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The adoption of the NMNAP is the most successful policy and strategic action, despite the delay in the Food and Nutrition Policy’s completion, which is currently awaiting Cabinet approval. 2016 ushered in the fifth phase of the Government and a new Parliament, and PANITA mobilised the support of parliamentarians for the NMAP in April-June 2017. The Government has issued an updated circular on budget guidelines, requiring councils to increase their annual nutrition funding for children under-5. The Vice President has been nominated as a nutrition champion and the Minister of Finance and Planning announced in October 2016 that the Government will invest USD 115 million out of the USD 268 million required for the NMNAP, motivating donors to collaborate.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

A key achievement has been the development and adoption of a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral common results, resources, and accountability Framework (CRRAF) to measure progress of the implementation of the NMNAP. Challenges remain in ensuring stakeholders align their monitoring frameworks with the CRRAF and report annually at the joint multi-sectoral reviews. During this process, the SUN checklist for quality national nutrition plans was used and the NMNAP meets all criteria. In 2017, malnutrition has been included in the health information system weekly reports.

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