Kyrgyzstan

Joined: December 2011
Population: 5.96 million

Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16

Following the formalisation of the Multi-Sectoral Platform (MSP), in October 2015 nutrition champions were appointed, including the First Lady, who leads the academia group. The Civil Society Alliance, the UN Network and the Business Network were established between 2014 and 2016. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Networks, including Parliamentarians, during the Forum on Food Security and Nutrition, held on 20 June 2016. The Food Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic, the advisory body of the Government, chaired by the Vice Prime Minister, was established to make operational decisions on the stable provision of food and to improve nutrition in the country. It is planned to form a Secretariat on Food Security and Nutrition, to be based at the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

SUN Networks drafted and discussed the strategy for the Multi-Sectoral Platform, which will be finalised with the technical assistance of SUN Movement Secretariat. The Republic Health Promotion Centre has prepared a nutrition communication strategy. The Parliament has held a special session on flour fortification. An interagency working group has drafted a resolution on the “Implementation of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on Flour Fortification”. UNICEF, UNFPA and the National Statistics Committee has undertaken a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey to assess undernutrition.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The Food Security and Nutrition Programme for 2015-17 and its operational plan were approved by a Government Decree in September 2015. A functional analysis of food security and nutrition coordination mechanisms was completed and presented during the Forum on Food Security and Nutrition in June 2016. WFP has prepared a Food Security Atlas, which contains measurable nutrition indicators. The planning process for the 2018-2022 Food Security and Nutrition Programme has been recently launched and will be aligned with the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap (2016-20). A Kyrgyz case study will be presented at the Global Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Congress in October 2016.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Costing of the Food Security Programme was carried out in 2014-15 and, as a result, a financial gap of 44.7 per cent has been identified. Although there is a sectoral budget forecast for different nutrition and food security programmes, there is no long-term, sustainable resource mobilisation strategy in place. The Kyrgyz Republic participated in the SUN public financing workshop held in Bangkok in May 2016, and further analysis of the national budget for nutrition is in the pipeline. There is no consistent approach in preparing the budget and financing for activities of Government agencies.

2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Finalise the SUN Multi-Sectoral Platform Strategy 2016-2020 with an Action Plan, which is costed
- Initiate a drafting process for the next Food Security and Nutrition Programme 2018-2022
- Establish the Food Security and Nutrition Secretariat
- Make amendments to the Law On Food Security for additional focus on nutrition
- Conduct regular monitoring of the implementation of legislation on nutrition and food security
- Preparation of next food security atlas
- Continue the analysis of the budgets of ministries and other government entities on nutrition activities.