



# Cambodia

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 JUNE 2014**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 9/10**
- **HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL (HIGH)**

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
✓	✓	✓	✓	X

## Overview of the UN Network in Cambodia

The UN Network (UNN) in Cambodia is comprised of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) acting as the chair. During the 2018–19 reporting period, the UNN contributed substantively to the development of Cambodia's new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, 2019–2023 (UNSDCF), where nutrition is considered under two outcomes and further highlighted as one of four accelerators required for the country to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

## Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018–19, the country UNN engaged with other SUN networks through its participation in national consultation and coordination platforms, the co-organization of nutrition-related events, the implementation of joint programmes and undertaking joint research projects. More specifically, UNN actively participated in the establishment of Cambodia's Business Network and has since worked with members of the Network to enhance their contribution to the nutrition agenda, especially in the context of salt iodization and the production of specialized nutritious foods. The UNN also worked closely with Government, the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) and the SUN Donor Network (SDN) to identify strategic priorities and formulate a new National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition.

## Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

During the reporting period, the UNN actively participated and contributed to several multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) for nutrition, including: the Technical Nutrition Working Group for Social Protection, Food Security and Nutrition; the Food Security Forum; the Nutrition Working Group; as well as the sub-national meetings of SUN networks held in selected provinces. A multi-stakeholder Humanitarian Response Forum was also established and includes a Food Security, Nutrition and Cash Working Group, which ensures the protection of food and nutrition security in emergency contexts.

## UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

While the UNN pursued various joint efforts on nutrition during the reporting period, it did not undertake joint programming *per se*.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Among the achievements of Cambodia's UNN during the reporting period, it supported: (1) the formulation of an inclusive National Strategy for Food and Nutrition (2019–2023) and Cambodia's Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) Strategy; (2) the finalization of a nutrition-sensitive UNSDCF (2019–2023); and (3) the approval of joint monitoring indicators for nutrition (2019–2020). It also carried out a joint formative research project on Risk-Informed and Shock-Responsive Social Protection Systems to assess the potential of such systems in ensuring access to essential needs (including nutrition) when shocks present. Furthermore, the UNN supported the development of a guideline on Growth Monitoring and Promotion.
- In spite of these achievements, the UNN faced challenges in accessing current national data for decision-making, planning and reporting. Other challenges were experienced with the private sector, particularly in the final stages of the establishment of the SUN Business Network (SBN), and in attaining effective sub-national coordination for nutrition.
- To mitigate these challenges, the UNN could consider prioritizing the improvement of national nutrition surveillance systems, while also working closely with the SUN Government Focal Point to promote the establishment of sub-national MSPs to improve coordination for nutrition at local levels.

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