, the Ministry of Economy and Finance revised the Government's budget to include multisectoral food security and nutrition indicators.

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

Mozambique's participation in the Food Systems Summit and Nutrition for Growth Summit helped align shared country priorities among different national stakeholders and partners. The integration of food security and nutrition programmes in the new government structure for planning and budgeting and the completion of a feasibility study resulted in innovative financing mechanisms for nutrition programmes. The design of an optimal multisectoral nutrition programme with the overall aim of reducing stunting was also started. Joint efforts with WFP and other United Nations agencies to reactivate the MSP with the Government as the focal point strengthened its role in the Nutrition Partners Forum.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

National and subnational government managers and technicians in the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN) and other government sectors, were trained on the Resource Mobilization Strategy. Training on resilient implementation programmes was also offered with an understanding of integrated systems to manage climate change effects that have severely impacted Mozambique. Food security and nutrition courses coordinated by the Ministry of Health are conducted by different universities and high-level institutes (Lúrio University, University Zambeze, Health Sciences Institute – ISCISA, Eduardo Mondlane University).

→ 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

Provincial and District Councils for Food Security and Nutrition (COPSAN/CODSAN) have been created, with COPSAN institutionalized in the Nampula and Sofala provinces. Mozambique has institutionalized the National Council for Food Security and Nutrition at the national level. The launch of the national SUN Youth Network and the participation of the SUN government focal point contributes to the overall governance of nutrition in the country.