

South Sudan



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: June 2013

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: South Sudan SUN Movement Steering Committee

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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/south-sudan/>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2019

● 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

● 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

Create an enabling environment and maximize the Government's commitment to leading, and coordinating and mobilizing stakeholders towards the vision of the SUN Strategy 2021–2025 and Sustainable Development Goal national commitments.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The South Sudan Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) has made significant progress in ensuring that nutrition is among the top national priorities. During the establishment of the Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in 2022, three ministries (the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, and the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare) presented a strong case for mainstreaming nutrition and allocating resources from the national budget. The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with stakeholders, has started reviewing and developing a food and nutrition policy. Efforts continue to develop standard measures for the proper implementation and use of breast-milk substitutes and specialized nutritious foods, including ready-to-use foods.

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

The development of a costed multisectoral nutrition strategic plan is considered the priority of the MSP. Accordingly, follow-up discussions are taking place with the SUN Movement Secretariat on the mobilization of resources and the mapping of expertise. Development and humanitarian partners are cooperating to align with and address the priorities of line ministries. Lessons learned and best experiences will be incorporated during the development of a costed multisectoral strategy.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

South Sudan is a member of the SUN Convergence Hub, which accommodates fragile and conflict-affected SUN Countries in a forum for learning and sharing experiences. The MSP has committed to strengthening and coordinating with such initiatives. The United Nations Network has created a forum for regular discussion, information sharing and complementation of efforts for both preventive and curative nutrition responses. The network raised awareness on the coordinated, country-led scaling up of nutrition and on the importance to the overall South Sudan vision of achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger). The SUN Civil Society Alliance has used its regional forum to inform members about global initiatives and to ensure alignment with country priorities.

→ 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 Government Focal Point in South Sudan is the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, who is accountable to the Minister of Health. The SUN Movement Steering Committee, chaired by the Adviser to the Ministry of Health, is accountable to the SUN Government Focal Point. There is a need to improve the mandate of the SUN Government Focal Point to lead and influence the engagement of other line ministries and sectors with the SUN Movement.