Overview of the UN Network in Chad

The UN Network (UNN) in Chad, chaired by the World Food Programme (WFP), is also comprised of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO). UNN focal points also serve on a technical nutrition working group, which ensures that the national nutrition agenda is tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings. Since 2013, Chad has benefitted from hands-on neutral facilitation support for nutrition, through two UNN-REACH facilitators (one national, one international).

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

During the 2018–19 reporting period, UNN helped rally the eight SUN networks to develop annual joint workplans. UNN-REACH has also played a pivotal role in leading and supporting the SUN Chad Alliance, a coordination mechanism bringing together nutrition actors from different SUN Networks (UN, Parliamentarian, Scientific, Champion’s, Civil Society and Journalists).

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

During the reporting cycle, UNN supported the Permanent Technical Committee on Food and Nutrition (CTPNA) in the development of an annual workplan and the establishment of nutrition coordination mechanisms at national and sub-national levels. The UNN has also strengthened the National Nutrition Council (CNNA). Moreover, in-country UNN-REACH facilitators have been effective change agents with the SUN Government Focal Point for aligning the nutrition agenda and joint programming, resource mobilization, advocacy plans and evidence generation through the UNN’s portfolio of analytical tools. In addition, the UNN mobilized resources for strengthening sub-national nutrition governance through setting-up ten provincial committees that serve as nutrition coordination mechanisms.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

The country UNN reported undertaking a joint programme, FORMANUT, on local production of fortified foods in the area of infant and young child feeding (IYCF), alongside national and international NGOs, members of the academic community and the Chadian government.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- UNN-REACH, the main driver of the SUN Alliance, has fuelled the momentum of different stakeholders to work together effectively on achieving nutrition goals by showcasing the contributions of different sectors to nutrition and the importance of joint work. In 2019, the UNN Secretariat supported the Nutrition Stakeholder and Action Mapping exercise, which equipped national stakeholders with a solid data repository that is used for advocacy and programmatic purposes. The UNN achievements also included positioning the National Council on Food and Nutrition at the Presidential level and contributions to the development of a nutrition advocacy strategy.
- The main priorities raised by the country UNN are the following: (1) to foster more predictable joint nutrition funding; (2) to operationalize the Multi-Sectoral Food and Nutrition Action Plan; and (3) to help bridge humanitarian and development interventions.

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