

Pakistan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: January 2013

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: National SUN Secretariat/Nutrition Section, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives/ Planning Commission and Provincial SUN Units in Planning and Development Departments/Boards

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ **Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:**

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/southern-asia/pakistan/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: no information

● 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

● 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

Implement a national multi-sectoral nutrition strategy that includes policy and programme development, financial tracking, evaluation and advocacy.

Focus on early childhood development, school nutrition and specialized nutritious food commercialization.

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Good practices in nutrition governance and advocacy in Pakistan

Title: Successful governance and advocacy for nutrition in Pakistan: Good practices and achievements

About: Pakistan has improved nutrition outcomes through various governance structures and advocacy campaigns. Stakeholders are engaged in advocating for nutrition. Momentum has been gained for sectoral investments by various United Nations organizations.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

This objective is addressed by the various governance structures at the national and provincial levels in Pakistan, including the Pakistan National Nutrition Coordination Council, National Nutrition Forum, Early Childhood Development National Task Force, Steering Committee, Technical Working Group, and National Steering Committee on School Meal/nutrition. These structures promote policy, advocacy, programme development and implementation environment that strengthen and sustain the promotion of optimal nutrition outcomes.

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

This objective is addressed through the development of shared country priorities for action, as demonstrated by the development of the national nutrition action plan and national nutrition policy work. The provincial public sector has also prioritized sector-related requirements by highlighting malnutrition profiles, in alignment with shared country priorities.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

This objective is addressed through the various capacity-building initiatives undertaken by public and private stakeholders in Pakistan, such as public finance for nutrition, nutrition sensitive programming and development of nutrition markers, which have been adopted in the Manual for Development Projects.

→ 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

This objective is addressed through effective governance structures that promote country leadership and responsibilities, align the resources of all SUN Movement stakeholders behind country priorities, and strengthen 360 mutual accountability. The momentum gained for sectoral investments by various United Nations organizations, bilateral agencies, donors, INGOs/NGOs and other partners demonstrates the alignment of resources behind country priorities.