Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action
The Somalia SUN Movement Secretariat is hosted by the Office of the Prime Minister and oversees overall coordination. A sub-national SUN office has been established in Puntland, which has developed its SUN policy. Furthermore, in October 2017, Somaliland nominated a SUN Government Focal Point. Meetings have been held with the Somalia Chamber of Commerce, and as a result a SUN Business Network was established in September 2018. SUN stakeholders are also part of the UN Nutrition Cluster meetings every quarter. UNFPA has joined the UN Network for SUN.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
Nutrition is a priority for the Government and is integrated in the National Development Plan (NDP), where it has its own chapter. A dedicated roadmap for social human development is in place, with nutrition indicators and SUN milestones set out for 2018-2020. A bill on the Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes has been finalised and is awaiting endorsement by Parliament. The Health Sector Strategic Plan 2018-2021 has been revised and now includes nutrition activities, while the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock integrated nutrition into its sectoral strategy.

Aligning actions around common results
The costed Common Results Framework (CRF) was set to be finalised in September 2018. The CRF will be the guiding document for the implementation of annual priorities. A national monitoring and evaluation framework was adopted through the Ministry of Planning, which guides the alignment of nutrition targets with other deliverables. Priority nutrition actions are sequenced and implemented in line with the NDP at both national and sub-national levels. Gaps in terms of delivery and capacity are continuously assessed.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation
While the national nutrition action plan has been budgeted for, a new costed CRF is expected to be finalised this year. Health and Agricultural Strategic Plans are costed, including for nutrition activities. Turning pledges into disbursement, both from donors and the Government, has resulted in funding gaps, and there is a lack of longer term predictable funding. Various working groups are coordinating the costing of humanitarian nutrition interventions.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Review, develop, harmonise and operationalise nutrition policies and strategies;
- Enhance coordination within the MSP and strengthen the capacity of SUN Networks;
- Establish a centre of excellence for nutrition, with the capacity to deliver pre-service training and knowledge management;
- Engage Nutrition Champions, parliamentarians and the media on nutrition issues;
- Build national investment cases, supported by data and evidence, to drive nutrition advocacy.