

Gambia (the)



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: July 2011

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: Nutrition Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC)

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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/gambia/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2012

● 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-gambia-2022>

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

SUN networks in-country presence

● SUN Civil Society Network

● SUN Business Network

● UN-Nutrition

● SUN Academia 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

Enact the Nutrition Bill to give more legal backing to the National Nutrition Agency for the national nutrition plan, Nutrition for Growth and Food Systems Summit; Finalize the Common Results Framework to enable the monitoring of targets

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Reaching marginalized or disadvantaged groups

About: Successful provision of cash transfers to 15,000-plus households in the poorest districts through strong collaboration with sector partners.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The costed Nutrition Multisectoral Strategic Plan has been developed and finalized. Advocacy continues with the Ministry of Justice for the finalization and forwarding of the Nutrition Bill to the National Assembly for enactment. High-level engagement meetings have been held with National Assembly members on the importance of nutrition in national development and the achievements registered so far in improving nutrition. Funding has been sought from the Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend project for the development of the Common Results Framework in 2023. The country participated in the development of the Abidjan Declaration as part of the African Union Year of Nutrition at a three-day high-level meeting in Côte d'Ivoire.

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

Meetings and other engagements have been held with national Multisectoral and Multi-Stakeholder Platforms during the preparation of important documents and activities for nutrition. Members of the SUN Business Network in the Gambia have been engaged for the development of terms of reference for the governance of the national SUN Business Network. Engagement has been conducted with small- and medium-scale members of the SUN Business Network in the Gambia to invest in nutrition during the first 1,000 days of a child's life.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

The capacities of senior staff at the National Nutrition Agency have been strengthened on building social protection floors in Africa. Capacity-strengthening efforts have been held for staff under the Social Safety Net project, including 41 staff from the National Nutrition Agency, the Department of Social Welfare, the Department of Community Development and the National Social Protection Secretariat. Staff have been trained in various areas to strengthen the smooth and effective implementation of the NAFA cash transfer programme.

→ 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

Financial support has been committed for the development of the Common Results Framework.