

# Ghana



**Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement:** March 2011

**National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition:** SUN Cross-Sectoral Planning Group

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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/ghana/>

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

Date established: 2011

● 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

Harmonize all sector and district food system transformation and nutrition security plans into a comprehensive national plan; Establish a SUN Business Network; Finalize the food systems investment plan; Implement food-based dietary guidelines; Track the progress of country commitments; Effectively coordinate partner.

## 2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

**Topic:** Ensuring plan alignment

**Title:** Mainstreaming nutrition into development plans

**About:** Ghana developed a planning toolkit and guidelines to strengthen stakeholder capacity in mainstreaming food systems transformation and nutrition security.

## PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Ghana has several policies that feed into the Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework (2022-2025), which guides policy implementation and coordination across sectors. All food system transformation and nutrition security actions are governed and coordinated via the Cross-Sectoral Planning Group, which has begun plans to develop a policy bundle to drive healthier food environments and diets. The SUN Government Focal Point has engaged with the Ministry of Finance on increasing funding for food systems transformation and nutrition security activities. Ghana Health Services and the Ghana Civil Society Coalition for Scaling Up Nutrition also collaborated with other stakeholders to implement advocacy and communication priorities.

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

In 2022, the Cross-Sectoral Planning Group agreed on medium-term priorities, including Food Systems Summit and Nutrition for Growth Commitments, which were integrated into the Ghana medium-term development policy framework and further mainstreamed into sector medium-term development plans. The National Development Planning Commission also supported the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework to ensure it was aligned to country priorities. Over the course of the year, stakeholders met a number of times to deliberate and take actions on shared goals and priorities, including the development standalone plans for national nutrition and food systems strategy and investment and for the conduct of an analysis on filling the nutrient gap.

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

Ghana has an established and well-defined structure for coordinating food systems transformation and nutrition security actions, including policy development, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. Stakeholders within the nutrition sphere deliberated and settled on quarterly coordination meetings for all members. The Cross-Sectoral Planning Group met nine times to deliberate on and find solutions to issues related to coordination and collaboration, sustainable financing and the prioritization of food systems transformation and nutrition security.

### → 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 Government Focal Point provides political oversight to the food systems transition and nutrition security Cross-Sectoral Planning Group, which itself provides governance, oversight and coordination and ensures consistency in policy formulation, plan preparation and implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. This structure ensures country leadership in all actions. All country stakeholders implement actions from an integrated Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework (2022-2025) and reports based on indicators in this framework. This strengthens accountability and ensures alignment behind country priorities. The framework also spells out the functions of the various government agencies as the lead implementors of transformative actions.