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**Scaling up Nutrition (SUN)
Movement Progress Report 2019**

West and Central Asia



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Regional overview

The West and Central Asia region is the smallest region in the SUN Movement and comprises 3 diverse countries – **Kyrgyzstan** and **Tajikistan** in Central Asia and **Yemen** in West Asia. All 3 countries joined the SUN Movement between 2011 and 2013.

All 3 countries have formalised multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) for nutrition and all completed the 2019 SUN Movement Joint-Assessment.



The power of **SUN**

The SUN Movement's 61 countries and 4 Indian States share a commitment: to leave "egos and logos" behind, aligning efforts and working together to improve nutrition during the critical first 1000 days – from a mother's pregnancy to her child's second birthday. They are supported by over 3000 civil society organisations, some 600 businesses, 5 UN agencies and a wide group of international donors and foundations.

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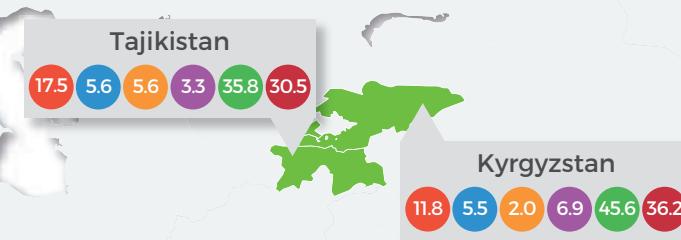
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Scaling up Nutrition

in West and Central Asia



Nutrition situation



Under five
stunting (%)



Low
birthweight (%)



0-5 months old
exclusive
breastfeeding (%)



Under five
wasting (%)



Under five
overweight (%)



Women
Anaemia
15-49 years (%)

Progress towards the SUN Movement strategic objectives (total weighted, as reported in 2019)



0 - 25%
weighted progress



26 - 50%
weighted progress



51 - 75%
weighted progress



76 - 100%
weighted progress



Data
not available

Nutrition stories of change

West and Central Asia

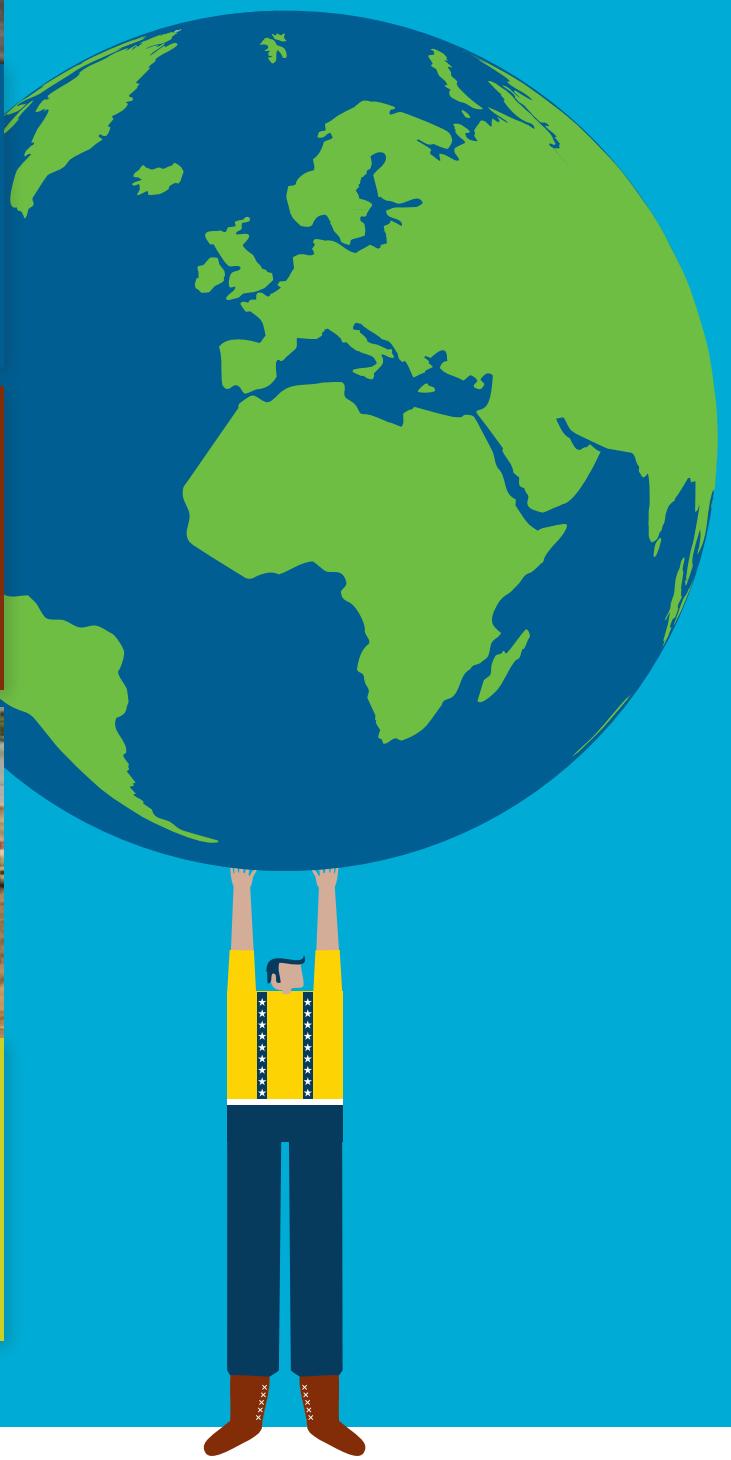


In **Kyrgyzstan**, a high-level Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Forum, including many stakeholders was chaired by the First Vice-Prime Minister. An inter-sectoral working group, including the SUN Networks was created as part of the new Food Security and Nutrition programme.

