

Benin



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: December 2011

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: Food and Nutrition Council (CAN)

Sun Government Focal Point/Country Coordinator: Alfred Acakpo, Permanent Secretary, The SUN Focal Point or National Coordinator reports to the Presidency of the Republic of Benin.

COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ **Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:**

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

● **National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)**

Date established: 2009

● MSP annual action plan exists

● **Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism**

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● ● **National nutrition plan**

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-plans/national-nutrition-plan-benin-2022>

● **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 2023

Develop the mechanism for monitoring and evaluating stakeholder interventions; Develop an accountability mechanism; Promote food and nutrition research; Develop a budgeted action plan

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Coordination of stakeholders for synergistic action

Title: Workshop on regional sectoral reviews of food, health and nutrition interventions in the 40 municipalities covered by the Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Project (PNDPE)

About: The sector review, as a monitoring/evaluation activity, aims to assess the evolution of the indicators, but above all to ensure the harmonisation of approaches and coordination tools to report the key indicators of the field.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Advocacy efforts have strengthened the commitment of policy makers to food and nutrition issues by increasing awareness of the issues and challenges, as well as the importance of nutrition for improving the human capital index in the Republic of Benin. This commitment of the State is measured by the willingness, on the one hand, to create a multisectoral institution for the coordination of food and nutrition, and on the other hand, to reform the institution to make it more effective. The formation of platforms is also noted at the devolved (Departmental Consultation Centres), decentralised (Communal Consultation Centres) and community (Nutrition Assistance Groups and Nutrition Monitoring Committees) levels.

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

The Permanent Secretariat of the Food and Nutrition Council (SP CAN) has made progress in achieving strategic objective 2 by finalising the policy document with a view to mobilising more funding for better coverage of the Beninese territory.

→ **SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Food and Nutrition Council, through the Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Project (PNDE), has facilitated the strengthening of national capacities to deliver nutrition and development care and services from early childhood to the people of Benin.

→ **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**

Benin has set up the Monitoring and Evaluation Taskforce, a tool to facilitate the coordination of food, health and nutrition interventions of all stakeholders, from sectoral ministries to partners. It is therefore essential to mention the organisation of sectoral reviews, which made it possible to assess the implementation of common results frameworks for food and nutrition interventions.