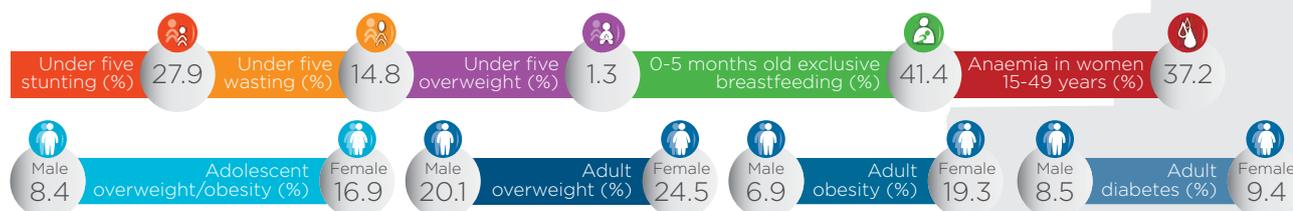




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Population: 4.42 million

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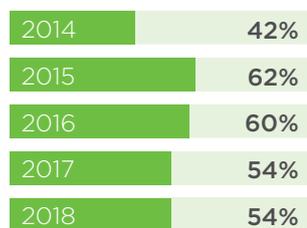
Institutional transformations in 2017-2018



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

A revised decree, pending signature, will make the National Nutrition Development Council more operational. There is a working nutrition coordination framework at the regional level, with 5 regional committees. The appointment of a new SUN Government Focal Point has energised multi-sectoral coordination, despite

challenges. The SUN Civil Society Network is very dynamic, having supported a network of women parliamentarians advocating for nutrition and a network of nutrition-aware journalists. Networks for donor, scientific and academic communities and the private sector are not yet established.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Various gains have been made through the development of policies and strategies and the adoption of implementation decrees. However, their application remains inadequate and they are often not adhered to. The National Health

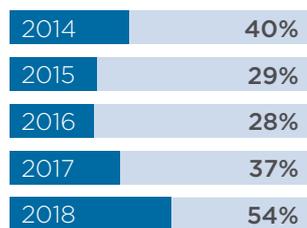
Policy and the National Health Development Plan have been evaluated to ensure lessons learned are used to improve future planning. Reviews of this type have not been systematically applied at national level.



Aligning actions around common results

The Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan for Nutrition 2016-2025 includes a 10-year plan for scaling up interventions that promote best practice for feeding infants and young children. The challenge is to finalise the process of creating an inventory of existing interventions, as this will lay the foundations for regular

multi-sectoral coordination at central and local levels. There is no comprehensive consultation and monitoring framework, but the sector responsible for tackling acute severe malnutrition has a coordination framework harmonised with priority areas, and a system for activity tracking.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Government funding needed to support nutrition-specific interventions over the next 10 years has been budgeted for and funding gaps have been identified. Despite constant growth in State investment and efforts by the Government as well as technical and financial partners, the bulk of funding is still allocated to

emergency and short-term interventions. Preventive nutrition interventions remain underfunded. As a result, a major challenge is still the mobilisation of predictable resources on a long-term basis, to strengthen interventions that focus on a multi-sectoral preventive approach.



2018-2019 PRIORITIES

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- Ensure the signing of the revised decree for the National Nutrition Development Council;
- Create an inventory of existing interventions to help achieve common results and lay the foundations for multi-sectoral coordination;
- Strengthen the operation of multi-sectoral coordination frameworks at national and regional levels by introducing tools and systems for operations and reporting;
- Continue advocacy for nutrition.