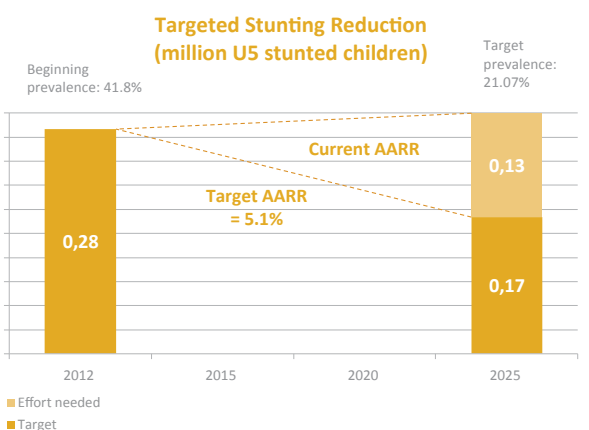
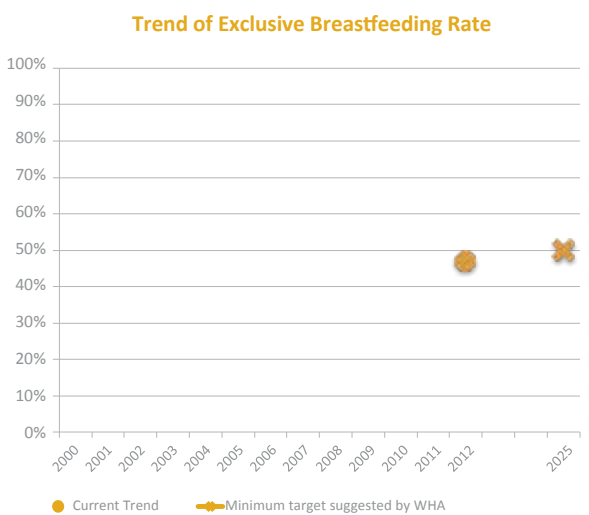
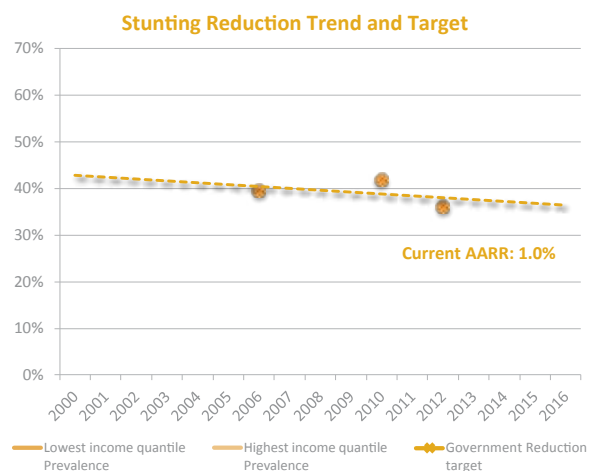


Liberia



Joined: February 2014

Demographic data	
National Population (million, 2010)	3.96
Children under 5 (million, 2010)	0.7
Adolescent Girls (15-19) (million, 2010)	0.20
Average Number of Births (million, 2010)	0.14
Population growth rate (2010)	3.82%
WHA nutrition target indicators (CFSNS2012)	
Low birth weight	14.0%
0-5 months Exclusive Breastfeeding	47.0%
Under five stunting	41.8%
Under five wasting	2.8%
Under five overweight	0.0%
Coverage of Nutrition-relevant Factors	
Infant and young child feeding practice	
6-23 months with Minimum Acceptable Diet	-
6-23 months with Minimum Diet Diversity	-
Programs for vitamin and mineral deficiencies	
Zinc Supplementation for Diarrhea	0.4%
Pregnant Women Attending 4 or more Antenatal Care Visits	-
Vitamin A supplementation (6-59 months)	13.0%
Households Consuming Adequately Iodized Salt	-
Women's Empowerment	
Female literacy	40.8%
Female employment rate	-
Median age at first marriage	18.6
Access to skilled birth attendant	46.3%
Women who have first birth before age 18	32.1%
Fertility rate	5.2
Other Nutrition-relevant indicators	
Rate of urbanization	49.00%
Income share held by lowest 20%	6.40%
Calories per capita per day (kcal/capita/day)	2,209.5
Energy from non-staples in supply	27.41%
Iron availability from animal products (mg/capita/day)	-
Access to Improved Sanitation Facilities	11.2%
Open defecation	54.7%
Access to Improved Drinking Water Sources	66.1%
Access to Piped Water on Premises	2.9%
Surface Water as Drinking Water Source	12.9%
GDP per capita (current USD, 2013)	454.00
Exports-Agr Products per capita (current USD, 2012)	-
Imports-Agr Products per capita (current USD, 2012)	-



