Overview of the UN Network in Comoros

The UN Network (UNN) in the Comoros is 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). UNICEF and WHO co-chair the Network, which uses a rotational chairing system. The country UNN has made regular efforts to table the nutrition agenda at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting cycle and plans to conduct the Nutrition Stakeholder and Action Mapping exercise, supported by the UNN Secretariat at the beginning of 2020.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

While the SUN Donor Network (SDN) and SUN Business Network (SBN) are yet to be established in the Comoros, the UNN played an active role in setting up the country’s SUN Civil Society Network (CSN), which was founded on 31 August 2018.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

No explicit information was reported on multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs), yet the Network has supported civil society engagement in the coordination and implementation of nutrition actions. The UNN has also been continuously supporting the SUN Government Focal Point by providing advisory services on annual planning for nutrition and facilitating the completion of the SUN Annual Joint Assessment.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

During the reporting period, UNN has fostered the implementation of joint programmes on nutrition, including a project involving all four agencies in the Network (FAO, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO). The project was primarily aimed at: (1) strengthening good food and nutrition practices; (2) strengthening services for the prevention and management of acute malnutrition; and (3) improving nutrition governance.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Some of the top UNN achievements in the Comoros during the reporting period include the implementation of joint nutrition programming as well as other efforts, such as a joint project carried out by FAO and UNICEF focused on the development of a dietary guidelines to promote good nutrition in households and the activation of a Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Action Plan in relation to Tropical Cyclone Kenneth in 2019.
- Despite its high score on the functionality index, the country UNN has been facing challenges in sustaining momentum for the national nutrition agenda.
- The main priorities for the next reporting cycle can be summarized as follows:
  1) The establishment of a functional MSP;
  2) A resource mobilization plan; and
  3) Strengthened and tailored national management capacity for nutrition.