Guinea

Joined: May 2013
Population: 12.72 million

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
In 2017-2018, the multi-stakeholder platform (MSP) - the Technical Nutrition and Food Working Group - has occasionally met to continue its nutrition advocacy aimed at the Government and parliamentarians, communities and the private sector. MSP members have contributed to the review of the National Nutrition Policy, the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition and its budgeting, and jointly funded the SMART 2017 nutrition survey. Coordination is decentralised in 7 of the 8 regions of Guinea, and nutrition is included in many municipalities’ priorities.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
The National Food and Nutrition Policy is being developed, drawing on many recently-developed laws in support of nutrition - such as the Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and the Order on Food Fortification - operationalised by decentralised services. A National Community Health Policy was adopted in 2018, which focuses on primary healthcare and the prevention of chronic malnutrition, to ensure municipalities make nutrition one of their top priorities.

Aligning actions around common results
In addition to an evaluation of the implementation of the 2014-2016 Multi-Sectoral Plan by different stakeholders, a 2016-2020 Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan is being finalised. This plan will provide costed actions and outline roles and responsibilities of the various partners (the UN, civil society, sectoral ministries) - with which partners’ action plans or annual workplans are aligned.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
A 2018 budget analysis has identified financial investments in nutrition-sensitive sectors within the National Development Budget and ensured the costing of the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan, which is currently being finalised.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Review the National Food and Nutrition Policy and the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan;
- Develop a communication plan and an advocacy plan for resource mobilisation;
- Review the mapping of nutrition-related stakeholders and interventions;
- Organise roundtables to validate the policy and ensure financing of the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan;
- Undertake a socio-anthropological study on the reasons behind adding water into the diets of infants (0-6 months).