Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

A decision-making committee and a technical committee for nutrition are both operational. To facilitate coordination, the multi-stakeholder platform was strengthened with the establishment of a parliamentary network and a Business Network, which is under development. An institutional and organisational analysis of the territorial administration and local authority agencies has been conducted. The draft decree establishing regional nutrition committees has been disseminated. Holding the SUN Movement Global Gathering in Abidjan raised the profile of nutrition, helping make it a national priority for all stakeholders.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Policies, strategies and laws have been updated and a report on the strategic examination of zero hunger and its roadmap are available. Replacing a previous inter-ministerial order, a decree now makes it mandatory to enrich flour with iron and folic acid, oil with vitamin A, and salt with iodine. The multi-sectoral breastfeeding policy and plan are in the process of being validated. To facilitate implementation of the convergence strategy, an implementation guide for Community Nutrition Reinforcement Activity Centres (FRANC) has been developed and Operational Action Plans (PAO) created for stakeholders.

Aligning actions around common results

Refinement of indicators in the validated common results framework is under way and a multi-sectoral monitoring and evaluation framework for the National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan (PNMN) has been created, to complement the mapping of nutrition interventions and stakeholders. An Annual Operational Plan for the north has been developed, validated and approved. A national nutrition information platform (NPIN) is under development. Finally, the State has committed to establishing a Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger, following a high-level visit from the Vice President of Brazil.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Nutrition forms part of the National Development Plan and relevant ministries’ Public Investment Programme (PIP). A $60 million multi-sectoral early year nutrition and development project has been set up, financed by a $50 million loan from the World Bank and a $10 million donation from Power of Nutrition. The State and technical and financial partners contribute to the funding of PNMN 2016-2020 and NPIN. PNMN is included in the Prime Ministerial budget. Mechanisms for monitoring and tracking allocations are included in global systems established by the State and are yet to be refined.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

• Establish an environment conducive to breastfeeding through the development of a policy, a communication plan, regulatory texts and a national monitoring committee;

• Ensure the decentralisation of the PNMN through existing regional committees, create an operational manual on the convergence strategy and implementation of the FRANCs.