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Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The national authorities have approved the national nutrition policy, and the school canteen policy is awaiting signature by the National Assembly. Various stakeholders promote the inclusion of nutrition into sectoral policies and development programmes. The United Nations has made contact with Members of Parliament, following a communication from the Inter-Parliamentary Union calling for the convening nutrition-specific meetings. There are also plans for a national dialogue on nutrition and a national nutrition day. The United Nations network is willing to support the newly appointed SUN government focal point.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The budget for the Strategic Plan for Nutrition is currently being finalised, and will contain a common results framework. There are plans to hold a roundtable event, to this end.

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2017–2018 PRIORITIES

- Advocate with the authorities (Parliament and Council) to approve pending documents (breast milk substitute and marketing bill, school canteen policy);
- Prevent malnutrition among vulnerable groups throughout the lifecycle, and promote appropriate treatment for cases of acute malnutrition, including tackling micronutrient deficiencies;
- Promote food security for families and the community and building resilience to dietary variety;
- Strengthen inter-sectoral coordination of information systems, nutrition research, and behaviour change communication.