

Tajikistan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: September 2013

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: Multisectoral Coordination Council (MSCC) for Scaling Up Nutrition

SUN government focal point/country coordinator: Dr. Zulfiya Abdusamatzoda, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Social Protection

COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/central-asia/tajikistan>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2016

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

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

Multisectoral Plan of Action for Nutrition 2021–2025

National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period up to 2030 –

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

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

National Communication Program for the “First 1000 Days of a Child’s Life in the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period 2020–2024” –

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

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

→ Funding the national school feeding programme.

→ Conducting a detailed nutrition programme and budget analysis for advocacy purposes.

→ Consolidating the national Civil Society Alliance and SUN Business Network, and building subnational SUN platforms.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Title: School feeding and MSP expansion

About: 1) Scaling up a national self-funded school feeding programme.

2) Expanding the MSCC (the MSP) to the subnational level to strengthen the integration and implementation of nutrition programmes and policies.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Nutrition issues are comprehensively included in the National Mid-Term Development Programme for 2021–2025. The Government has approved the Multisectoral Plan of Action for Nutrition 2021–2025, as well as micronutrient deficiencies and school feeding programmes. The composition of the MSCC has expanded.

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

Tajikistan developed, aligned and implemented five shared priority actions for nutrition:

- i) Obtain Government approval to implement the Multisectoral Plan of Action for Nutrition to improve nutrition status.
- ii) Expand the MSCC and create regional MSCCs.
- iii) Organize a fifth National Nutrition Forum.
- iv) Set up a national coordinating committee as well as regional and local steering committees to implement the National Communication Program for the “First 1000 Days of a Child’s Life in the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period 2020–2024”.
- v) Develop a school feeding programme for 2021–2027.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

The capacity of nutrition human resources was strengthened by integrating nutrition, maternal nutrition and infant and young child feeding as key topics into medical school curricula. An integrated training manual and module (Healthy nutrition for newborns, children and mothers) was developed for health professionals working in health-care facilities and is now also available via an online platform.

Subnational coordination mechanisms on nutrition were set up in the Khatlon and Sughd regions. Meetings were held with subnational authorities and health departments to build capacity and help integrate nutrition in regional work and development plans.

→ 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 SUN country networks hold regular stakeholder meetings where updates are provided on the implementation of the various national nutrition programmes, such as the 1,000 days communication programme. These update reports are directly linked into the Ministry of Health’s accountability mechanism and reporting requirements to the Government of Tajikistan, which monitors the overall progress and success of these national programmes and plans. This system ensures that collective resources are aligned and contribute to achieving national nutrition targets.