

Sudan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: October 2015

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: SUN Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/northern-africa/sudan>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2018

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

● 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

In 2021, Sudan's SUN Movement Secretariat developed a national SUN Movement Roadmap 2021–2025 in alignment with third phase strategic objectives. It sets out a systematic and methodological pathway to catalyse and scale up efforts to reduce malnutrition in Sudan. Under the road map key priorities for 2022 are:

→ developing a costed multisectoral common results framework/plan for nutrition

→ strengthening nutrition governance and coordination

→ strengthening and expanding network functionality.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Bringing stakeholders together

Title: Using N4G as a catalyst for engagement

About: The SUN Secretariat used the N4G Summit as an opportunity to increase the engagement of sectors such as agriculture, water and social protection with the SUN Movement. Such sectors are now represented and play an active role in the SUN TAG.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

In 2021, the SUN Secretariat worked with partners to advocate among higher government officials for nutrition commitments and the positioning of nutrition on the national development agenda. It also actively worked to position nutrition through national and global forums, including through leading the process to develop Sudan's Nutrition for Growth (N4G) commitments. However, the current political situation in Sudan is constraining opportunities for high-level government advocacy. The national nutrition policy was revised in 2021 and a multisectoral nutrition plan, involving all nutrition-relevant sectors and systems, will be developed in 2022, supported by sectoral implementation plans.

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

The SUN Movement Roadmap 2021–2025 aims to develop a national multisectoral nutrition plan/common results framework to focus, catalyse and align all stakeholders and resources around key nutrition-specific and -sensitive interventions. This will help bring together critical systems, including health, food, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education and social protection to incorporate key nutrition-relevant interventions within plans and programmes and to institutionalize robust multisectoral coordination and accountability mechanisms. Initial steps were taken in 2021 to motivate stakeholders and reach more nutrition-relevant sectors and line ministries, as well as to plan the approach.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

In 2021, focus was placed on strengthening the capacity of the SUN Secretariat and the five SUN networks, ensuring that all are fully operational, with clear terms of reference that are aligned with the goals of third phase of the SUN Strategy and a context-specific SUN operational guideline that outlines roles and responsibilities. Ensuring that the Sudan SUN Movement is effective means that that there is a strong platform from which to work towards the goals of the country's road map. In 2022, focus will be placed on the capacity-building of multisectoral nutrition planning in order to develop and implement a national multisectoral nutrition plan.

→ 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

Currently there is no endorsed nutritional governance and accountability framework. The SUN Secretariat has proposed a clear governance and accountability model to be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. Recently, the SUN TAG was expanded to include nutrition-relevant sectors and line ministries beyond the health sector. A similar structure will be established at state levels. Some funds are being allocated to nutrition-specific interventions from the overall annual health budget. A more comprehensive financial analysis will be undertaken to understand the overall financing gap for nutrition as part of the development of the multisectoral nutrition plan.