

Action brief

# Public–private partnership for nutrition in Guinea

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**Topics:** Financing for nutrition through the private-sector network – private financing

**Sub-topics:** Resource mobilization (donor round table / due diligence)



## Overview



In Guinea, nearly 500,000 children under the age of 5 suffer from acute malnutrition, including more than 200,000 with a severe form requiring prompt treatment, according to the 2018 Guinea Demographic and Health Survey.

Despite an environment that is favourable and conducive to agricultural practices – one of the corollaries of which is food self-sufficiency and the well-being of the population – the nutritional situation remains precarious.

According to the results of the 2018 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, 21 per cent of Guinean households are food insecure. According to the results of the 2018 Demographic and Health Survey, 9 per cent of

children younger than 5 suffer from acute malnutrition, of which 4 per cent are severely malnourished.

With regard to stunting, 30 per cent of children younger than 5 are affected, with 13 per cent of them severely stunted. The prevalence of anaemia among children under the age of 5 is 75 per cent.

Women of childbearing age also are affected, with 46 per cent having anaemia. The low birthweight rate – an indirect indicator of maternal undernutrition – is estimated at 12 per cent.

One explanation for this situation may be a lack of understanding of the concepts used in nutrition. This is compounded by low donor commitment to nutrition in Guinea.

In order to combat malnutrition in all its forms, the Government of Guinea has ratified most international commitments relating to children's rights, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which enshrines a child's right to access sufficient food and a balanced diet. In line with these commitments, the Government of



Guinea has supported the setting up by the NutriGuinée public–private partnership project of a factory producing ready-to-use therapeutic foods for the treatment and prevention of malnutrition in Guinea, reflecting private-sector support and financing for nutrition.

Furthermore, the Integrated National Nutrition Strategic Plan (INNSP) 2019–2024 is being implemented. The organization of a donor roundtable (including the private sector) for nutrition has been identified as a priority to ensure the implementation and financing of the plan.



## Objectives of the action brief

To demonstrate the effectiveness of public–private partnerships in promoting and diversifying sources of financing for nutrition.



## Period covered

The Nutriset Group, which specializes in providing nutritional solutions worldwide, concluded the NutriGuinée project with Guinea in 2017 as part of a public–private partnership.

The commitment is to support the setting up of the factory and to actively contribute to the financing of nutrition programmes. The factory, built by NutriGuinée in 2019, was officially opened in March 2022.



## What action was taken?

The NutriGuinée project was launched in 2017 as part of a public–private partnership with the Government of Guinea, which committed to supporting the setting up of the factory. Operational since 2020, the Dubreka site is the first to benefit from the “Mobi’Nut” industrial innovation: a mobile factory in a container to provide nutritional solutions as close as possible to people’s needs, marking a new technological offering and a new production method within the PlumpyField global network of producers manufacturing ready-to-use nutritional solutions.

The company also promotes healthy growth and the “first 1,000 days of life” approach by distributing the Enov range of nutritional supplements in pharmacies and health centres throughout the country. The products are intended for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children aged 6 to 24 months. They aim to prevent chronic malnutrition by providing children, from pregnancy to 24 months, with vitamins and minerals essential for proper growth.

In parallel, NutriGuinée is working on the setting up of a local groundnut roasting unit and is participating in the development of the groundnut value chain to improve its nutritional quality through varietal selection, in partnership with the Guinean Agricultural Research Institute (IRAG) and AgroParisTech/INRAE (National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment).

The establishment of this production unit in Guinea will make a lasting contribution to improving the availability of nutritional inputs. Moreover, it will promote the development of the agricultural sectors, notably those of groundnuts, palm oil and the local products used in the manufacture of these inputs.





## What would the country do differently?

Build a factory with a large production capacity from the outset to cover the significant nutritional input needs of neighbouring countries.



## Next steps

- Expansion of production capacity
- Strengthening advocacy for an increase in the Ministry of Health's budget line dedicated to the procurement of nutritional inputs
- Construction of a groundnut roasting unit



## Adaptation and applicability

- Identification of appropriate private-sector partners according to the needs of the country
- An environment conducive to private-sector investment (taxation, security)
- Ensuring the existence of a budget line dedicated to the procurement of nutritional inputs
- Political will at the highest level
- A multisectoral approach contributing to both the improvement of the nutritional situation and the creation of jobs



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## Further information

-  <http://www.plumpyfield.com/members/nutriguinee>
-  <https://www.groupenutriset.fr/articles/fr/nouvelles-usines-guinee-nigeria>
-  <https://www.unicef.org/guinea/recits/inauguration-de-lusine-de-fabrication-dintrants-nutritionnels-lunicef-sen-r%C3%A9jouit>
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