Overview of the UN Network in Haiti

The UN Network (UNN) in Haiti is co-chaired by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP), with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) also serving as a member. In the past, other United Nations agencies have engaged in activities facilitated by the UNN, particularly when UNN-REACH was operational, such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office. The country UNN reported that the collective nutrition agenda was rarely tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings in 2018–19, indicating that there is scope to reinvigorate engagement with other United Nations agencies, including UN leadership.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

While specific activities were not highlighted in terms of collaboration with other SUN networks, the country UNN did report having monthly meetings with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) during the 2018–19 reporting period. This regular interaction may lay the groundwork for future collaboration.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

In 2018–19, the Network participated regularly in the meetings and workshops of the national multi-stakeholder platform (MSP), including the participative proceedings undertaken in relation to the country’s SUN Joint Annual Assessment. The workshop gathered members of civil society, including several international non-governmental organizations operational in the country, as well as public and private stakeholders intervening in food and nutrition, including representatives from government and the United Nations agencies (FAO, UNICEF and WHO). The Nutrition Directorate within the Ministry of Health drew upon UN technical and financial assistance to organize, facilitate and report on the workshop, as part of efforts to cultivate constructive multi-stakeholder dialogue.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

While the three UNN agencies teamed up in Haiti to develop a joint advocacy note on nutrition and food security, the Network did not mention examples of UN joint programming on nutrition per se.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Some of the top UNN achievements in Haiti during the reporting period include: (1) supporting the nutrition and food security survey in 2018; and (2) the elaboration of the above-mentioned joint advocacy note on nutrition and food security.
- Limited government capacity was cited as a main challenge, substantiating the need for capacity strengthening along the country’s path to nutrition scale-up.