Burkina Faso

Joined: June 2011
Population: 19.19 million

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
A Mother and Child Food and Nutrition Technical Secretariat has been created in the Health Ministry to strengthen coordination. Formalised by Decree, this secretariat receives official government funding. Regional Nutrition Consultation Councils (CRCN) and Regional Food Security Councils (CRSA) are barely operational and lack a framework for dialogue with national-level institutions. Guidelines have been created for the integration of nutrition into town-level and regional development plans. Finally, networks are increasingly operational and have contributed to development of advocacy materials.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
The National Economic and Social Development Plan (PNDES) and the National Health Development Plan (PND) include nutrition, and the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy was adopted in 2018. The new multi-sectoral nutrition policy 2018-2027 is still pending adoption by the Council of Ministers. It includes gender, adolescence, women’s empowerment, Early childhood development and nutrition in emergencies. Lastly, the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan 2018-2020, which is in the process of being adopted, in addition to a revision of the International Code on the Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes.

Aligning actions around common results
Despite the medium and long-term objectives of the common results framework, the lack of workplans with measurable targets to guide implementation is an obstacle to their scaling up. There is no formal system for monitoring contributions to the collective progress of the multi-stakeholder platform. However, a new national nutrition information platform (PNIN) has been established with the full involvement of key stakeholders including the Department of Sectoral Statistics. Its website will disseminate and monitor results.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
Budget analysis of the multi-sectoral strategic plan 2016-2020 identified available funding and gaps in need of filling to be identified, in preparation for the donor roundtable. Lobbying of parliamentarians has led to the creation and effective funding of a budget line. The Government and donors have also announced increased allocations in order to buy therapeutic foods, to scale up the Infant and Young Child Feeding Plan (ANJE) and to operationalise the Technical Secretariat. However, the take-up rate of funds allocated to nutrition remains weak, due to cumbersome administrative procedures.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

• Start implementation of the Strategic Plan;
• Finalise the establishment of the national nutrition information platform;
• Develop a detailed multi-sectoral annual workplan;
• Operationalise capacity-building and communication plans;
• Operationalise coordination through the Ministry of Health Food and Nutrition Technical Secretariat (STAN);
• Strengthen action plans for nutrition in emergencies and advocacy for funding.