INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018–2019

Nutrition continues to be incorporated into the functions of organisations such as the Food and Drugs Authority and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research through its Food Research Institute. Sub-national structures of Ministries, Departments and Agencies are increasingly being engaged by implementing agencies. An inter-ministerial committee has been set up to elevate nutrition issues to political decision-making levels. The First Lady of Ghana, Her Excellency, Mrs Rebecca Akufo-Addo, has been appointed as a nutrition champion under the African Leaders for Nutrition Initiative.

Stakeholders were engaged in the development and review of policy and legislative regulations. All nutrition activities, objectives, frameworks and policies have been fully integrated into the current National Medium Term Development Policy Framework (NMTDPF). The various national and sector working groups are unable to convene on a regular basis, mainly due to staffing issues. Coordination of actions in the Nutrition Cross Sectoral Planning Group (CSPG) arena has been challenging due largely to funding issues.

A food and nutrition section has been incorporated into the National Development Policy Framework and the Agenda for Jobs (2018-21) policy framework. Ghana’s Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 6 (2017/18), a population based survey, was released and results showed a slight reduction in the stunting rate. Other indicators have generally stagnated. There are however some significant positive improvements at the regional level. For example the Upper West region has seen a reduction from 22.2 percent in 2014 to 15 percent in 2017/18.

Efforts have been made to carry out an exhaustive financial tracking of the nutrition landscape in addition to the annual data gathered by the SUN Movement in Ghana. The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) has initiated the establishment of a tracking mechanism through a management information system to track nutrition budgetary requests, allocations, expenditure and the source of financing for all relevant nutrition sectors.

2019-2020 PRIORITIES

- Create a platform for nutrition information-sharing:
- Intensify sub-national and local level coordination:
- Establish a SUN Business network:
- Strengthen nutrition advocacy, identify champions and finalise an advocacy and communications strategy:
- Carry out budget and expenditure tracking:
- Strengthen capacity for mainstreaming and monitoring of food and nutrition security: