The Gambia

**Joined:** July 2011

**Population:** 2.35 million

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### INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018–2019

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

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#### Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

- **2014**: 80%
- **2015**: Not available
- **2016**: 96%
- **2017**: 96%
- **2018**: 96%
- **2019**: 96%

#### Aligning actions around common results

- **2014**: 29%
- **2015**: Not available
- **2016**: 40%
- **2017**: 40%
- **2018**: 40%
- **2019**: 55%

#### Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

- **2014**: 43%
- **2015**: Not available
- **2016**: 54%
- **2017**: 54%
- **2018**: 63%
- **2019**: 69%

**2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED:** 76%

The National Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) has expanded and meetings are held quarterly.

The National Nutrition Policy (2010-2020) was reviewed, leading to a new National Nutrition Policy (2018-2025), endorsed by the National Nutrition Council.

The Vice President acts as a nutrition champion in his role as National Nutrition Council Chair.

Civil society organizations are working towards establishing formal Civil Society Alliance.

WFP will act as SUN country convener and lead the establishment of a Business Network.

The MSP participated in the development of the National Development Plan and nutrition has been integrated into the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and other UN country programme strategies.

Nutrition is increasingly being integrated within sectoral policies and programmes (health, education).

A review of existing legislation is underway in order to draft and enact a National Nutrition Act.

A Food Safety and Quality Act (2011) is in place. A review and update of the Food Fortification and Salt Iodization Regulation (2006) is underway.

A school feeding policy is being developed.

Development of the Common Results Framework (CRF) and Multi-stakeholder implementation plan is underway with an initial scoping mission completed.

National surveys (including DHS, MICS, GMNS, Integrated Household Survey and SMART) were conducted and informed the development of the National Nutrition Policy and Strategy.

Multiple stakeholders were involved in the Food Fortification Programme.

Screening for malnutrition has taken place in five of the seven health regions.

The availability of resources to complete the CRF is an ongoing challenge.

#### 2019–2020 PRIORITIES

- Finalise the Common Results Framework (CRF) and MSNAP.
- Strengthen public private partnership including participation of the business sector in the MSP.
- Establish the academia, science and research institutions network.
- Build capacity for financial tracking for nutrition.

Technical assistance to develop the CRF and MSNAP was mobilized.

A new multi-sectoral costed action plan with CRF is being developed.

USD 31 Million was mobilized for a Social Safety Net Project from the World Bank.

Development of a financial advocacy tool (Cost of Hunger Analysis) is ongoing.

Limited capacity in financial tracking and reporting is an ongoing challenge. As is the fact that the national budget allocation does not clearly distinguish nutrition allocations.