Gabon
Joined: December 2016
Population: 2.03 million

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
Although the text formalising its existence is still under development, the multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder Food and Nutrition Security Platform (SAN) meets monthly. It has enabled its members to participate in the development, validation and planning of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy (PNSAN), with representatives of academia joining for the first time. Furthermore, it has enabled collaboration on the development or implementation of projects, such as outdoor classes or dietary recommendations, and allowed for the discussion of challenges.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
The legal and normative framework in support of food and nutrition security needs to be strengthened, and a large number of existing pieces of legislation need to be updated. A number of national guidelines and national bodies—such as on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes, infant and young child feeding, and parental leave—provide for their application in the fields of food security, consumption, public health and sanitation.

Aligning actions around common results
A general roadmap, developed following the 2015 situation review, serves as the Common Results Framework and feeds into annual roadmaps.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
In 2018, Gabon received technical assistance to develop its budget analysis capacity. This highlighted the lack of budget lines, sectoral action plans and the need for a monitoring mechanism to enable long-term investment in nutrition. One of the purposes of the multi-sectoral platform is to seek out funding, which is also the case for the Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition (REACH) partnership, which is currently being set up in Gabon.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Formalise the multi-stakeholder platform;
- Unify the efforts of United Nations agencies through the REACH partnership;
- Lobby for the mobilisation of funds and scaling up implementation of the PNSAN;
- Design nutrition-related programmes;
- Expand awareness and nutrition-related actions at the decentralised level.