



Ethiopia

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 SEPTEMBER 2012**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 10/10**
- **HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL (HIGH)**

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 Ethiopia

Ethiopia's UN Network (UNN) is comprised 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). The UN and Donor Networks function as a single entity, called the Nutrition Development Partner Forum (NDPF), which meets monthly and is currently chaired by UNICEF. The collective nutrition agenda has been tabled several times at UNCT meetings in 2018–19, helping to positively reinforce the multi-sectoral approach to nutrition.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

The NDPF convenes with the other existing SUN networks (Business, Civil Society and Academia) in the country on a monthly basis. UNN has been supporting the government by seconding technical staff for overall guidance, preparing agendas and minutes as well as facilitating other meeting logistics and follow-up on meetings.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

The country UNN is strongly engaged in the national nutrition coordination bodies, including the National Nutrition Technical Committee in charge of the management and implementation of the National Food and Nutrition Policy, the National Nutrition Plan and the National Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Strategy. The UNN also worked with the government to draft a proclamation for the establishment of the Food and Nutrition Council to be led by the Prime Minister. The proclamation was first sent to the Federal Attorney General for review, and then to Parliament, helping to bolster political support for nutrition. In addition, the Network contributed to the development of a multi-sectoral scorecard, a tool designed to monitor the status of multi-sectoral interventions at community level.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

There are many examples of UN joint programmes in Ethiopia. These include an UNICEF/FAO programme, called *Integrated Nutrition Services: Multisectoral interventions to improve nutrition security and enhance resilience* (EU-funded) and an FAO/UNIDO programme on the *Nutrition-sensitive moringa value chain* (funded by the Government of Italy). Both aim to build the resilience of health systems for nutrition emergencies.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- As highlighted above, Ethiopia reached many milestones during the reporting cycle, thanks to valuable support from the UNN. Other achievements include the development, endorsement and launch of the first-ever Food and Nutrition Policy as well as initiating the formulation of its ensuing strategy. These efforts will help to enhance multi-sectoral coordination, and ultimately, ensure accountability.
- Challenges & priorities: Capacity building and coordination at the regional level.

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