Overview of the UN Network in Congo

The UN Network (UNN) in Congo is co-chaired by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Additional members include: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the World Food Programme (WFP); and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

During the 2018–19 reporting period, Congo’s UNN worked with civil society organizations (CSOs) in an effort to provide humanitarian support in certain provinces. The CSOs were particularly engaged in the establishment of decentralized nutrition coordination mechanisms in these provinces. In Congo, the UNN also worked with the SUN Donor Network (SDN) to develop a publication on the role of parliamentarians in the fight against malnutrition. The two networks co-organized a parliamentary briefing on nutrition, helping to enhance the functionality of the country’s Parliamentary Agency for Food and Nutrition.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

Not specified

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

In 2018–19, the country UNN provided joint support for a nutrition-sensitive School Feeding Programme.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- The country UNN actively contributed to the development of strategic nutrition documents, such as the National Nutrition and Food Security Policy and the Operational Plan for Fighting Malnutrition.
- While no particular challenges were highlighted by Congo’s UNN in the 2019 reporting exercise, the findings highlight a lack of engagement in multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs).
- To this effect, it is proposed that the Network support the SUN Government Focal Point in efforts to establish an MSP, if non-existent, and to participate more actively in such platforms. MSPs play an integral role in heightening awareness on the multi-dimensional nature of nutrition among various stakeholders and sectors. Similarly, they help foster partnerships that enhance collective action for improved nutrition impact and broader development.

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