Tajikistan

Under five stunting (%) 26.8
Under five wasting (%) 9.9
Under five overweight (%) 6.7
0-5 months old exclusive breastfeeding (%) 35.8
Anaemia in women 15-49 years (%) 30.5

Population: 8.92 million
Joined: September 2013

Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Multi-Sectoral Coordination Council (MSCC), which functions as the SUN Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP), has expanded to include the Chamber of Industry and Trade, the Committee for Religious Affairs, and civil society organisations. Through inter-ministerial working groups, the MSCC has supported the development of a national multi-sectoral nutrition plan. A national SUN Secretariat was also established under the MSCC. The second National Nutrition Forum brought government and development partners together in July 2017, and was followed by the first regional nutrition forum in Khatlon province.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Food security and nutrition is a clear priority in the National Development Strategy (NDS) to 2030. In September 2017, the Strategy for Sustainable Development of School Feeding until 2027 was adopted. The MSCC has been engaged in the development and revision of the draft Law on the Fortification of Staple Foods which, when finalised, will be resubmitted to Parliament for review. There is a need to establish a mechanism for the monitoring and evaluation of implementation of laws at the sub-national level, as well as local food manufacturers’ adherence to national standards.

Aligning actions around common results

The Common Results Framework (CRF) is expected to be finalised and endorsed by mid-2019. However, key components of the CRF, such as capacity building and training on nutrition, are already being implemented. Work is ongoing to integrate CRF targets into sector-specific plans and into policies at national and sub-national levels. Establishing a common monitoring system is a priority, as currently various monitoring mechanisms exist, many of which are similar yet unconnected.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Tajikistan took part in the financial tracking SUN process using the ‘3 Steps’ approach. In 2018, for the first time, the financial contributions of development partners and donors were collected and integrated into a financial tracking template. Thanks to the concerted efforts of the national SUN Secretariat and the Ministry of Finance, the tracking exercise included budget expenditures for safe drinking water, vaccinations, school feeding, food provision in hospitals, and sanitation and hygiene. Other aspects of funding and resource mobilisation will be addressed upon approval of the CRF.

2018–2019 PRIORITIES

- Finalisation of the CRF, including an action plan and costing and integration into the sectoral plans;
- Organisation of National Nutrition Forums III and IV;
- Development and implementation of the ‘First 1,000 golden days’ Strategy;
- Setting up an effective operational monitoring and evaluation mechanism to support the MSP’s monitoring of CRF implementation.