

# São Tomé and Príncipe



**National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition:** National Food and Nutrition Security Council of São Tomé and Príncipe (CONSAN-STP)  
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## COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ **Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:**  
Not available

● **National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)**

Date established: Not available

● 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

Development of the multi-sectoral strategic plan; Strengthening the staff of the National Nutrition Programme (PNN); Resource mobilisation for CONSAN activities; Carrying out the mapping of nutrition interventions and stakeholders

## 2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

**Topic:** Achievements related to strong partner contribution

**Title:** Multi-partner collaboration for the training of nutritionists

**About:** A multi-partner collaboration to develop a training programme for nutritionists at the University of São Tomé and Príncipe

## PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

With the support of UNICEF and Gavi, São Tomé and Príncipe has implemented information campaigns aimed at raising public awareness of the availability of nutritious foods at the local level, as well as the importance of exclusive breastfeeding. Efforts have also been made to update the National Nutrition Policy, which expires in 2024.

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

Despite the absence of a common strategic plan, partners have been increasingly aware of the alignment of their activities with national priorities. The National Council for Food and Nutritional Security (CONSAN), chaired by the Prime Minister, has regularly organised dialogues between the Government, the private sector, academia and civil society to discuss the national agenda on food security and nutrition. CONSAN's activities have been funded by partners such as FAO, WFP, UNICEF and AfDB.

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

The collaboration between the National Nutrition Programme (PNN), Helpo and the University of São Tomé and Príncipe has made it possible to improve the training programme for nutritionists. The PNN has hired interns to fill the gap in adequate staff.

→ **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**

São Tomé and Príncipe has demonstrated its commitment to improving nutrition by creating CONSAN, as well as the PNN. Both programmes still face financial challenges, but are striving to find solutions in cooperation with partners. The national nutrition policy is still the reference for partner activities, although coordination still needs to be improved. With the support of the SUN Movement Secretariat, a multi-sector strategic plan will be developed in 2023.