

Nigeria



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: November 2011

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: SUN Movement Nigeria

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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/nigeria/>

● 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-nigeria-2022>

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

SUN networks in-country presence

● SUN Civil Society Network

● SUN Business Network

● 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

Establish nutrition departments and budget lines; Release and track budgeted funds; Provide support for subnational nutrition policy programmes; Engage the private sector; Strengthen the SUN Secretariat; Develop a multistakeholder workplan

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: High-level advocacy

Title: Presidential approval for nutrition departments

About: The SUN Movement Networks conducted advocacy engagements with the National Council on Nutrition regarding the need for the creation of nutrition departments.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The National Multisectoral Plan of Action on Food and Nutrition provides a good policy framework, and 21 states have adopted the food and nutrition plans. Additionally, in 2022 the country reviewed and launched the National Strategic Plan of Action for Nutrition (NSPAN), the National Guidelines for Micronutrient Deficiency and Control, the National Policy on Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN), and the National Guidelines on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition.

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

The MSP jointly identified country priorities and worked together towards achieving them.

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

The SUN Academia and Research Network lead, Prof. M. K. Anigo, is the chairperson of the Technical Advisory Group for the National Council on Nutrition (NCN). He provides high-level strategic advice and support to the NCN.

→ **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 Movement Secretariat is positioned in the Federal Ministry of Health, with the Head of the Nutrition Division as the SUN Government Focal Point. The SUN Government Network is led by the Federal Ministry of Finance Budget and National Planning, which is the coordinating ministry for all nutrition activities in the country, as well as the secretariat for the NCN and the National Committee for Food and Nutrition (NCFN). Both work in alignment with the SUN Networks and nutrition stakeholders across relevant sectors, providing the leadership required for robust collaboration.