Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) in Myanmar operates based on terms of reference and a workplan. In July 2017, a high-level Sector Coordinating Group on Nutrition was formed. Between mid-2016 and mid-2018, the Nutrition Stocktaking Report and the costed and prioritised Multisectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition (MS-NPAN 2018-2023) were developed, based on a consultation that used a multi-sectoral, multi-agency approach. The SUN civil society network expanded its membership and elected a new Steering Committee in October 2017. The first SUN Parliament meeting was held on 7 August 2018.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Policies enacted by different line ministries have explicitly stated that improving nutrition is a core concern and focus. The Nutrition Stocktaking Report reviewed and analysed relevant key policies and their positive or negative potential on nutrition. A technical working group has been established as a national oversight mechanism to monitor adherence to the Order of Marketing of Formulated Food for Infant and Young Child law (adopted from ICOM-BMS). With FAO’s support, the Ministry of Agriculture is working to align the Myanmar Agriculture Policy with national nutrition priorities.

Aligning actions around common results

SUN MSP partners – the Civil Society Alliance, the UN and donors, and Government ministries – have jointly developed the costed Multi-sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition (MS-NPAN 2018-2023). The plan was finalised following a number of intense consultative sessions over a one-year period. It involves 4 relevant government ministries: Health and Sports; Education; Social Welfare; Relief and Resettlement and Agriculture. The MS-NPAN will be the common results framework within which partners will work and contribute. The overall goal is to "Reduce all forms of malnutrition in mothers, children and adolescent girls".

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

There is no financial tracking system for nutrition in development plans, nor for the predictability of the multi-year funding needed to sustain the implementation of nutrition activities. Government, UN and CSA organisations are each using their own financial and budget tracking systems for nutrition programming. The MS-NPAN was costed as part of the plan’s development but due to lack of data on costs for nutrition or other activities, some assumptions had to be made. The expectation is that this will lay the foundation and groundwork for future financial monitoring and tracking of nutrition.

2018-2019 PRIORITIES

- Implement activities as specified for the inception period or year one of the five-year costed Multi-sectoral Plan of Action (MS-NPAN);
- Conduct a capacity assessment in terms of coordination, governance and operations at national and sub national levels;
- Carry out a prioritisation assessment of States and Regions;
- Establishment of the monitoring and evaluation System;
- Financial tracking and resource mobilisation.

2018 total weighted 44%