In **Tajikistan**, the SUN Multi-Stakeholder Platform expanded to include the Chamber of Industry and Trade, the Committee for Religious Affairs, and civil society organisations and the Multi-Sectoral Coordination Council supported the development of a national multi-sectoral nutrition plan.



In **Yemen**, despite ongoing conflict, the SUN secretariat maintains links between stakeholders. Progress was made to create the humanitarian development nexus (HDN) within the MSP to link urgent nutrition-specific action with nutrition resilience building programmes.



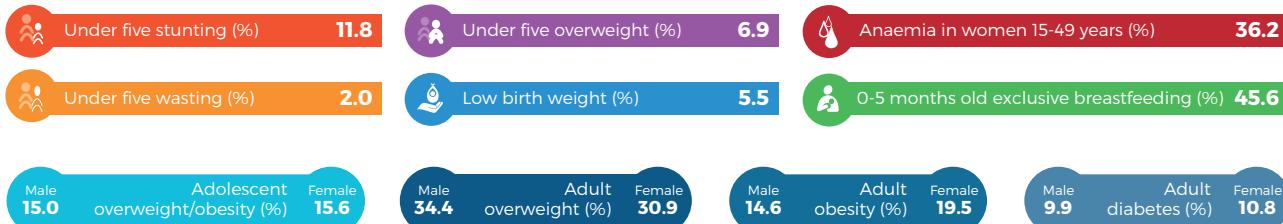
Kyrgyzstan



Joined: December 2011

Population: 6.42 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
2014 29%	2014 28%	2014 45%	2014 25%
2015 34%	2015 42%	2015 8%	2015 21%
2016 46%	2016 58%	2016 38%	2016 25%
2017 76%	2017 67%	2017 57%	2017 42%
2018 70%	2018 63%	2018 57%	2018 44%
2019 79%	2019 63%	2019 69%	2019 67%

2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED

70%

A high-level Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Forum was chaired by the First Vice-Prime Minister in May 2019. Participants included members of parliament, government, academia, business, civil society, local administration, donors and UN Agencies.	The national Food Security and Nutrition Programme (FSNP) 2019-2023 was approved by the Prime Minister in June 2019 demonstrating a high-level commitment to nutrition.	An operational guideline for the management, coordination and monitoring of the FSNP 2019 – 2023 is in place.	The FSNP 2019-2023 has been costed and 95 per cent funded, but mostly through donor funding.
An inter-sectorial working group, including representatives of all SUN Networks, drafted the new FSN programme.	Analysis of existing policies and legislation in the field of nutrition is ongoing.	The global World Health Assembly targets for improving maternal, infant and young child nutrition, including anemia reduction, are integrated into the new FSNP 2019-2023 and are on track.	To ensure effective use of funds allocated to nutrition and food security analysis takes place and reports on expenditure on nutrition-specific and sensitive interventions are disseminated.
The SUN movement platform welcomed a Tajikistan MSP delegation for experience sharing.	Law on Breastfeeding Protection and on Universal Salt Iodization are being revised.	Plans are being studied to tackle the double burden of malnutrition.	

2019–2020 PRIORITIES

- Further decentralise MSPs;
- Monitor the right to food and breastfeeding policy and legislation newly imbedded in the FSNP (2019 – 2023);
- Finalise the budget analysis exercise.

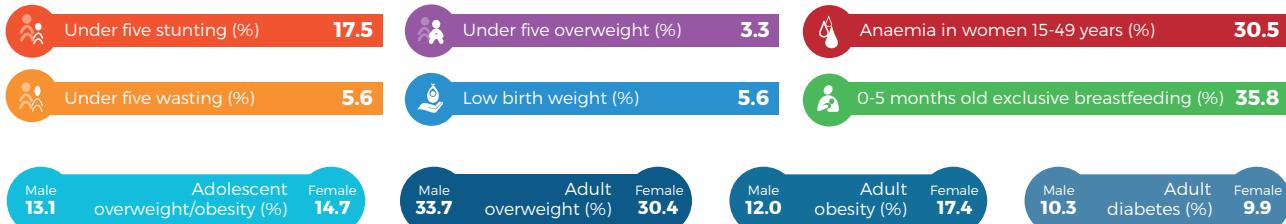
Tajikistan



Joined: September 2013

Population: 9.32 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	
2014	Not available	2014	Not available	2014	Not available	2014	Not available
2015	54%	2015	54%	2015	24%	2015	12%
2016	58%	2016	58%	2016	28%	2016	12%
2017	58%	2017	58%	2017	32%	2017	16%
2018	94%	2018	75%	2018	50%	2018	45%
2019	94%	2019	84%	2019	46%	2019	46%

