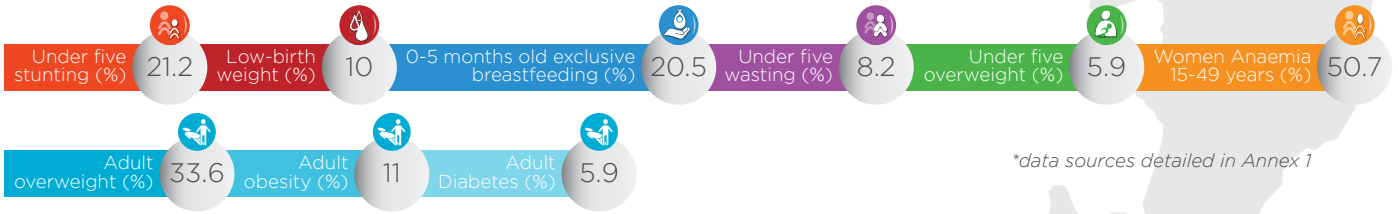




Joined: October 2013
Population: 4.28 million

Congo



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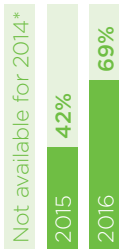
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Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Decree establishing a National Council for the Fight against Malnutrition (CNLM), submitted to the President will be reviewed, in light of the new Constitution. In the meantime, the focal point, the Minister General Secretary of the Presidency, is convening United Nations teams, governmental

sectors and academics on an ad hoc basis and engaging parliamentarians, in accordance with the 2014-2015 roadmap (being redefined for 2016). There is a need to increase the participation of the private sector and civil society, which will commence once the CNLM has been implemented.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Pro-nutrition legislation covers micronutrient deficiencies, nutrition communication, school feeding programmes and community health policies, which integrate nutrition-related activities. New laws are in place to improve health security in connection with exportation but it is sometimes problematic

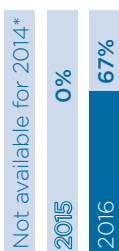
to pass implementing legislation. Revisions have been planned of the National Nutrition Policy, the Constitutional Acts of the Food Security Council, the Fortification Commission and the Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The strategic framework for the fight against malnutrition - for 2025 - is combined with a 2016-2018 operational plan, financially costed and with a monitoring and evaluation framework. These documents are based on the latest situational analysis of implementation of actions and

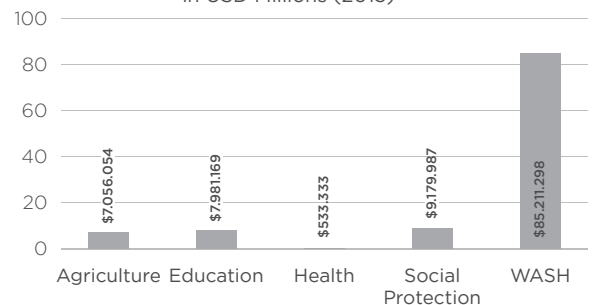
the latest nutritional surveys. Their drafting was inclusive, but renewed commitment will be necessary in order to carry out actions associated with gender equality, water, sanitation and equity. An information system must be established to collect and analyse data.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Congo is one of the founding countries of the worldwide UNITLIFE initiative and is committed to contributing financially to guarantee its launch. Certain activities in the operational plan already have financing and advocacy is under way to include certain nutritional activities in the finance law that is under negotiation, while sectoral finances have been re-evaluated. The main challenge remains disbursement; monitoring and evaluation actions have been undertaken in respect of disbursements on budget lines related to nutrition.

Nutrition-Relevant Allocations Across Government Sectors in USD Millions (2015)



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- To establish a National Council for the Fight Against Malnutrition
- To implement the activities of the Action Plan
- To establish a coordinated monitoring and evaluation system with updates on the nutritional situation.