



Botswana

The information presented in this brief is mainly based on the country's submissions to the 2019 UNN reporting exercise, covering the May 2018–April 2019 period.

- **JOINED THE SUN MOVEMENT IN APRIL 2015**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 3/10**
- **SOMEWHAT FUNCTIONAL (LOW)**

UNN Reporting Exercise Completed	Chair(s) Nominated	Focal Points from 3+ UN Agencies	UNN Strategy/Agenda in Place	UNN Workplan Developed
✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
UNN's Collective Agenda tabled at UNCT	UNN Engagement in MSP	Develop/Update Nutrition Content of Joint UN Frameworks	Technical Support to SUN Focal Point or other Government Authorities	Nutrition Joint Programmes or Programming
✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Overview of the UN Network in Botswana

While nutrition actions were undertaken by individual United Nations agencies, the collective UN Network (UNN) in Botswana was largely inactive from May 2018 to April 2019.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

Not specified

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

Not specified

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

Not specified

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- The UNN in Botswana faced operational challenges during the reporting period which hindered its participation in the 2019 reporting exercise. These challenges underscore the need for enhanced multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder coordination for nutrition. A functional and inclusive UNN, that draws its membership from agencies even beyond those traditionally involved in nutrition, can help to improve the situation, including the state of nutrition coordination. Such engagement would increase awareness about the multi-dimensional nature of nutrition and allow stakeholders from different sectors and at various levels to understand their role in advancing the nutrition agenda.
- UNN is encouraged to undertake efforts to regularly discuss nutrition at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings in order to bolster the buy-in of United Nations agencies and elevate nutrition on the development agenda.
- Efforts could also be made to actively engage the United Nations Resident Coordinator in nutrition to improve related coordination. This would facilitate better integrated and scalable nutrition interventions in the country.
- Botswana's most recent United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF), 2017–2021 considers nutrition under two of its outputs. Subsequently, there is scope for the UNN to strengthen collaboration for nutrition among the United Nations agencies (including joint programmes/programming/projects) by leveraging the provisions on nutrition in the UNSDF.

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