2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED

68%

The Multi-Sectorial Coordination Council for Scaling Up Nutrition (MSCC) consists of representatives of 18 ministries and agencies, 2 academia, 8 international agencies and 1 civil society which meets quarterly.	Food fortification law approved by the parliament and came into effect in July 2019.	MSCC is developing a multi-sectorial plan of action focusing on the following: Integration of Common Results Framework (CRF) targets into sector plans and policies; Sector specific implementation plans (national and sub-national levels); Governance, accountability, management and coordination mechanisms; Financing sources and mechanism; Capacity development in nutrition; and Monitoring and evaluation.	Undertook an exercise to track financial resources for nutrition, using the 3 Steps Approach. Joint work between Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population and the Ministry of Finance on this exercise has created a foundation for further collaboration around budget allocation process. Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population approved the costing of the essential reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health/nutrition service package. Other aspects of costing, financial tracking and resource mobilization will be addressed upon finalization of the CRF.
The Chamber of Commerce and Industry with GAIN drafted the SUN Business Network strategy.	The regional coalition will mobilise stakeholders to scale up, identify bottlenecks and come up with solutions.		
The Ministry of Health and Social Protection has signed a joint Action Plan with the Committee for Radio and Television to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition and breastfeeding.	It is expected that as of 2021 the Government will commence funding of the school feeding programme which is a motivational factor for improved attendance rate.		
Government adopted the National Programme on Safety of Food Products 2019-2023.	The Third Nutrition Forum is secheduled for October 2019 to take stock of progress achieved since 2016.		
Guidelines adopted for Healthy Child Care in the period of 0-24 months of age.			

2019-2020 PRIORITIES

- Finalization of the CRF, including an action plan and costing and integration into the sectoral plans;
- Organization of the National Nutrition Forum III;
- Establishment of the SUN Civil Society Network and SUN Business Network;
- Expansion of the Multi-Sectorial Coordination Council for Scaling Up Nutrition to the sub-national level.

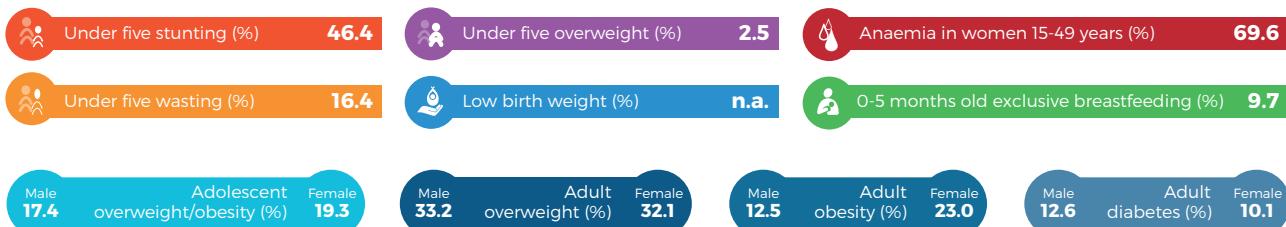
Yemen



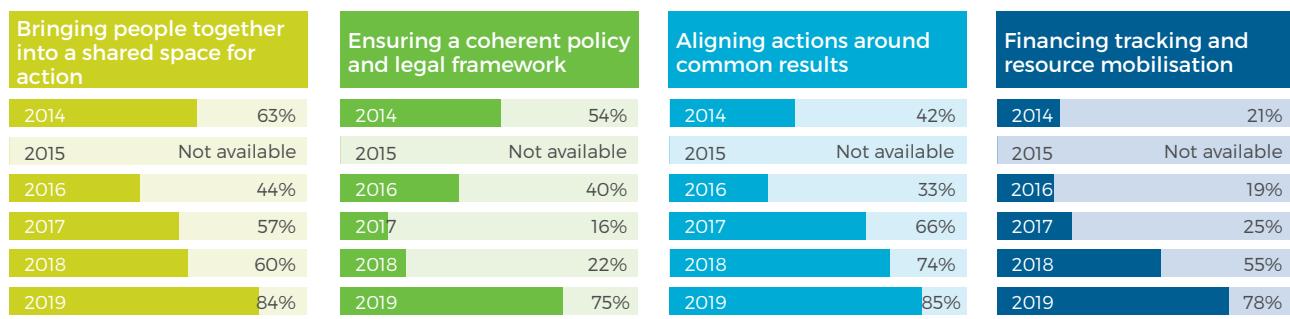
Joined: November 2012

Population: 29.16 million

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INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018–2019



2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED

81%



2019–2020 PRIORITIES

- Improve cooperation between international organisations and government departments and systems to ensure a functional Multi Stakeholder Platform including the Humanitarian Development Nexus.
- Secure funding to rebuild government capacity to deliver a nutrition resilient strategy.
- Centralise all nutrition and health data to inform wholistic nutrition programming.
- Operationalise a SUN Business, Civil Society and Donor network.

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