South Sudan

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Highlights

- The South Sudan SUN team recognises the importance of combatting the high levels of malnutrition and is determined to develop a long term comprehensive strategy that will effectively address their issues of stunting and wasting.

- A priority for the multi-stakeholder platform will be to develop a Common Results Framework and a package of interventions with strategic objectives by sector. A robust monitoring and evaluation system will be developed to complement the CRF.

- The South Sudan Finance department has agreed to provide a separate budget line for nutrition programs in the Ministry of Health.

Under five stunting: 31.1%
Low-birth weight: -
0-5 months old exclusive breastfeeding: 45.0%
Under five wasting: 22.7%
Under five overweight: 6.0%
Women Anaemia 15-49 years: -

*data sources detailed in Annex 1

Country Progress 2015

Ensuring a coherent policy
and legal framework

Aligning actions around
a Common Results Framework

Financial tracking and
resource mobilisation

Bringing people together into
a shared space for action

*See page 29 for more information about 2015 scoring against each progress marker
The South Sudan ShE team recognises the importance of combating the high levels of malnutrition and is determined to develop a long-term comprehensive strategy that will effectively address their issues of stunting and wasting. A priority for the MSP will be to develop a Common Results Framework (CRF) and a package of interventions with strategic objectives by sector. A robust monitoring and evaluation system will be developed to complement the CRF.

South Sudan’s ability to mobilise sufficient financial and technical resources for nutrition is limited due to it being a newly formed country. Participation of South Sudan in the SUN Movement Budget Analysis Exercise for nutrition related expenditure proved to be an eye opening learning experience for the key stakeholders involved. Through the exercise, they were able to agree with the Finance department that a separate budget line will be allocated for the Nutrition Department of the Ministry of Health.

The Department for International Development, the European Commission, Food for Peace by the Office of Disaster Assistance in the United States Agency for International Aid, the Government of Japan, UNICEF and UNICEF National Committees are the main donors for nutrition programs and funding is channeled mainly through UN agencies and civil society organisations.

Nutrition interventions are being implemented across the country, with major contributions directed to address severe acute malnutrition programs in emergencies, however, there is limited finding available for major development interventions to address chronic malnutrition or to prevent stunting.

A priority for South Sudan is to establish a transparent financial reporting and tracking system that enables the government and donors to track resources and ensure transparency and accountability.