

SUN ETHIOPIA 2018-19 Joint Annual Assessment SUMMARY AND PRIORITIES

PROCESS 1 SUMMARY: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN THE SAME SPACE

In Ethiopia MSP coordination mechanisms are established at national and sub-national level with clear TOR. Moreover, the performance is regularly monitored through quarterly review meeting of the Technical Committee and biannual and annual review meeting of the Coordination Body.

The Coordination Body has also reaffirmed its commitment by guiding and assuring approval of the New Food and Nutrition Policy for the first time in Ethiopia.

To catalyse its implementation the government also made a commitment to end stunting in Ethiopia, Seqota Declaration, which brings new way of nutrition coordination and implementing stakeholders performance management using the Program Delivery Unit. In addition, resource allocation for nutrition has been upgraded recently (for Seqota Declaration – 16 million USD for 2019/ 20).

PROCESS 2 SUMMARY: Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

Fruitful efforts have been made to endorse policies and strategies that support the implementation of the national nutrition program. This includes the Food and Nutrition Policy (endorsed), Food and Nutrition Strategy (awaiting endorsement), the Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Strategy and UNISE tested under Seqota Declaration, are some of them. However, there is still a need for more intentional analysis of existing policy and use the data to influence the policy makers. Such analyses have now been started by NIPN Ethiopia and hopefully will facilitate generation of necessary information to inform decision makers to undertake timely actions.

PROCESS 3 SUMMARY: Aligning actions around common results

The National Nutrition Program II and the Seqota Declaration have enabled the implementing sectors to plan and implement nutrition sensitive and specific interventions. The NNP II provided a common result framework where the government and stakeholders can utilize for planning, allocate adequate resources for execution and performance management. The Seqota Declaration is catalysing the NNP II implementing through its ending stunting vision in two regions but requires engaging all the regions to engage actively for ownership of the NNP II and allocation of adequate resources. The web-based monitoring systems (also known as UNISE), to collect NNP II implementation performance from sectors and stakeholders' to get real time data for analysis and decision making, has been tested under Seqota Declaration innovation phase. However, aligning efforts for common & set results is one area of that needs further improvement.

PROCESS 4 SUMMARY: Financial tracking and resource mobilization

The government and in-country stakeholders have put in place resources needed for the national nutrition program II and the Seqota Declaration. Moreover, sectors like education and agriculture has developed sector specific strategies. However, except some allocations on annual basis, multi-year commitment from the government to finance the NNP II is not clear. Some in-country stakeholders have made multi-year commitment which covers some parts of the NNP II.

A comprehensive nutrition finance tracking was done in 2017 and thereafter a routine finance tracking is being built using existing (FMOH) systems through capacity building. Furthermore, more recently, a sub-national finance resource tracking was done at district level under Seqota Declaration implementation and shared across sectors & stakeholders. Thereafter, the Government of Ethiopia allocated 16 million USD for multi-sector Seqota Declaration interventions for 2019/20. The GOE allocation for NNP II will be announced soon.

2019-2020 PRIORITIES

Please list the key priorities of the multi-stakeholder platform for 2019-2020
(max 6)

1. **PRIORITY 1:** Finalize developing Food & Nutrition Strategy (based on the Policy endorsed Nov 2018) and ensure endorsement
2. **PRIORITY 2:** Finalize the establishment of Food & Nutrition Agency and Council for endorsement
3. **PRIORITY 3:** Strengthening implementation of multi-sectoral action plans of NNP II & SD as agreed across sectors and stakeholders; and use UNISE for accountability/ M & E
4. **PRIORITY 4:** Evidence generation for inclusion of nutrition actions/ targets within HSTP II and GTP III
5. **PRIORITY 5:** Focused implementation and follow up on nutrition specific actions (social movement on the first 1000 days & GMP) and nutrition sensitive actions (backyard gardening & small ruminants as well as WASH).
6. **PRIORITY 6:** Capacity building, particularly at sub-national (district) level, to engage '*key influencers*' and '*doers*' to ensure ownership and sustainability.

End

stunting by 2030

SUN Civil Society Network

PROCESS 1: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN THE SAME SPACE

- ECSC-SUN has regular coordination meetings every two monthly with the coalition steering committee members and bi-annually with the general assembly; participate in and contribute to the National Multisectoral Nutrition Coordination platforms
- Coordinate internally and expanded its membership, currently reached to 63 members. Furthermore, strengthen its partnership with the SUN Secretariat by hosting meetings in Oct 2018 and April 2019. Participated in international fora to share ECSC-SUN's experience and advocacy work.
- Participating and contributing to the quarterly Nutrition Technical Committee meeting, bi-annual National Nutrition Coordinating Body meeting and monthly Nutrition Development Partners Forum meeting.
- Sharing reports and progress regularly to the steering committee, general assembly and other SUN networks during the learning and review forum with briefings, minutes, proceedings and newsletters.
- Support the establishment and strengthening of the Ethiopia Nutrition Leaders Network that include the Multisectoral SUN network focal points, supported the initiation and development of multisectoral accountability tool and score card to review and evaluate multisectoral NNP implementation progress .

PROCESS 2: Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

- Supported the analysis of existing national and international policies and legislations through hiring consultants for the development of food and nutrition policy which was endorsed on Nov 2018. Furthermore, supported the Food and Nutrition Policy of Ethiopia sensitization and dissemination work at national and in regions.
- Actively engaged in and provided support for the establishment of the Food and Nutrition Council and Agency proclamation development and finalization currently being reviewed by Attorney General.
- Provided support for advocating the establishment of Food and Nutrition Council and Agency.
- Supporting the evidence generation work for the contribution and impact of nutrition to nutrition sensitive and specific sectors and the nation; the development of video on stunting reduction is near to final.

PROCESS 3: Aligning actions around common results

- Mapping of thematic focus leads and assignment given to eight thematic focus areas was done
- Gender sensitive core nutrition actions identified and included as core thematic focus areas for the 2019 and beyond coalitions work; Gender and nutrition thematic focus lead identified and TOR development is in progress.
- Aligning the coalition work with FMOH nutrition case team and Seqota Declaration made
- Participated in the multisectoral Joint assessment mission.
- Advocacy for establishing lower level SUN CSO coordination platform done, assignment was give to lead agencies to establish regional CSO SUN support platforms in all regions.
- Supporting the food and nutrition policy into actionable strategy by hiring consultants and actively engaged in the development of Food and Nutrition Strategy for Ethiopia currently in good progress.

PROCESS 4: Financial tracking and resource mobilization

- Supporting the financial tracking and resource mobilization work through its coalition members agencies (R4D, Save the Children, NI) nationally and sub-nationally.
- Mobilized additional resource and provided support to get additional funding.
- Supported and facilitated the dissemination of financial tracking and resource mobilization report to the multi-sectoral platforms

Overall summary of progress achieved or challenges over the past year (April 2018 to April 2019)

ECSC-SUN has been providing enormous support and strengthened its engagement and partnership nationally and internationally to accelerate nutrition action in Ethiopia. The coalition provided support for finalizing the food and nutrition policy of Ethiopia. Furthermore, support has been continued to Food and Nutrition Council and Agency establishment, Food and Nutrition Strategy development and the multisectoral accountability tool and score card finalization aimed at reviewing the NNP implementation.

ECSC-SUN has also support the establishment and strengthening of the Ethiopia Nutrition Leaders Network. The coalition has also been supporting the evidence generation work for the contribution and impact of nutrition to nutrition sensitive and specific sectors. The coalition has continued provision of support for financial tracking and resource mobilization work nationally and sub-nationally.