Institutional transformations in 2017-2018

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

Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) exist at national, regional and local government levels in Tanzania. A key achievement in 2017-18 was the implementation review of the National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) 2016-2021, carried out at a review meeting held in September 2017. During the reporting period, terms of reference have been reviewed, developed and endorsed for: a high-level steering committee on nutrition; a national multi-stakeholder nutrition technical working group; NMNAP thematic working groups, and regional and council-level steering committees.

**Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework**

The development of the Nutrition Compact agreement is a major achievement as it holds regional commissioners accountable to the achievement of nutrition results, as stipulated in the NMNAP and its Common Results and Accountability Framework (CRRAF). The agreement will run through 2021 and includes an annual assessment and review of its implementation. Furthermore, the Members of Parliament Nutrition Champion Group’s strategic plan 2018-2023 has been revised and the 4th Joint Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Review meeting created a platform for stakeholders to share good practice in implementation.

**Aligning actions around common results**

The existence of the CRRAF has provided guidance on the implementation of the national nutrition plan at national, regional and local levels, helping to translate NMNAP priorities into actionable and measurable annual targets for each key result area. However, the alignment of nutrition sensitive sectors (Agriculture, Health, WASH, Education, Social Protection) according to NMNAP remains a major challenge. In 2018, training has strengthened the capacity of nutrition officers to plan, budget and implement nutrition interventions.

**Financing tracking and resource mobilisation**

The government has increased by TSZ 4 billion the nutrition budget for 2017-2018, having mobilised additional funds through partners. However, only 19 per cent of the planned financial targets were met in the previous fiscal year, 2016-2017. The inclusion of the nutrition cost centre is one of the most promising achievements that will help ensure better financial tracking, accountability and transparency at regional and local levels.

A resource mobilisation working group has been formed and is led by a SUN national focal point, but a resource mobilisation strategy is yet to be put in place.

**2018–2019 PRIORITIES**

- Strengthen advocacy on the implementation of the NMNAP and the use of the CRRAF across all levels (national and subnational);
- Strengthen the capacity of national, regional and local government authorities on planning, coordination and tracking of nutrition financing;
- Ensure planned and approved funds for nutrition are being disbursed in a timely manner and monitored;
- Strengthen multi-sectoral coordination at all levels in accordance with the NMNAP coordination structure.