

Liberia



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: February 2014

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: Liberia Multi-Sectoral Platform (LMSP)

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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/liberia/>

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

Date established: 2019

● 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-liberia-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

Strengthen and sustain the policy environment; Enhance capacities for scaling up nutrition activities; Increase domestic resources to support nutrition actions; Increase human resources for the smooth operation of the SUN Secretariat.

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Strengthening stakeholders collaboration and coordination

Title: The Development of the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Costed Plan

About: Bringing stakeholders together to ensure the alignment of actions to implement nutrition interventions.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

In 2022, the Liberia National Legislature supported the enactment of the Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes, which was passed by the House of Representatives on 22 March. However, the Senate is being engaged for concurrence on the bill.

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

The SUN Secretariat, in collaboration with UN-Nutrition, conducted an action mapping of nutrition stakeholders nationwide to determine nutrition actions at national and subnational levels.

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

The SUN Multisectoral and Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) has been advocating for increased government allocation for nutrition through the national budget.

→ **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**

In November 2022, the SUN Secretariat was revitalized, staffed and repositioned within the Office of the Vice-President of Liberia. The Vice-President is now the SUN National Convener and Chair of the Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee. The MSP coordination mechanism at the subnational level is gradually evolving and embracing nutrition actions as a priority.