

Pakistan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: January 2013

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: SUN Secretariat, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives/Planning Commission

SUN government focal point/country coordinator: Dr. Nazeer Ahmed, Chief of Nutrition, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives/Planning Commission

COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/southern-asia/pakistan>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: Unknown

● MSP annual action plan exists

Organogram for nutrition governance –

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

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

Pakistan Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy 2018–2025 –

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

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

National Advocacy Strategy for Scaling Up Nutrition 2019–2025 –

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

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

→ Developing the National Nutrition Thought Management Coordination Programme.

→ Finalizing the ECD policy framework, index, standards and action plan.

→ Developing a multisectoral nutrition information management system.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: COVID-19 response

About: The COVID-19 response package included food rations for vulnerable farmers and daily workers. ECD was integrated into the terms of reference of all SUN departments to leverage existing MSP governance structures. A Rural Poor Stimulus Facility project was set up for COVID-19-affected communities.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Overall coordination at the national and provincial levels has improved. Some provinces have passed food fortification bills, with others currently in the process of doing so. A nutrition-specific PC-1 (government project) for more than US\$2 billion was processed in 2021 but has yet to be fully approved. A lot of progress has been made in linking nutrition and ECD, especially around advocacy, governance and programming. National and provincial-level governance structures have been established.

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

An ECD action plan has been developed with the aim of finalizing the ECD policy, establishing governance and preparing costed action plans. A multisectoral action plan for nutrition and ECD is under development. A joint commitment of 32 programmes and projects was officially submitted at the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, as well as prioritized actions from the Food Systems Summit and a pathway.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

As part of the build-up to the N4G and Food Systems Summits, stakeholders from all levels of the public and private sectors were involved, including federal parliamentarians and grass-roots practitioners. There was regular engagement with all partners to develop new ECD and nutrition PC-1 programmes and to draft new legislation. This collective learning complimented other routine capacity-building and systems strengthening activities.

→ 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 most vulnerable districts have been prioritized in consultations with partners and under the Government's leadership. The nutrition PC-1 has been discussed at all levels, both in the public and private sectors, to make it the Government's flagship programme for the next 5–10 years. It aims to align the resources of all partners who will contribute with activities relevant to their competencies and experience.