



Eswatini

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 DECEMBER 2013**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 7/10**
- **MODERATELY FUNCTIONAL (MEDIUM)**

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
✗	✓	✓	✓	✗

Overview of the UN Network in Eswatini

The UN Network (UNN) in Eswatini is composed of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). This membership is impressive, considering the size of the country and the UN presence there. During the 2018–19 reporting period, the collective nutrition agenda was rarely tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings although there is inter-agency dialogue on nutrition at the technical level.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

The other SUN networks (Business, Civil Society and Donor) have yet to be established in Eswatini.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

There was also a lack of a SUN Government Focal Point during reporting period. As a result, UN colleagues, including the United Nations Resident Coordinator, advocated for the Government to identify a replacement, eventually leading to a formal commitment by the Ministry of Health (July 2019) to fast-track these efforts. This will help to regain momentum for multi-stakeholder/sectoral coordination on nutrition.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

Not specified

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Despite limited presence of other SUN actors in the country, Eswatini's UNN fostered: (1) the successful integration of nutrition into the health data collection system; (2) evidence generation for nutrition advocacy; and (3) effective nutrition mainstreaming into the broader strategy on reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition. The UNN also provided financial and technical assistance to conduct a study on the relationships between HIV and tuberculosis treatment and nutrition outcomes as well as a rapid assessment on the readiness of health facilities to manage malnutrition during periods of drought.
- As main priorities, the UN Nutrition Inventory is planned for early 2020 to take stock of nutrition actions supported by the United Nations in the country and to ascertain the extent to which those are aligned with national priorities. The plans foresee the participation of the four member agencies (FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO) as well as the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The latter two United Nations agencies also make meaningful contributions to nutrition outcomes and may be motivated to formally join the UNN after having completed the Inventory exercise.

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