



Joined: June 2014
Population: 16.01 million

Cambodia



Institutional transformations in 2017-2018



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

SUN Networks, including the Government, civil society, the UN and donors, regularly attend the meetings of the Technical Working Group for Social Protection, Food Security and Nutrition; Food Security Forum; Nutrition Working Group; the Sub Working Group on Nutrition and WASH; and the 2018 SUN annual

meeting. This ensures effective coordination on social protection, food security and nutrition among the different networks. The mid-term review of the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition (NSFSN) 2014-2018 has raised the limited links between the national and sub-national level.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) is tasked by the Government to formulate and coordinate national strategies and policies on food security and nutrition. Several such policies and strategies are in place. Guidelines for the treatment of acute malnutrition have been updated to align them

with WHO recommendations. Formulation of the Food Safety Law is considered an urgent issue and the prevention of the double burden of malnutrition is also needed. The National Mother, Infant and Young Child Nutrition Strategy 2018-2020 is being drafted and there are new standards for iodised salt.



Aligning actions around common results

Under CARD's leadership, the Civil Society Alliance (CSA), UN and donor networks actively participated in the development of joint monitoring indicators and worked under the same framework to tackle major causes of malnutrition. In April 2018, the CSA conducted training on national nutrition policies and legislation

based on information submitted by CARD, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Planning. The mid-term review of the NSFSN highlighted the need to ensure better linkages with line ministries and sub-national government, to define responsibilities and outcomes, and improve information flows.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The government is working to ensure greater predictability, transparency and accountability of budgeting. SUN Networks are working with the Ministry of Health on an investment case for maternal, new-born and child health and nutrition. There are shortfalls in securing funding for some costed areas, such as for the Fast Track Roadmap for

Improving Nutrition 2014-2020 (funded at only 30%). Some programmes relied on external funding through concessional loans from financial institutions such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The UN Network is supporting the Government in tracking the funds allocated for nutrition.



2018-2019 PRIORITIES

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- Develop the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2019-2023 and strengthen sub-national linkages to ensure effective implementation;
- Advocate for increased investments by the Cambodian Government and the private sector for funding for food security and nutrition;
- Establish a SUN Business Network;
- Continue research and analysis to improve monitoring and response in case of vulnerability.