Cameroon

Joined: February 2013
Population: 24.05 million

### Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

#### Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Multi-Sectoral Interministerial Committee to Combat Malnutrition has met twice and has an annual work plan. The Multi-Stakeholder Platform meets monthly and has two focal points: one political and one technical. Each network also has its own action plan, with the exception of the private sector and the media, which have not yet been formed as Networks. Regional nutrition work groups are in place in the four most acutely affected regions of the country. However, decentralised local authorities are not yet very involved in the coordination, planning and implementation of nutrition actions.

#### Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

To make nutrition a national priority, the Multi-Stakeholder Platform has lobbied parliamentarians, ministers and communities. This led to adoption of the Zero Hunger by 2030 strategy and the country programming frameworks policy. There are plans to develop an advocacy strategy to help the operationalisation of these policies. The application of legal and political frameworks for nutrition, jointly developed with all national nutrition stakeholders, is regularly monitored on the ground to ensure the effectiveness of nutrition actions.

#### Aligning actions around common results

A Common Results Framework, for which a budget is currently being devised, has developed based on the criteria and characteristics of ‘good’ national nutrition plans. It is used as an accountability framework for all sectors and will be shortly submitted for Government approval. Its implementation has already begun, with action plans in place for each network. A national capacity-building plan supported by the academic network is also being implemented. Monitoring and evaluation (SMART, DHIS2) was carried out to document implementation and draw on lessons learned to improve nutrition impacts.

#### Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Common Results Framework, currently being budgeted for, will help further mobilise Government and donor resources. Despite there being Government allocations for nutrition-sensitive actions, there is no Governmental budget line dedicated to nutrition. In July 2018, a nutrition forum allowed for the organisation of a donor round table to mobilise funds. Lastly, as part of the Global Financing Facility project, which aims to improve the performance of the health system, nutrition financing will be mobilised under the national investment portfolio.

### 2018-2019 PRIORITIES

- Create a budget for the operational plan and approval of strategic documents;
- Implementation of activities planned for 2018 by the various SUN platforms;
- SUN focal point to strengthen coordination;
- Organisation of a national workshop on chronic malnutrition;
- Organisation of a national forum on nutrition in July 201.