

Eswatini



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: November 2013

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: Eswatini Food and Nutrition Security Multi-Sector Coordination Forum

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/southern-africa/eswatini/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2021

● 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 2023

Develop nutrition strategy; Include adolescent nutrition in strategies and guidelines; Accelerate plan to address overweight and obesity; Strengthen community involvement in preventing and managing malnutrition

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Multi-Stakeholder Platform

Title: Formation of Eswatini Food and Nutrition Security Multisector Coordination Forum

About: The platform facilitates coordination and optimizes the use of resources. Partners help supplement the nutrition budget.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Reviews have been conducted of the Eswatini Food and Nutrition Policy and Food and Nutrition Bill.

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

The Eswatini Food and Nutrition Security Multisector Coordination Forum has enabled the regular sharing of updates, plans and results among country stakeholders.

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

Regular monthly meetings of the Eswatini Food and Nutrition Security Multisector Coordination Forum provide opportunities for stakeholders to receive updates on key issues in the country. These meetings also enable members to share their experiences and knowledge, thus strengthening the capacities of all attendees. The discussions and information shared during the meetings facilitate the planning of food and nutrition actions at the national level, helping to ensure a cohesive and unified approach.

→ **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**

The Eswatini Food and Nutrition Security Multisector Coordination Forum, chaired by the Office of the Prime Minister, facilitates information sharing and technical expertise related to food and nutrition. It aims to promote nutrition coordination, adherence to guidelines and the integration of resources. The forum convenes stakeholders, provides updates and identifies follow-up actions. It also monitors progress and advises on policy. It gathers a broad range of actors. The Government chairs the forum, with assistance from United Nations agencies. The National Food and Nutrition Council serves as the secretariat. Meetings are held regularly, and decisions are made through consensus or voting. Working groups are formed as needed.