2021 SUN COUNTRY PROFILE

Tanzania

Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: June 2011
National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: High-Level Steering Committee on Nutrition
SUN government focal point/country coordinator: Mr. Paul T. Sangawe, Director of Policy and Coordination of Government Business, Office of the Prime Minister

COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:
  https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/eastern-africa/united-republic-tanzania

  ● 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

  ● 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

→ Increasing the use of the Management Nutrition Information System (MNIS) and strengthening coordination with other data systems.
→ Ensuring action towards all global commitments (Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and others).

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Title: Bringing stakeholders together
About: The Second National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan is aligned with national priorities and considers national, regional and global nutrition challenges. Its development process was collaborative and guided by oversight committees. Accountability frameworks are in place at the subnational level.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

→ SO.1 Strengthen and sustain strong policy and advocacy environments
Existing national policies and legal frameworks guide nutrition programming, with an advocacy strategy in development. Tanzania has established the Parliamentary Group on Nutrition, which has an action plan on advocating for nutrition in parliamentary activities. Nutrition governance structures exist at all levels. The High-Level Steering Committee on Nutrition is the highest governance body, comprising permanent secretaries from all nutrition-sensitive ministries. Regional and district steering committees support coordination and help increase the disbursement of nutrition funding at the subnational level. More work is needed on tracking nutrition-sensitive sectors’ financial contributions.

→ SO.2 Develop and align shared country priorities for action
Tanzania is on track to achieve its nutrition goals, with the midterm review of the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan indicating that progress is being made. For example, governance structures and processes have maintained their momentum and high-level commitment remains evident, notably through the leadership of the Office of the Prime Minister and technical support from the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC). Additional work is required to strengthen and monitor ongoing nutrition activities that are aligned with the country’s priorities.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity
Support actions are carried out to ensure that all existing information management systems are being used effectively and communicate with each other. This helps minimize data gaps and duplication to ensure progress is tracked at all levels. It may require both external support and capacity-building of the existing system’s accountability mechanisms.

→ 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
As a high-level political figure, the President is a strong nutrition champion thanks to her commitment to nutrition and role in bringing about the Compact Agreement. The shift in the oversight responsibility for the Agreement from the Office of the Vice-President to the Office of the President, along with the establishment of the Parliamentary Caucus on Food Safety, national priorities related to food systems that were shared at the Food Systems Summit event and the launch of the Second National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan and its Resource Mobilization Strategy by the Prime Minister ensure SUN governance and the alignment of responsibilities among the country’s leadership.