Niger

**Annual Progress Report**

**Joined:** February 2011
**Population:** 21.48 million

**Under five stunting (%)**
- Male: 42.2
- Female: 30.3

**Under five wasting (%)**
- Male: 10.3
- Female: 3.0

**0-5 months old exclusive breastfeeding (%)**
- Male: 23.3
- Female: 49.5

**Anaemia in women 15-49 years (%)**
- Male: 4.7
- Female: 12.6

**Adolescent overweight/obesity (%)**
- Male: 10.9
- Female: 21.6

**Adult overweight (%)**
- Male: 2.6
- Female: 9.1

**Adult obesity (%)**
- Male: 5.9
- Female: 5.3

**Adult diabetes (%)**
- Male: 5.9
- Female: 5.3

### Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

**Bringing people together into a shared space for action**

The Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) remains informal but will be formalised by the end of 2018 with the formation of the Technical Committee, which will be mandated to manage, monitor and report on the National Nutritional Security Policy (PNSN) and its action plan. The PNSN will feed into discussions in meetings of the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Steering Committee and the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (CIO), chaired by the President and attended by the Prime Minister. The various networks need to be revitalised and strengthened, in terms of human and financial resources.

**Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework**

Some implementing regulations require review in order to be made operational. An order has existed since 1998 on the regulation of the marketing of breast-milk substitutes but was not applied. It has since become a Governmental decree. A communication and social mobilisation strategy for nutrition has been developed within the Nigeriens Nourishing Nigeriens (3N) initiative and the national strategy for infant and young child feeding has been revised. A national policy is pending Government adoption, and its multi-sectoral action plan will provide for the development of communication and advocacy plans and tools.

**Aligning actions around common results**

The PNSN and its action plan, which sets out the common framework for stakeholder responsibilities, is pending adoption, but most actions are being implemented. The action plan’s monitoring and evaluation framework is due to be finalised in 2019 and will enable reporting. A lack of common medium-term objectives and a clear specification make it impossible to synergise reflections, actions and advocacy from the various networks. A national nutrition information platform is in operation. It has conducted analyses of the nutrition situation and information systems, and also trained stakeholders.

**Financing tracking and resource mobilisation**

Despite an evaluation of the funding of regular nutrition interventions, no analysis of sustainability, or of gaps nor effectiveness has been made. During the reporting period, certain strategies have been developed to mobilise extra resources: the integration of nutrition into the Economic and Social Development Plan, which was the subject of a resource mobilisation round table; integration of nutrition into programme budgets of State sectors, and a budgeted action plan for the PNSN. Finally, mechanisms to ensure a continuum between humanitarian and development funding are being considered.

### 2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Adoption of the PNSN and its action plan;
- Mobilisation of resources for implementation of the PNSN plan;
- Boost the SUN Multi-Stakeholder Platform, including establishment of a SUN Donor Network;
- Evaluate pilot interventions—for example on convergence communes, adolescent nutrition—for their possible scaling up.

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