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Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Provincial SUN Steering Committees are Government-appointed and SUN Secretariats are at different stages of operationalisation. Provincial and regional SUN Focal Points were appointed in 2015-2016. The UN Network has developed a workplan and proposal for effective coordination.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The Government has approved nutrition-specific and health-integrated nutrition projects in the provinces, along with ensuring nutrition inputs into Pakistan ‘Vision 2025’ and Five-Year Plan, through technical support by partners, particularly the UN. Pakistan’s Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy is being formulated. The National Fortification Strategy and Standards are being formulated. A nutrition budget analysis is planned by civil society organisations and building their capacities to ensure nutrition-sensitive policies and strategies is ongoing.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy is being formulated with all stakeholders. Funds are being allocated with nutrition present in public sector development programmes. Annual development plans are addressing nutrition, which is a step towards improving nutrition in the country. UN agencies have aligned their programmes with national nutrition-relevant policies, and a results framework is being developed for projects that are implementing under the Pakistan Partnership for Improved Nutrition Multi-Donor Trust Fund, which provides a good framework for intersectoral work at scale.

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2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Continued support and strengthening of SUN units at the national and sub-national level
- Development and implementation of the Pakistan Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy (to ensure alignment with the SDGs)
- Operationalisation of the SUN Business Network thematic working groups
- Ensuring the engagement of the Civil Society Alliance in advocacy and awareness-raising, especially among policy makers
- Capability building and utilisation of academia and research institutions to promote nutrition teaching and research
- Rolling out of the public finance tracking mechanism at the sub-national level.