

Strengthening Resource Tracking for Nutrition

Support to the SUN Donor Network on application and interpretation of the OECD nutrition policy marker

SUN Nutrition Finance COP

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Agenda

- What is the nutrition policy marker?
- Overview of USAID Advancing Nutrition's work to support the SDN
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Overview of the OECD Nutrition Policy Marker

The OECD Nutrition Policy Marker is a three-tiered qualitative tool to track resources for nutrition

Nutrition policy marker (0, 1, 2)

Principal (score of 2) = Nutrition is the principal objective of the project and is fundamental in its design and expected results. All projects reported under Basic Nutrition code are also scored principal by default

Significant (score of 1) = Nutrition is an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the project.

Not targeted (score of 0) = The project was screened, but have not been found as targeted to nutrition in any significant way

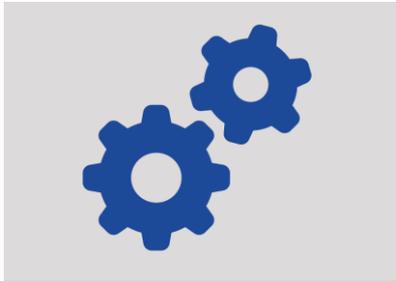
E.g., Donor's 2019 CRS Data

ProjectNumber	RecipientName	USD_Commitment_De	USD_Disbursement_D	ProjectTitle	Purpos	SectorName	Nutrition
P000205001	Ethiopia		0.226616	Nutritious Maize for Ethiopia/Maïs nutritif pour l'Éthiopie	12240	I.2.b. Basic Health	2
P000205001	Ethiopia		0.0755387	Nutritious Maize for Ethiopia/Maïs nutritif pour l'Éthiopie	31161	III.1.a. Agriculture	2
P000205001	Ethiopia		0.0755387	Nutritious Maize for Ethiopia/Maïs nutritif pour l'Éthiopie	31182	III.1.a. Agriculture	2
P000219001	Mali		0.0908765	Support to Maternal and Neonatal Evacuation in the District of Kayes	12261	I.2.b. Basic Health	1
P000219001	Mali		0.0908765	Support to Maternal and Neonatal Evacuation in the District of Kayes	12281	I.2.b. Basic Health	1
P000478002	Middle East, regional	0.0383477	0.0435239	Jordan Program Support Facility/Mécanisme d'appui au programme d	43010	IV.2. Other Multisector	0
P000478002	Jordan	0.00256922		Jordan Program Support Facility/Mécanisme d'appui au programme d	11110	I.1.a. Education, Level Unspecified	0

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Overview of USAID Advancing Nutrition's work to support the SUN Donor Network (SDN)

The main activities behind this work are to:



Compare commitments and disbursements generated by SDN methodology and nutrition policy marker



Explore various quantification options for the nutrition policy marker to inform future resource tracking



Engage with donors bilaterally to document their reporting situation and variations in donor reporting

Overall, the aim of this work is to **provide recommendations on the application and interpretation of the OECD nutrition policy marker**—including quantification—in advance of the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit

OECD Nutrition Policy Marker Guidelines

Unclassified

English - Or. English

9 December 2020

**Development Co-operation Directorate
Development Assistance Committee**

DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics

The OECD-DAC policy marker on nutrition

Handbook for data reporters and users

Informal meeting of the Working Party on Development Finance Statistics (WP-STAT), 16 December 2020, virtual meeting.

The handbook on the policy marker on nutrition, developed in collaboration with the SUN donor Network and the SUN Movement Secretariat, is circulated for INFORMATION under item 13 of the draft annotated agenda of the WP-STAT of 24-25 November and 16 December 2020.

Please note that the full document is available in PDF format only.

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Key research questions for this work include:

	Key Questions from SDN	Content to include in final report
1	Can the nutrition policy marker be used to track against N4G commitments? <i>Noting it is a voluntary tool</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible indicators to track donor disbursements to nutrition across sectors, with recommendations • Example pledges that could be tracked and monitored via these indicators
2	Is quantification needed to capture investments? In what form?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantification scenarios will be explored with commentary on pros/cons for TWG to discuss, with recommendations
3	Will there be comparability with previous N4G commitments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of expected changes in the data (with monitoring to continue annually) • <i>Note we expect reasonable changes between the two phases of donor resource tracking (2013-2018; 2019-beyond); we may not be able to solve for comparability but at least want to be clear on the changes</i>
4	What level of consistency across donors can be expected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of projects captured via the two methods • Documentation of expected impact from level of marker application (eg, split across purpose codes) and other unique reporting situations across donors
5	How to ensure accurate reporting now that data will be publicly available? (via GNR or otherwise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Once key indicators and quantification agreed on: simple guidance on how public data can be used to generate donor disbursement indicators</i>



