Central African Republic

Population: 4.66 million

Joined: February 2017

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

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

The coordination mechanism is well established and operational, with a Food and Nutrition Security Multi-Sectoral Technical Committee in place, which will soon be regulated by a Prime Ministerial decree. This technical committee is to become a national multi-stakeholder platform that includes all relevant actors.

Not all networks are functional as of yet. This platform is to be decentralised to municipal level. An annual action plan has been developed and provides activities per technical department, with the support of United Nations technical and financial partners.

**Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework**

The establishment and mobilisation of the multi-sectoral technical committee has contributed to: the development of the national food and nutrition security policy; the drafting of a 2018 food and nutrition security action plan; and creation of a specific road-map for nutrition activities related to the Plan for Recovery and the Consolidation of Peace in CAR 2017-2021 (RCPCA). There are other plans and strategies that incorporate nutrition in certain sectoral ministries, such as agriculture, poverty reduction and development, health and education. There is no communication and advocacy strategy.

**Aligning actions around common results**

Pending establishment of the Common Results Framework, an annual action plan related to the RCPCA has been developed. This roadmap is a first step and evaluation will help strengthen consolidation of a future Common Results Framework. The Multi-Stakeholder Platform will help in its development.

**Financing tracking and resource mobilisation**

The 2018 action plan has not yet been budgeted for, with the financial resources needed not clearly identified, including from the Government’s own funds. Ongoing budget analysis will lead to the development of forecasting tools for better programming and advocacy, in order to ensure regular multi-year funding and effective monitoring and evaluation of activity implementation.

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**2018–2019 PRIORITIES**

- Strengthen the legal and institutional framework for nutrition;
- Promote and protect infant and young child feeding;
- Integrate nutritional interventions into primary health care;
- Develop community-based nutrition interventions;
- Strengthen food supplementation and fortification and improve the feeding of specific vulnerable groups;
- Strengthen the nutritional surveillance system and capacity to respond to nutrition emergencies.

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