

Timor-Leste



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: October 2020

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: SUN Technical Task Force (TTF) and *Konsello Nasional Seguransa Aihan no Nutrisaun Timor Leste* [National Council for Food Security, Sovereignty and Nutrition in Timor-Leste – KONSSANTIL]

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/south-eastern-asia/timor-leste>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: KONSSANTIL (2012); SUN TTF (2020)

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

SDG2 Consolidated National Action Plan for Nutrition and Food Security 2020–2030 (SDG2 CNAP-NFS) and the National Health Sector Nutrition Strategic Plan 2022–2026

● 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

- Undertaking sector-wide consultations to finalize ministry commitments and indicators for the SDG2 CNAP-NFS and developing sectoral activity plans.
- Finalizing the monitoring and evaluation framework and costing of the SDG2 CNAP-NFS and presenting it to the Council of Ministers before the estate budget debate and the budget's adoption.
- Rolling out the costed SDG2 CNAP-NFS at the national, subnational and community levels.
- Developing reporting mechanisms for the SDG2 CNAP-NFS.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Creating an enabling environment

Title: Institutionalizing the SUN Secretariat

About: The SUN TTF brings together key stakeholders and is an advocacy body of the Office of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister and other members of parliament champion the SDG2 CNAP-NFS. A decree law is being drafted to ensure the SUN TTF and Secretariat remain within the Office of the Prime Minister.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Timor-Leste has focused on strengthening its policy and advocacy environment, developing a costed and measurable national action plan. While some work is still in progress, the SUN TTF is working with relevant ministries to finalize indicators and targets and develop activity plans prior to 2023 budget discussions.

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

Timor-Leste joined the global SUN Movement in 2020 and is in the process of establishing SUN networks in the country. The National Health Sector Nutrition Strategic Plan will be launched this year (2022) and is aligned with SDG2 CNAP-NFS health priorities and targets. Through the SUN TTF, stakeholders, including relevant government ministries, KONSSANTIL, development partners and civil society, have been brought together to support the plan and advocate for change. The private sector and academia need to be more involved, but a strong platform has been established.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

In Timor-Leste, the capacity-building of officials at the national and subnational levels is ongoing with the support of development partners. This will lead to better implementation of nutrition activities, which will in turn lead to better results.

→ 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

Thanks to ongoing high-level advocacy efforts, the Government of Timor-Leste has increased the investment for improving nutrition and food security in 2022 to \$117 million compared with \$44 million in 2019. Building on the Government's strong commitment and advocacy efforts, the SUN focal point and team are trying to motivate relevant sectors both within and outside of government to become more involved in nutrition-sensitive programming in order to promote better nutrition outcomes for the population and support SDG2 CNAP-NFS priorities, including committing budget lines to key activities.