Overview of the UN Network in Guinea-Bissau
The UN Network (UNN) in Guinea-Bissau is comprised of four United Nations agencies, namely: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); and the World Food Programme (WFP). The Network is chaired by WFP, who has helped raise awareness about the role of nutrition-sensitive actions in tackling Guinea-Bissau’s malnutrition burden as part of the collective nutrition agenda. To help further engage UN leadership and promote a multi-sectoral approach, nutrition was reportedly sometimes tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting period.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks
In 2018–19, UNN collaborated with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) on advocacy activities in an effort to attract increased investment for nutrition, including domestic resources. As highlighted in the box below, the UNN also took measures to mobilize parliamentarians, including in the National Nutrition Day, working in concert with the country’s Parliamentarian Network.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms
Not specified

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition
During the 2018–19 reporting cycle, UNN fostered the implementation of multiple nutrition-sensitive joint UN programming on nutrition, encompassing: (1) the screening and treatment of acute malnutrition; (2) the prevention of stunting; and (3) school nutrition.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
- The UNN in Guinea-Bissau achieved several milestones in 2018–19, bringing together various facets of nutrition work carried out by the participating United Nations agencies. First, the country UNN supported the government with the organization of National Nutrition Day, where free nutrition consultations were held. The event attracted technical actors, such as members of the National Association of Nutritionists and Dietitians, the Cuban Medical Brigade, medical school students as well as policymakers, thereby helping to strengthen the country’s nutrition agenda. Secondly, the UNN supported the first coordination meeting with regional nutrition focal points to improve multi-sectoral nutrition programming at sub-national levels. Thirdly, the UNN fostered the implementation of a Knowledge Attitudes and Practice (KAP) survey, covering nutrition issues such as the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding and how to recognize signs and symptoms of acute malnutrition. Fourthly, the UNN also conducted the first round of a vitamin A supplementation campaign in collaboration with community health workers and integrated it as a routine activity of health services.

- Challenges & priorities: Not specified

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