

Mauritania



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: May 2011

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

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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/mauritania/>

● 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

● 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

Organisation of the National Forum on Nutrition and Food Systems;

Organisation of a round table of donors for financing nutrition;

Establishment of an operational monitoring and evaluation system;

Mapping of interventions

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Financing of nutrition from social protection funds

Title: Disengagement of UNICEF in favour of domestic funds from the Mauritanian State to cover the cost of purchasing nutritional inputs as part of the fight against acute malnutrition

About: 2021: State 50% / UNICEF 50%, 2022: State 75% / UNICEF 25%, 2023: State 100%, on the budget of the Ministry of Health

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Adoption by the Government of Decree 029-2022, which sets out the new regulatory framework for the governance of nutrition, prepared and developed in a very participatory manner by all the State sectors concerned; study on the effectiveness of vitamin A supplementation in Mauritania through the conduct of a survey; workshop on standardisation of fortified flour production organised by UNICEF and the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Handicrafts and Tourism.

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

Framework documents on nutrition (policy, multi-sectoral strategic plan, common results framework) are being updated to take into account the changes that have taken place over the last ten years with regard to the nutrition dimension and the budget. Although developed in 2016 as part of the Multisector Strategic Plan, the Common Results Framework was never budgeted for or adopted by the Government, meaning that no stakeholder felt accountable. Coordination can further be improved, and devolution at the sub-national level should be operationalised using clear and SMART terms of reference.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Although Mauritania has recorded a number of successes, there are still gaps in capacity for high-level advocacy and mobilisation of resources.

→ 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 State has undertaken to cover, through TAAZOUR, 75% of the cost of purchasing nutritional inputs in 2022. This is the result of successful coordination between the Ministry of Health and TAAZOUR, on the one hand, and UNICEF, on the other.