



# Malawi

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- **JOINED THE SUN MOVEMENT IN MARCH 2011**
- **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 Malawi

Three United Nations agencies comprise the UN Network (UNN) in Malawi. These include the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP), with the latter two co-chairing the platform. The collective nutrition agenda was reportedly sometimes tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings over the course of the reporting period, helping to put nutrition on the radar of other United Nations agencies.

## Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018–19, Malawi's UNN collaborated with the other SUN networks in the country (Civil Society and Business). Examples of this collaboration include: (1) contributions to revitalize the SUN Business Network (SBN) and support its progressive operationalization; and (2) the development of key messages with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) for advocacy purposes.

## Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

UNN support also enabled the country's multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) to carry out consultations regarding the review of several nutrition-related governance frameworks, such as: (1) the 2018–2022 National Nutrition Education and Communication Strategy (NECS II); (2) the 2018–2022 National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Policy and Strategic Plan; (3) the Multi-sector Maternal and IYCF Strategy; (4) the National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy; and (5) the agriculture sector's Food and Nutrition Strategy. In addition, the United Nations agencies supported the development of integrated workplans for district nutrition coordination committees to ensure alignment around common results and guide actions taken at the sub-national level.

## UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

During the reporting period, joint nutrition programming in Malawi has focused on high-impact nutrition-specific interventions and nutrition-sensitive approaches. These include: (1) community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) supported by UNICEF and WFP; (2) nutrition programming as part of emergency response (FAO, UNICEF and WFP); (3) complementary feeding support through point-of-use fortification (UNICEF and WFP); and nutrition-sensitive components to promote girls education (UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP).

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Among its achievements, the UNN in Malawi actively collaborated with the SUN Government Focal Point and contributed to: (1) the finalization and launch of the new national nutrition policy and strategy; (2) the endorsement of the National Adolescent Multi-sector Nutrition Strategy and its implementation in six districts; (3) the development of various other nutrition-related policies and strategies mentioned above; (4) the launch of the SBN and its strategy; (5) the revamping of the nutrition-led agriculture technical working group; and (6) overall improvements in nutrition resilience programming at national and community levels. The United Nations agencies have also jointly supported capacity building, enhanced coordination and resource mobilization for nutrition as well as the integration of nutrition in the 2019–2023 United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and its alignment with the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS III) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Moving forward, one of the priorities for UNN Malawi is to support the implementation of the SBN strategy.

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