Congo

Joined: October 2013
Population: 5.26 million

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
The National Ad Hoc Committee to Combat Malnutrition, established in 2017 with government stakeholders, parliamentarians and the United Nations, was joined this year by national civil society organisations active in regions experiencing emergencies. It met several times this year to monitor implementation of nutrition-related interventions and enhance advocacy in these regions. The decree that will create the National Food and Nutrition Council and establish its role, organisation and operation is yet to be enacted, but the draft provides for the creation of decentralised bodies within the platform.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
Over the past year, the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy (PNSAN) has been developed and approved, supported by a national communication strategy for Behaviour Change Communications and by advocacy. The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2022 refers to the National Agricultural Investment Programme, food and nutrition security and a multi-sectoral strategic framework to combat malnutrition.

Aligning actions around common results
The Operational Plan to Combat Malnutrition in the Congo 2016-2018 comprises programmed and budgeted activities, monitoring and evaluation indicators, roles and responsibilities and a schedule of activities. Its implementation is, however, incomplete.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
Monitoring financial commitments and disbursement of funds in support of interventions to improve nutrition is not taking place.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

• Development of the plan to build human resource capacity for better nutrition interventions;
• Conduct a diagnosis of the nutrition situation in the Republic of Congo;
• Hold a workshop to evaluate the execution of the operational plan to combat malnutrition;
• Development of a resource mobilisation strategy;
• Organisation of a donor roundtable.