Nepal

**Joined:** May 2011  
**Population:** 28.61 million

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**INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018–2019**

- Bringing people together into a shared space for action
- Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
- Aligning actions around common results
- Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

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**2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED**

- **Under five stunting (%)**
  - Male: 6.6
  - Female: 7.3

- **Under five wasting (%)**
  - Male: 9.6
  - Female: 10.1

- **Low birth weight (%)**
  - Male: 21.8
  - Female: 23.2

- **0-5 months old exclusive breastfeeding (%)**
  - Male: 36.0
  - Female: 37.4

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- **Nutrition is a high priority for the Government with a functional Multi-Sector/ Stakeholder platform in place at the national and sub-national level.**
- The MSP is bringing sectoral ministries, departments, development partners, and civil society organizations together for joint planning and effective implementation of nutrition interventions at all levels.
- Provincial governments endorse nutrition in policy and programmes along with explicit budgeting.
- All nutrition activities are tracked through a web-based reporting system run by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration.

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- **The 15th National Development Plan (2019/20) has prioritized the national Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan.**
- The Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act, 2018 has been promulgated.
- The National Adolescent Health and Development Guideline includes school health and nutrition.
- Maternity Protection has been ensured for 98 days, with additional one year leave in the newly enacted Reproductive Health Act, 2018.
- The Breast-Milk Substitute (BMS) Act 1990 and Regulation, 1992 are both in place.

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- **Nutrition sectoral plan was developed, budgeted and implemented at federal, provincial and local level.**
- Nutrition interventions are discussed by the multi-sector platform and an annual plan prepared which aligns with the national plan at all levels.
- Provincial level Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committees established in all 7 provinces.
- A separate reporting system is in place to ensure reporting of nutrition sensitive and specific MSNP activities.
- Mid-line survey of the implementation status of Partnership for Improved Nutrition completed. End line survey to take place in 2019.

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- Government has committed to a multi-year budget for MSNP implementation at all levels.
- The Government has created a conducive environment to encourage all stakeholders to invest in nutrition.
- Government funding for MSNP implementation allocated in 2018/19 with support from EU/ UNICEF.
- Local level governments have contributed more than 50 per cent for implementation of MSNP.
- Nutrition financial tracking for 2017-18 and 2018-19 is underway supported by UNICEF.
- World Bank has commenced a Public Expenditure Review (PER) of Nutrition. Donors are currently advocating for resource mobilization.

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**2019–2020 PRIORITIES**

- Integration and mainstreaming of MSNP interventions through planning processes including gender and social inclusion.
- Leverage budget for MSNP implementation and scale up activities at all levels.
- Build the capacity Local Government for effective Implementation of Nutrition Programme.
- Develop a mechanism for central reporting of nutrition activities across the country by all stakeholders.