BENIN
Call for Commitments for Nutrition

Demographic data (2010, WPP 2012)
Population: 9.5 million
Children under 5: 1.6 million
Population growth rate (2010): 3.01%

Nutrition data (AGVSAN 2008)
Stunting: 37.0%
Wasting: 4.7%
Low Birth Weight: 12.5%
Overweight: 9.0%
Exclusive Breastfeeding: 43.1%

Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development (2009)
Total Cost (4 years) $135.3 million
Annual Cost: $33.8 million
Per Capita Annual Cost: $3.3

Break-down:
Nutrition-specific interventions: 87.3%
Nutrition-sensitive approaches: 1.0%
(Food security costs only)
Strengthening Governance: 11.7%

Coverage of Nutrition-Specific Interventions

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<th>Good nutrition practices</th>
<th>Coverage (%)</th>
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<td>Exclusive breastfeeding (0-6 months)</td>
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<td>Complementary feeding with at least 4 groups per day (6-23 months)</td>
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<td>Vitamin and mineral intake</td>
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<td>Zinc treatment for diarrhoea</td>
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<td>Pregnant women attending 4 or more ANC visits (proxy for iron and folate supplementation)</td>
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<td>De-worming (12-59 months)</td>
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<td>Vitamin A supplementation (6-59 months)</td>
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<td>Presence of iodised salt in the house</td>
<td>93.5%</td>
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Comprehensive data on coverage of treatment for acute malnutrition and micronutrient fortification are not available

Source: 1DHS 2011-12; 2UNICEF 2013;

Benin in the SUN Movement
Benin joined the SUN Movement in September 2011 and appointed the Technical Advisor for Agriculture to the President as the SUN Focal Point. The Conseil National de l’Alimentation et de la Nutrition or National Council on Food and Nutrition is Benin’s multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder, high-level platform for coordinating efforts for scaling up nutrition. A platform of technical and financial partners was established in 2012 under the joint initiative of the World Bank and UNICEF to support the work of the National Council. The SUN Donor Convener in Benin is UNICEF, with the World Bank providing additional support.

Benin Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development
The Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development (PSDAN) sets out both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches and is operationalised through the Result-based Food and Nutrition Programme (PANAR) and the National Food Security Programme. The PANAR has five sub-programmes that cover nutrition-specific interventions and the National Food Security Programme has two programmes focused on nutrition-sensitive agriculture.
Cost of the Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development
The total cost of the PSDAN over four years is approximately $135 million. This is an average of approximately $34 million per year, with a per capita annual cost of just over $3.

Costs of Nutrition-Specific Interventions Over 4 Years
Nutrition-specific interventions cost $118 million, representing 87% of the PSDAN’s total cost.

Costs for Nutrition-Sensitive Approaches Over 4 Years
Nutrition-sensitive approaches are focused on food security and cost $1.4 million over 4 years, or 1% of the PSDAN’s total cost.

Costs for Strengthening Governance Over 4 Years
Strengthening governance to implement nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches accounts for $16 million, or 12% of the total cost of the PSDAN.

Priorities, Implementation & Accountability
The government has prioritised the mobilisation of resources from domestic, technical and financial partners to implement the PSDAN.

Domestic & Donor Financing Commitments
A special allocation of $100,000 was incorporated into Benin’s nutrition budget in 2012, and a specific government budget line for nutrition will be established in 2013. Approximately 13% of the cost of the five PANAR sub-programmes is expected to come from Benin’s national budget, with an additional 8% provided by local government bodies. This leaves 79% of the total plan currently unfunded. Resources have been mobilised to meet the total estimated costs for the Programme for Food Security through Agricultural Intensification through domestic and external partner support.

Funding Gap
An in-depth examination of domestic and external funding streams to cover the costs of the Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Development will be carried out to estimate the funding gap.