

Togo



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: March 2014

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: Task Force on Scaling up Nutrition (while awaiting the validation of the draft decree to establish the National Council for Scaling up Nutrition – CNRN)

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/western-africa/togo>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: N/A

● MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

●●● National nutrition plan

National Multisectoral Strategic Plan for Nutrition in Togo (PSNMN) 2019–2023

● 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

- Accelerating the adoption of the draft decree to establish the National Council for Scaling Up Nutrition (CNRN) and its implementing orders. There is ongoing advocacy by the SUN focal point and technical and financial partners for the Council to be anchored in the Prime Minister's Office.
- Finalizing two studies in progress: Optima Nutrition and the mapping of nutrition actors and actions.
- Validating the investment case, developing an advocacy strategy and organizing a round table for resource mobilization.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The Task Force on Scaling Up Nutrition is based within the Ministry of Planning, which has been attached to the President's Office following the most recent reshuffle. As a result, the task force's activities are provisionally being coordinated by the Ministry of Health, while awaiting a decree to formalize the institutional anchoring of this platform.

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

Overall, funding for nutrition has decreased due to the health crisis. However, funding for nutrition-specific interventions has been secured from two new partners: Nutrition International (CFA 320 million) and Alive & Thrive (CFA 10 million). There has also been successful advocacy with the German Development Agency (GIZ) and the World Health Organization (WHO), which has led to funding for nutrition-sensitive capacity-building activities in agriculture, as well as the promotion of good infant and young child feeding practices in the context of COVID-19. A study into the investment case has been carried out with support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which will be followed up with an advocacy strategy.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

At a meeting in early 2021, a framework was developed for reporting on interventions in the nutrition plan that have been implemented by each sector. Task force members have validated the study on the mainstreaming of nutrition into Togo's policies, strategies, plans and programmes. Various other studies and analyses were carried out and validated in 2021, including the Healthy Food Environment Policy Index (Food-EPI) analysis by the University of Kara, which was pre-validated by the task force members, and an investment case with support from UNICEF. The main challenge, especially for the SUN Academia Network, concerns the lack of funding sources for nutrition research and food science.

→ 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

Advocacy has been carried out for the ministry responsible for coordinating the task force to be attached to the President's Office, and for the ministry's Secretary-General to be nominated as Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister's Office. At present, there is no common performance monitoring system. Platforms are in place in the regions where the GIZ-supported food and nutrition security project is running.