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Liberia joined the SUN Movement in February 3rd, 2014 and although a multi-stakeholder platform has not yet been established, the Nutrition Division of Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) is already convening line ministries and partners.

Meeting with line ministries still in progress, but with the prevailing Ebola situation and STATE of EMERGENCY, meeting of such is pending until the situation improves.

A letter from the MOHSW to the President of Liberia for the endorsement of a SUN Secretariat and the nomination of both a focal point and a donor convener has been submitted. Until a Donor Convener is nominated, UNICEF is acting as the interim Donor Convener to support the MOHSW.

In the wake of the Ebola situation we are still hopeful that when the situation improves a follow up remind letter will be sent to the President or a meeting will be scheduled by the Assistant Minister Tolbert Nyenswah to follow up on the letter and her reaction. Meanwhile, UNICEF is still the donor convener until the National Focal Point is identified and the secretariat is set up.

The main priorities described in the letter to the President include the reduction of stunting, scale up of nutrition-specific interventions, and the integration and expansion of nutrition-sensitive interventions. In addition, Liberia intends to establish a civil society platform by June 2014.

Aligning actions around a Common Results Framework

All sectors have different frameworks of implementation and reporting. The process of a common reporting framework is underway; meanwhile, the Nutrition Division of the MOHSW is currently coordinating reports of activities by the line Ministries and partners through monthly NNCC meetings.

Nutrition interventions are part of the essential package of services since 2011.

Stunting reduction remains the key national priority.

In order to reduce its rate, a set of Essential Nutrition Actions (ENAs) has being rolled out in five (5) Counties.

Nutrition partners are being proactive and making emergency plans to continue supporting counties even in wake of the Ebola situation. Such plan is yet to be finalized and implemented. ENA training included all health workers and community volunteers.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The multi-sectoral Food and Nutrition Strategy developed in 2010 is in line with the National Nutrition Policy developed in 2009. It states the national priorities to be addressed in a harmonized manner to ensure food security and good nutrition for all Liberians.

Nutrition has been mainstreamed into policies for economic growth and development, poverty reduction, food and agriculture, health care, education and social development and include:

- The 2012 poverty reduction strategy, which places nutrition as a national priority and in the overall development agenda.
- The Investment Program for Agriculture (derived from CAADP). It includes a specific component on food and nutrition to achieve nutritious food production and the provision of nutrition supplement.

Nutrition sensitive documents and plans exist and there are recommendations to review and consolidate both food and nutrition policies and strategies.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) are in the process of harmonizing all plans to address malnutrition. The MOHSW is already engaged in the process of developing a multi-sectoral, national nutrition implementation plan that fully embraces both direct nutrition interventions as well as nutrition sensitive actions.

