

South Sudan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: June 2013

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: SUN Movement Steering 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/south-sudan>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2019

- MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

- Subnational MSPs exist
- Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

Multisectoral Nutrition Costed Strategic Plan 2022–2025

● 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

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

- Establishing and making operational all networks at the national and subnational levels, including members of parliament.
- Finalizing the food and nutrition policy.
- Developing the Multisectoral Nutrition Costed Strategic Plan.
- Advocating for the rolling out of the Global Action Plan for Wasting and the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) commitments.
- Initiating and strengthening the humanitarian–development nexus approach.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The multisectoral platform has made progress in advocating for nutrition to be a national priority, particularly during the 2021 Food Systems Summit and in 2021 N4G commitments. Dialogues were held on the finalization of the nutrition policy, the integration and mainstreaming of nutrition within all line ministries and domestic resource mobilization. Some line ministries have institutionalized nutrition departments, though these require strengthening and advocacy to be carried out so that they can be scaled up to other ministries, both at the national and subnational levels, and for adequate budget lines to be assigned.

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

The country has no multisectoral nutrition common policy framework, though some line ministries (e.g. health, education and agriculture) have incorporated a harmonized policy and monitoring and evaluation framework to guide the implementation of activities and track progress.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Advocacy and orientation workshops were organized at the national level, with ongoing capacity strengthening workshops held at the subnational level that focused on the MSP (three states). The SUN Civil Society Alliance has used its regional forum to inform members about global initiatives and to ensure alignment with country priorities. The MSP has committed to continuing and strengthening ongoing initiatives.

→ 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

During reporting, the Government was undergoing a restructuring, which led to a change of the SUN focal point. The Nutrition Directorate in the Ministry of Health became a department under the Primary Health Care Directorate, which has affected nutrition leadership and decision-making. South Sudan was able to organize country dialogues for the Food Systems and N4G Summits, ensuring that nutrition was a key priority and advocating on governance and leadership commitments for the SUN Movement.