



# Ghana

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 MARCH 2011**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 8/10**
- **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 Ghana

The UN Network (UNN) in Ghana takes the form of a combined UN-Donor Network and is co-chaired by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO). UN membership also includes the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP). While the collective nutrition agenda was rarely tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018-19 reporting period, UN colleagues working at the technical level met more frequently to address nutrition issues.

## Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018-19, Ghana's UN-Donor Network worked in close collaboration with academia and the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN). For instance, the UN-Donor Network supported the Academia platform in generating evidence for nutrition advocacy materials.

## Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

During the reporting cycle, the United Nations agencies and other development partners supported the Ministry of Health in hosting the first and second high-level meetings on maternal, child and adolescent health and nutrition. The meetings were attended by the First Lady of Ghana, a proclaimed nutrition champion by the African Leaders for Nutrition Initiative. At sub-national level (Northern region), the combined UN-Donor Network participated in quarterly partners' fora, organized by the Regional Director of Health Services, where UN support along with that of other development partners was discussed as part of efforts to improve coordination and promote nutrition scale-up.

## UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

In Ghana, a joint UN programme on adolescent nutrition and health was undertaken by UNFPA and UNICEF during the reporting period, which targeted adolescent girls. This highlights scope for more joint nutrition programming in the future, particularly among the UNN member agencies.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- The main achievements of Ghana's UN-Donor Network within the reporting cycle include: (1) addressing all forms of malnutrition through knowledge management and advocacy; (2) capacity building of some executives in government and NGO staff; and (3) supporting service delivery to improve nutrition and food security through home-grown approaches and increased awareness among adolescents, both those who attend and do not attend school.
- Moving forward, more attention is needed to address the double burden of malnutrition in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). There is also room to increase the combined Network's outreach to the UNCT to bolster collective action within the nutrition arena, capitalizing on the window of opportunity that UN reform presents.

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