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Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In December 2015, a Prime Ministerial Decree established the National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Committee (CNMN), which includes an Inter-Ministerial platform and a multi-stakeholder technical committee of experts. The CNMN is not yet functional but regular technical meetings are held in the context of the Ministry of Health national nutrition programme. Furthermore, five networks have been formalised, including one for scientists, and these are drawing up roadmaps to increase their functionality. Finally, two multi-sectoral committees have been installed in the provinces of South Kivu and Kasai.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Analysis of existing policies and programmes relating to nutrition served as a basis for the revision of the National Nutrition Policy, adopted in 2013 and broken down into a Strategic multi-sectoral nutrition plan (PNSMN), finalised in 2016. To date, nutrition has been integrated into strategic sectoral documents in the areas of agriculture, public health, poverty reduction and development. The Congo Federation of Enterprises is participating in efforts to improve legislation on food fortification.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The PNSMN is broken down into an operational plan with its own monitoring and evaluation team. The latter defines the strategic priorities, objectives, anticipated results, indicators and targets for action. However, the roles and contributions of each stakeholder have not yet been finalised. An action plan has been created at the central level to be implemented in 2016, which the provinces to implement. There are still challenges: for example, implementing these plans - given the absence of sufficient financing - and setting up an information system that is able to operationalise the monitoring and evaluation framework.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The PNSMN’s operational plan for the next five years has been costed. There is a budget line for activities associated with the SUN Movement in 2015 and 2016 State budgets, but the disbursements have not taken place. The current investments of the Government and its partners are insufficient, which highlights the need to redouble efforts to mobilise resources.

2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Strengthen advocacy and resources dedicated to nutrition
- Mobilise champions and parliamentarians
- Create a multi-sectoral advocacy and communication strategy and show that nutrition represents an investment
- Organise and manage local implementation of the common results framework
- Emphasise capacity building for individuals and organisations