Overview of the UN Network in Côte d’Ivoire

The UN Network (UNN) in Côte d’Ivoire is chaired by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and also comprised of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The Network was one of the countries that often tabled the collective nutrition agenda at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings, which likely served to enhance the functionality of the UNN.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018–19, the country UNN worked closely with the other main SUN networks. For example, UNN collaborated with the SUN Business Network (SBN) to facilitate the evaluation of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy. The UNN also supported sub-national workstreams, such as the implementation of the Community Multi-sectoral Strategy for Nutrition in collaboration with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN). Furthermore, UNN worked in partnership with the World Bank and African Development Bank (both members of the SUN Donor Network [SDN]), to implement nutrition and early childhood development projects in support of nutrition gains.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

The national council for nutrition, food and early child development (CONNAPE) avails its coordination bodies to the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM), based in Abidjan. While primarily purposed as a knowledge management repository, the CERFAM also acts as a multi-sectoral/stakeholder platform (MSP) that fosters South-South Cooperation for tackling hunger and malnutrition in the region. The UNN, through WFP, has played an active role in both the establishment and effectiveness of the Centre. During the 2018–19 reporting period, the UNN has also supported coordination efforts regarding the implementation of the country’s National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Plan (2016–2020).

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

Côte d’Ivoire’s UNN reported undertaking a joint campaign on Vitamin A supplementation in 2018-19.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- The UNN in Côte d’Ivoire achieved several milestones in 2018–19, including: (1) building government capacity on South-South Cooperation for nutrition; (2) community assessments towards the development of a Community Multi-sectoral Strategy for Nutrition; (3) the development of norms and procedures for baby-health facilities in the country; and (4) the establishment of a National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Information Platform (PNMIN) to better track progress on scaling up nutrition actions.

- The country UNN has faced some challenges and identified the following priorities moving forward: (1) strengthening multi-stakeholder coordination; and (2) increasing investment to support the government’s efforts to advance the nutrition agenda.

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