Nepal

Joined: May 2011
### Demographic data

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<td>National Population (million, 2010)</td>
<td>26.8</td>
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<td>Children under 5 (million, 2010)</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>Adolescent Girls (15-19) (million, 2010)</td>
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<td>Average Number of Births (million, 2010)</td>
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<td>Population growth rate (2010)</td>
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### WHA nutrition target indicators (DHS 2011)

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<td>Low birth weight</td>
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<td>0-5 months Exclusive Breastfeeding</td>
<td>69.6%</td>
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<td>Under five stunting</td>
<td>40.5%</td>
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<td>Under five wasting</td>
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<td>Under five overweight</td>
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### Coverage of Nutrition-relevant Factors

#### Infant and young child feeding practice

- 6-23 months with Minimum Acceptable Diet: 24.4%
- 6-23 months with Minimum Diet Diversity: 28.5%

#### Programs for vitamin and mineral deficiencies

- Zinc Supplementation for Diarrhea: 6.2%
- Pregnant Women Attending 4 or more Antenatal Care Visits: 50.1%
- Vitamin A supplementation (6-59 months): 95.0%
- Households Consuming Adequately Iodized Salt: 72.5%

#### Women’s Empowerment

- Female literacy: 66.7%
- Female employment rate: 78.8%
- Median age at first marriage: 17.8
- Access to skilled birth attendant: 36.0%
- Women who have first birth before age 18: 16.7%
- Fertility rate: 3.0

#### Other Nutrition-relevant indicators

- Rate of urbanization: 18.59%
- Income share held by lowest 20%: 8.27%
- Calories per capita per day (kcal/capita/day): 2,332.9
- Energy from non-staples in supply: 20.52%
- Iron availability from animal products (mg/capita/day): 1.0
- Access to Improved Sanitation Facilities: 39.5%
- Open defecation: 38.4%
- Access to Improved Drinking Water Sources: 88.6%
- Access to Piped Water on Premises: 20.6%
- Surface Water as Drinking Water Source: 7.7%
- GDP per capita (current USD, 2013): 694.00
- Exports-Agr Products per capita (current USD, 2012): 0.82
- Imports-Agr Products per capita (current USD, 2012): 0.61
In June 2012, the Cabinet (Council of Ministers) approved Nepal’s Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan (MSNP) that covers both nutrition-specific interventions (micronutrient provision, promotion of good nutritional practice) and nutrition-sensitive policies and strategies (including a multi-sectoral strategy for school health and nutrition). It was prepared by five ministries (health, education, agriculture, local development and WASH) under the lead of the NPC, in collaboration with development partners and is being advanced at the centre of government.

On national level, a Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition multiyear plan has been developed and will be implemented. A maternal nutrition policy is available. The Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS) and Agriculture Food Security and Nutrition Plan are being finalized. Nepal has developed an MDG Acceleration Framework for sanitation launched in January, which includes nutrition interventions. A Food Security and Nutrition Plan has been developed by the Ministry of Agriculture Development and has been finalized with support from FAO and WFP.

UN agencies report that their policies & strategies reflect nutrition but need to be implemented in their programs. Priorities remain in the finalisation of these policies and the diffusion of existing ones.

A civil society alliance was created at the beginning of 2014 and members need to involve local stakeholders. The business sector formally stated its interest in participating to the SUN.

The MSNP was launched in 2013 in six selected districts but is to be expanded to 15 others in the future. District level committees and plans are being established to monitor the implementation. It is also expected that implementation guidelines will be finalized in 2014.

A WASH Master Plan was developed and completed by 2014.

The National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS) was established in May 2013 to provide technical support to the National Nutrition and Food Security Coordination Committee (NNFSC) and the High Level Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee (HLNFSSC). The latter is chaired by the National Planning Commission (NPC) and gathers several ministries (Health, Agriculture, Education, local and urban development), recently joined by the Ministries of Women/Children/Social Welfare and Information/Communication. Multi-stakeholder NNFSC are decentralised at the district levels.

NNFSS is currently supported by an academic platform and three multi-sectoral working groups (WG) - Capacity development, Advocacy and Communication, Monitoring and Evaluation and Management Information System - to which UN, donors, INGOs participate. NNFSS is yet to be fully institutionalized, however, meetings of HLNFSSC and WG are held on periodic basis.

The future composition and funding of the NNFSS are still to be defined and a long-term perspective for the NNFSS will be drafted, including the transition phase.

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The MSNP has been costed and technical experts have been in the country to assist the Ministry of Finance with analysis of the costed plan. It envisions a multi-year financial planning. NPC is responsible for allocation of budget and ensured each sector had increased budget. Government committed to even more additional budget but the UN have started filling in these gap of the MSNP.

A transparent financial reporting and tracking system is in place for the government budget but donors track their contributions on an individual level.
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2012\(^1\) and 2014\(^2\) Scoring of Progress Markers

- Bringing people together into a shared space for action
- Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
- Aligning actions around a Common Results Framework
- Financial Tracking and resource mobilization

2014 Dashboard for Progress Markers

- Stage of Preparedness

39% PM1
43% PM2
39% PM3
42% PM4
52% PM5
61% PM6
42% PM1
39% PM2
43% PM3
52% PM4
44% PM5
61% PM6
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61% PM2
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1Externally assessed by the SUN Movement Secretariat
2Internally assessed by in-country self-assessment exercise