Senegal

Joined: June 2011
Population: 15.85 million

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
The various actors have worked together to develop strategic plans in 2017-2018. A SUN Network for parliamentarians has been formed. The Japanese International Cooperation Agency has joined the UN Network for SUN’s platform, and the Initiative for Food and Nutrition in Africa has been set up. At the local level, farmer organisations and local actors have worked together to operationalise the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan for Nutrition (PSMN). Progress is limited by the failure to establish SUN Networks for academia and for the private sector, and infrequent meetings of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
Strategic documents have been developed, such as: the PSMN, involving 12 sectoral plans; plans for monitoring and evaluation (PSE-PSMN) and communication of the PSMN; the draft decree on the marketing of food products intended for children; the strategic food and nutrition plan (PSAN); and the reports from joint agriculture reviews. This been carried out in a coordinated manner, working with different stakeholders on the basis of in-depth analyses of the national context, overall policy development, particular evidence and lessons learned from implementation.

Aligning actions around common results
The Common Results Framework for the PSMN has been established by consensus. This clearly sets out objectives, budgets by strategic objective, areas of intervention, responsibilities and coordination, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms at every level. These mechanisms will ensure joint monitoring, both centrally and locally, and are intended to ensure stakeholder accountability. The PSMN also provides a capacity-building plan for the sectors responsible for implementation. Major challenges remain, including the availability of conclusive evidence on very prevalent issues, such as anaemia.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
A study of PSMN financing is ongoing and the budgets of the 12 sectoral nutrition action plans have been classified using the nomenclature of the Multi-Annual Spending Programming Document, adopted by the national Government. A resource mobilisation plan and budget monitoring systems by sectors and other stakeholders will be developed after the PSMN financing study is finalised. The next step will be the donor conference, to secure funding pledges. This will also enable an evaluation of the amount of funds available in the national budget, through the budget line dedicated to nutrition.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Finalise the PSMN financing study;
- Hold a PSMN financing donor conference;
- Operationalise the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Communication Plan for the PSMN;
- Scale up nutrition-specific interventions;
- Support the implementation of sectoral action plans.