

Ethiopia



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National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: Ethiopia Multi-Stakeholder Platform

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/eastern-africa/ethiopia/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2016

● 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-ethiopia-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

Provide technical assistance and financial resource mobilization to food system and nutrition coordination at all levels and food and nutrition information management system; Implement a five-year fortification plan, Strengthen the SUN Networks

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Successful policy and finance advocacy

Title: The essence of multisectoral nutrition governance

About: The Government has allocated funds and provided technical assistance for the preparation of a plan to address stunting in 240 districts.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The Government of Ethiopia, together with its implementing partners, is in the second year of its food and nutrition strategy. This also is the second year of the Seqota Declaration implementation in 240 woredas, or districts. The aim of the Seqota Declaration is to eradicate the underlying causes of chronic undernutrition and end stunting among children younger than 2 by 2030. Advocacy efforts have resulted in the endorsement of the mandatory fortification of wheat flour and edible oil. The food system transformation road map is complete, with draft costing of the investment still needed.

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

During the reporting period, the Government and its development partners supported the planning of the food and nutrition strategy and the expansion phase of the Seqota Declaration. The Government has allocated 12 million birr, and development partners and donors also are contributing. The performance of implementing sectors is being monitored via scorecards in the Unified Nutrition Information System for Ethiopia. High-level review provides performance assessments at all levels, from local to national.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Various capacity-strengthening activities have been undertaken to support the implementation of the national food and nutrition strategy, the Seqota Declaration and the transformation of the food system, including through performance monitoring and accountability, resource tracking, partnership management and sectoral guideline implementation. Technical assistance and financial support (provided through various donors, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies, academia and the private sector) have enabled the effective implementation of government strategies and commitments. Strategic engagement with regional and global partners has facilitated the strengthening of capacities and the exchange of learning related to food and nutrition.

→ 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 SUN Networks are working together at the national level to effectively implement programmatic and advocacy priorities. To enhance accountability, the SUN Networks have developed a joint annual workplan and are monitoring its implementation through biweekly review meetings. The SUN Networks also have taken course-corrective actions based on internal reviews. Working together, the SUN Networks have helped advance national, regional and global advocacy agendas, with one good example being the launch of the Africa Year of Nutrition in Addis Ababa. The SUN Networks hosted the SUN Somalia team to facilitate the exchange of learning and experiences related to the expansion phase of the Seqota Declaration.