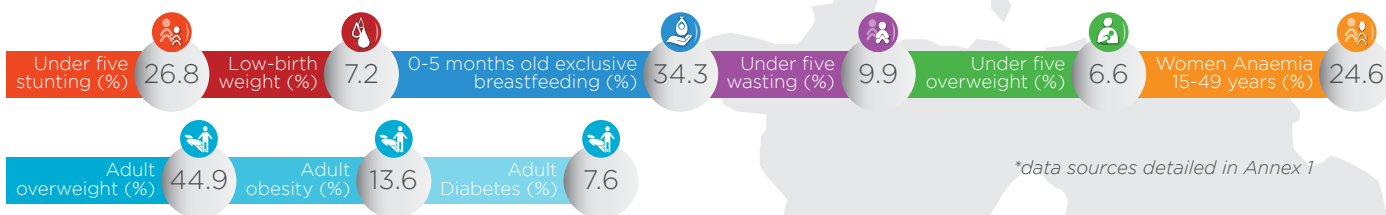




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Population: 8.44 million

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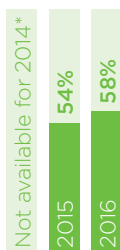
Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection has continued to bring together multi-sectoral stakeholders in 2015-16. Increased engagement was seen by other Ministries such as the Ministries of Finance, Economic Development and Trade and Education. UNICEF and USAID assisted the

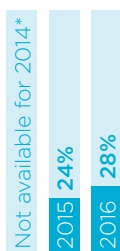
Government in making the Platform operational. The Donor Coordination Council played a catalytic role in advocating for the inclusion of food security and nutrition in the National Development and Mid-term Development Strategies. GAIN is supporting the formation of the Business Network.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

In 2015-16, some key nutrition achievements have been seen. For instance, food security and nutrition has been included as a separate goal in the new National Development and Mid-Term Development Strategies. Policymakers have shown increased focus on flour fortification and salt iodisation.

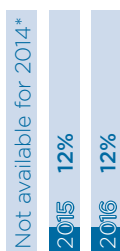
Furthermore, for the first time, parliamentarians have been brought onboard to promote nutrition-related policies and programming. Many policies and strategies have been revised and consolidated through a nutrition lens.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

Tajikistan mobilised technical assistance from the Maximising Quality of Scaling Up Nutrition (MQSUN) Consortium to develop a common results framework (CRF) and a costed Multi-Sectoral Action Plan for nutrition. In August 2015 a programming gap analysis was undertaken,

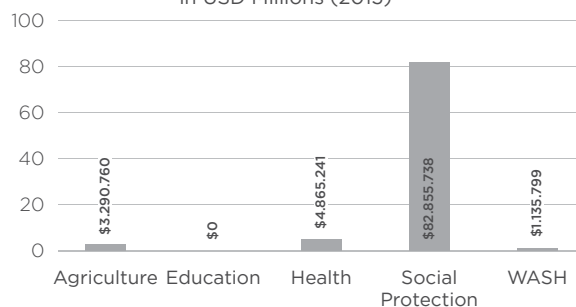
followed by a high-level workshop to agree on common goals (such as alignment with 2025 World Health Assembly targets) for the CRF and to start discussing sectoral priorities. A study tour to Nepal took place in May 2016 for a 15-member Tajik delegation.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Tajikistan took part in a financial tracking exercise during the reporting period and the final outcomes are available for the 2014 and 2015 budgets. The plan is to include off-budget allocations in future analysis. The exercise led to improved collaboration between the Ministries of Health and Social Protection and Finance. In 2016, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection has embarked on and exercise to define and cost the essential maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and nutrition service package offered.

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



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- The finalisation of the common results framework and Multi-Sectoral Action Plan are two priority areas. A high-level national conference on nutrition is planned for to coincide with the CRF launch
- The inclusion of nutrition in the President's annual speech (for primo 2017) is planned for, also with a view to proclaim 2017 a year of nutrition in Tajikistan.