

Philippines



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National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: National Nutrition Council Governing Board and Technical Committee

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report: <https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/south-eastern-asia/philippines/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 1987

● 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-philippines-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

Enhancement and dissemination of nutrition plans; Intensify advocacy to elevate nutrition as development agenda at all levels; Development of a harmonized system for the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition; Budget tracking and analysis; Capacity-building for nutrition-sensitive programming

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Policy

Title: Compendium of local ordinances on nutrition

About: A knowledge-sharing platform to enable local government units to learn from the initiatives of other units that have successfully harnessed the strength of policy instruments in scaling up nutrition. This is publicly accessible.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) is the country's national policy framework which is being developed since 1974. The document is aligned with the Philippine Development Plan, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and its long-term aspiration, AmBisyon Natin 2040 (The Life of All Filipinos in 2040). Various nutrition champions in the Philippine Congress have filed bills aimed at contributing to the achievement of better nutrition outcomes. Another notable achievement is the private-sector leadership in forming the Children's First 1000 Days Coalition to address child malnutrition in the first 1000 days.

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

The Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) serves as the country's framework for nutrition action and basis for collaboration among stakeholders. It is further guided by a results framework reflecting interventions to be implemented by various agencies, development partners and other stakeholders. At the subnational level, nutrition action plans have been formulated that are aligned with the PPAN. The National Nutrition Council will continue to conduct activities to mobilize local government units (LGUs) to sustain efforts to increase investment for nutrition through the formulation of local nutrition action plans.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Capacity-building projects have been developed to strengthen country capacity and nutrition governance through the peer learning approach, including the Nutrition Champions Project, the Nutrition Shepherding Project, the Learning Hub for Enhanced and Revitalized Nutrition Project and the Nutrition Leadership Governance Course for elected local chief executives. The country will sustain these activities to advocate for and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experiences related to nutrition programme management and to inspire each other to invest in nutrition.

→ 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 governance systems and structures in the Philippines at national and subnational levels have been in place since the 1970s. Other indications of institutionalization at the national level include the regular formulation of the national nutrition plan as part of the national development planning system every six years and the updating of the plan midway through the development cycle. Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are in place to ensure that identified commitments are implemented. Membership in the national and subnational Multi-Stakeholder Platform are both inclusive and holistic. In 2022, 14 of 17 regions were able to form subnational SUN Networks.