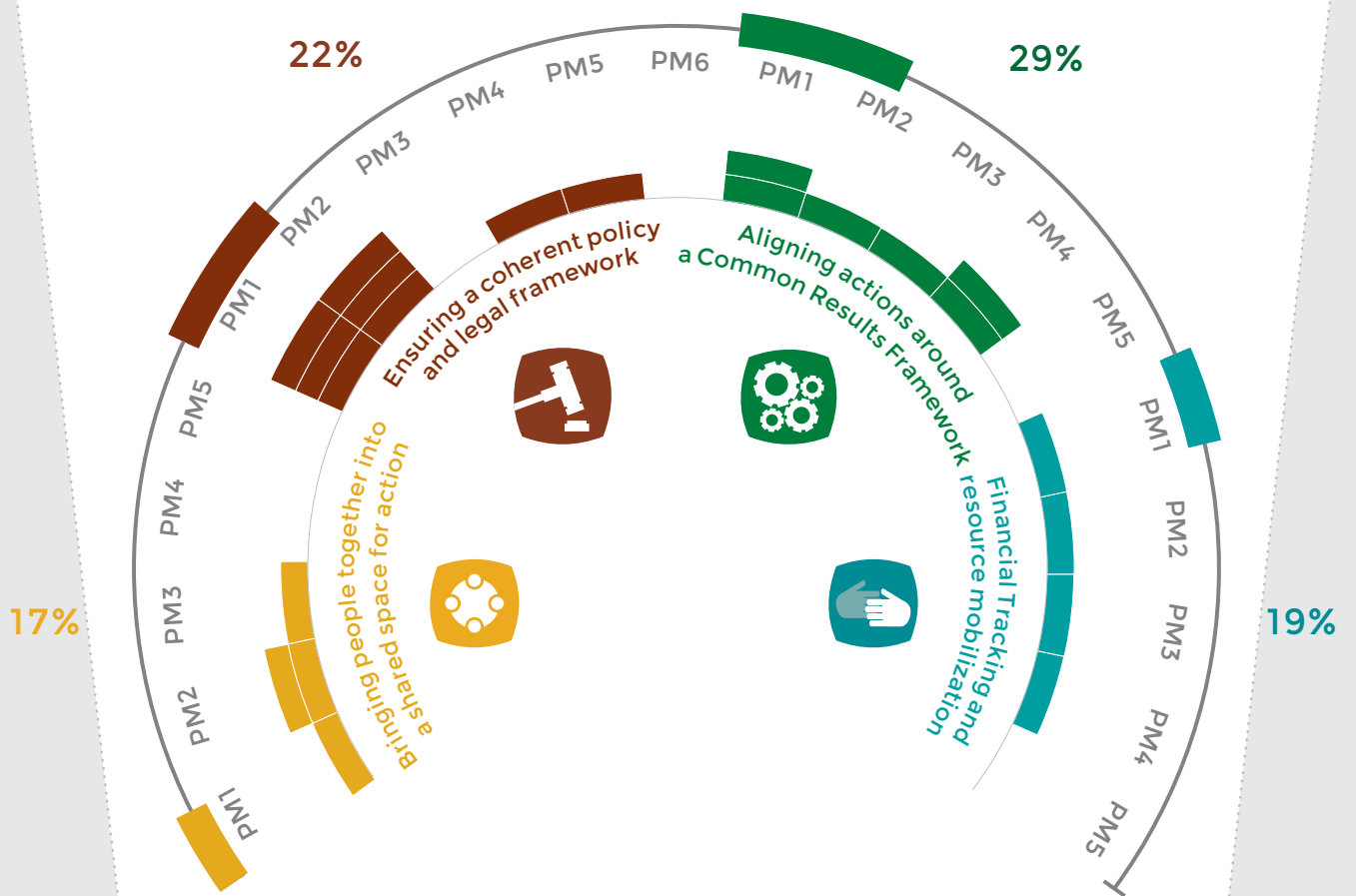
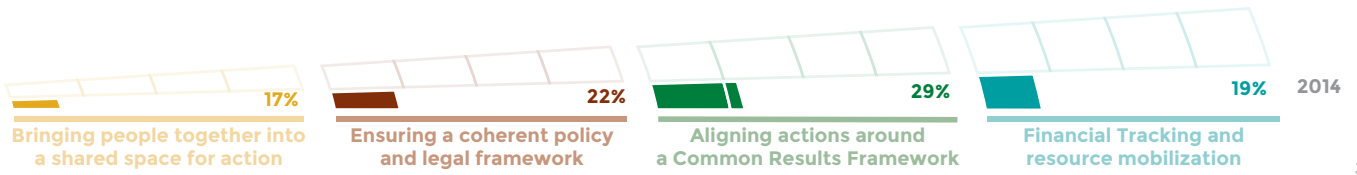
Completion of these documents should have been a part of planned meetings among the sectors, but as mentioned above, there are limitations in the wake of the current STATE of EMERGENCY, therefore, all meetings related to programs implementations are cancelled. Convenings will re-activate as soon as the alarming situation is over. Meanwhile all documents are currently being identified by sectors, MOA is reviewing the national strategy for Food Security and Nutrition and MOE has developed a draft School Health and Nutrition strategy that must also be reviewed.

Financial Tracking and resource mobilization

It has being agreed that all sectors develop a costed plan that is nutrition sensitive. Its development has already begun.

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