



Kyrgyzstan

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 2011**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 10/10**
- **HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL (HIGH)**

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| 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 Kyrgyzstan

The UN Network (UNN) in Kyrgyzstan is comprised of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children Fund's (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The Network has adopted a co-chairing arrangement, with FAO and WFP in the lead. In addition, the UNN reported that the collective nutrition agenda was often tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings in 2018–19.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

During the 2018–19 reporting period, Kyrgyzstan's UNN has collaborated with other SUN networks in various ways. For example, the UNN joined forces with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) to sensitize parliamentarians with regard to the development of a 2019 joint action plan focused on vulnerable populations. UNN collaboration with the CSN also extended to the revision of school meals legislation and the development of a national school meals programme and its corresponding action plan for 2018–19. Furthermore, the UNN and CSN jointly supported evidence generation and analyses, which informed policy advice provided to the Government via the SUN Government Focal Point. This, in turn, was leveraged in the formulation of a national development strategy and programme on healthcare as well as a labour and social protection strategy (2019–23).

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

During the reporting cycle, the country UNN continuously mobilized to strengthen multi-sectoral nutrition governance, stressing the need for adequate links to the SUN multi-stakeholder platform (MSP). The country's coordinated, consolidated, multi-stakeholder efforts provided a source of inspiration for other countries, prompting the Tajikistan Inter-sectoral Coordination Council to travel to Kyrgyzstan for a study visit at the end of 2018. Both the UNN and Donor Networks significantly contributed to the organization of the exchange to support experience sharing and help replicate good practices in other countries.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

Kyrgyzstan's UNN reported undertaking six joint programmes related to food processing (including fortification), food storage and infant and young child feeding in 2018–19.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Various achievements were supported by Kyrgyzstan's UNN within the reporting period. These include: (1) the endorsement of the Food Security and Nutrition Programme (2019–2023); (2) successful advocacy that translated internationally agreed targets for improving maternal, infant and young child nutrition into national targets and helped establish the new Food Security and Nutrition Programme; and (3) the official launch of the Regional Nutrition Capacity Development and Partnership platform in Ashgabat. Among other actors, the UNN-supported advocacy efforts, targeting influential government officials, including the Prime Minister's Office and parliamentarians, to further support transformational change.
- Main challenges & priorities: *Not specified*

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