

Rwanda



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: December 2011

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: National Food, Nutrition and WASH Technical Working Group

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/africa/eastern-africa/rwanda/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2013

● 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

Improve maternal and child health and nutrition services with special focus on the first 1000 days of life; Increase production, access, and utilization of animal source foods mainly eggs and fish for pregnant, lactating women and children under two.

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Making a strong advocacy pitch to an in-country decision maker

Title: Speech of the President of the Republic of Rwanda

About: President Paul Kagame said “Africa would not be grappling with food insecurity if African countries strategically invested in the agriculture sector”. He made the statement on Wednesday September 7th 2022, during the African Food Systems Forum (AGRF)

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The Day of African Child has been successfully conducted in the Nyagatare Juvenile prison. The theme of the year 2022 was “Protect the child, build a better Future”. During this day’s celebration ceremony, the government advocated for good nutrition of all Rwandans especially women and children.

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

Rwanda has a National Early Childhood Development Plan (NECDP) - 2018-2024 which includes the country’s nutrition priorities. All stakeholders align their plans with national priorities.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

Rwanda conducted capacity building to the primary and secondary school teachers on health and nutrition. Moreover, districts were provided with regular coaching on district planning and monitoring and evaluation.

→ 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

Rwanda has increasingly prioritized nutrition, as reflected in the increase in domestic funding. In addition, the President of the Republic has emphasized, in several high level events, the importance of tackling malnutrition in the country. The existing national nutrition information system (HMIS) allows for monthly monitoring of progress. Key stakeholders have been engaged through various consultations with the National Coordinating Entity and various meetings with the Nutrition Technical Working Group (NTWG). While stakeholders have generally honored their commitments, there have been challenges of delayed fund transfers. A budget tracking exercise was conducted and its results have helped to identify the priorities for the FY2023/2024.