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Current Status

Project Timeline

Date	Milestone	Group	Status
Aug 2020	Technical Working Group (TWG) Intro meeting	TWG	Done
Sept 2020	Share Inception Note	TWG	Done
Nov 2020 – Feb 2021	Donor consultations (EU, FCDO, GAC, USAID, SDC, BMGF)	TWG	Done
Feb 2021	Meeting to share preliminary findings	TWG	Done
Mar-May 2021	Follow-up w/TWG donors to discuss resource tracking priorities and 2019 NPM data	TWG	Done
May 2021	Check-in with SDN to share progress	SDN	Done
Jun – Aug 2021	Advisory support on how best to address feedback and shape recommendations	TWG	
July 2021	Share preliminary findings and solicit feedback <i>(via email or meeting)</i>	SDN	
Sept 2021	Final analysis presented and recommendations made	SDN	

Note post-September 2021: Routine analysis will be conducted on an annual basis to monitor nutrition policy marker application; recommendations will be updated as needed

Questions?

How can this be useful to your work? What are some applications you see of the NPM to your work?

How does this relate to efforts at country level to strengthen tracking?

What would you like reporting to look like in the future?

OECD visualizations of the Gender Policy Marker can provide insight into how we can report the Nutrition Policy Marker

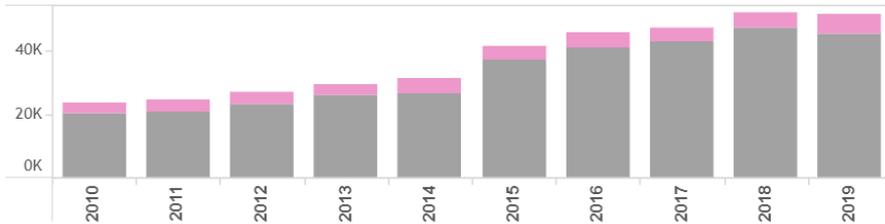
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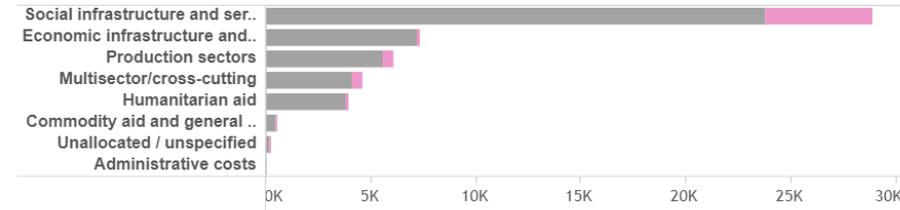
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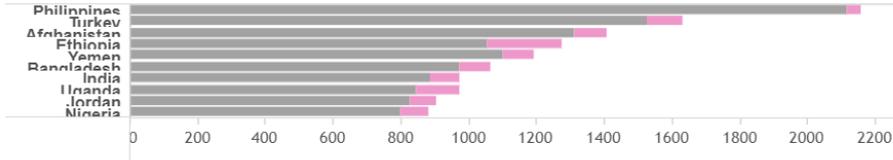
Trends in aid to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment annual commitments, USD million, constant 2019 prices



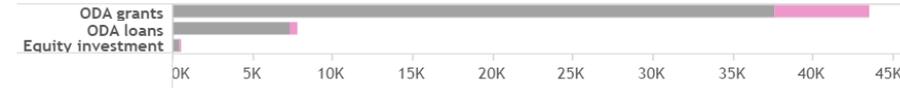
Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment-related aid by sector annual commitments, USD million, constant 2019 prices



Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment-related aid top 10 recipients annual commitments, USD million, constant 2019 prices



Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment-related aid by instrument annual commitments, USD million, constant 2019 prices



Principal Significant

1. When comparing data between donors, both coverage ratio and % of aid focused on gender equality and women's empowerment have to be considered.
2. Statistics on gender focus excludes non-sector allocable aid since several members do not apply the gender equality marker on these forms of aid.

Source: OECD DAC CRS
<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=GFNDFR>



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