

Yemen



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: November 2012

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: SUN Sectoral Technical Team – SUN Steering Committee

SUN Government Focal Point/Country Coordinator: Dr. Nazar Basuhaib, Vice Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/western-asia/yemen/>

● 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

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-plans/national-nutrition-plan-yemen-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

Create an active multistakeholder platform; Developing a road map for operationalizing the national nutrition plan; Implement food systems pathways and Nutrition for Growth commitments; Improve the nutrition information system

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Adoption of nutrition policies by stakeholders

Title: Bringing stakeholders together

About: The SUN Yemen Secretariat brought stakeholders together to endorse the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan, food systems pathways, the Yemen Action Plan on Child Wasting, Nutrition for Growth commitments and the SUN Annual Action Plan.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

The SUN Yemen Secretariat, based in the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, plays a major role in coordination among stakeholders. It also has a pivotal role in preparing and coordinating the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan and monitoring and evaluating the Common Results Framework. The SUN Yemen Secretariat has worked closely with partners in developing food systems pathways, Nutrition for Growth commitments and the Yemen Action Plan on Child Wasting. These plans include several priority interventions and are implemented in partnership with United Nations organizations.

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

The SUN Yemen Secretariat has improved knowledge of national priorities among United Nations and donor partners. A road map for operationalizing the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan has been discussed with stakeholders, and a call to action for sustainable interventions has been signed with United Nations partners. The SUN Yemen Secretariat has encouraged national civil society organizations and the business sector to establish SUN Networks and has shared a concept note with SUN global networks and potential financiers. The Secretariat has developed a vision for the humanitarian development and peace nexus in Yemen and has signed an agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to improve the nexus application and develop a national guidance note.

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

The SUN Yemen Secretariat makes sure that national stakeholders are informed about and able to participate in global and regional initiatives. United Nations partners (mainly UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme) provide training and capacity-building interventions for technical staff in the health, agriculture and fisheries sectors. The United Nations Food Systems Summit Dialogues helped participants from all sectors shape their priorities. Great effort has been given to strengthening the nutrition information system, but the gap is huge, and more support is required. The Secretariat is working on enhancing the country's capacities regarding social protection and water, sanitation and hygiene.

→ **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 Yemen Secretariat has established an office in the city of Aden to bridge the fragmented leadership and technical efforts. With two active steering committees and two sectoral technical teams, the Secretariat supports country leadership and enhances the mutual accountability of stakeholders. The role of the Secretariat in directing humanitarian development and peace nexus efforts will strengthen its effectiveness. The road map for the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan defines the requirements for shared responsibilities, improved SUN subnational governance, the Mutual Accountability Framework, subnational coordination mechanisms and plans of actions, and enhancements to funding mechanisms.