



Namibia

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 SEPTEMBER 2011**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 9/10**
- **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
✓	✓	✓	✓	X

Overview of the UN Network in Namibia

The UN Network (UNN) in Namibia is composed of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which chairs the platform, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). In addition, the collective nutrition agenda was always tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting period. This is one strategic measure that is helping UN colleagues to frame nutrition as a multi-sectoral issue and thus reinforce the need for collective UN action. It may also help to attract additional members in the future, further bolstering UN contributions to national nutrition targets.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018–19, Namibia's UNN collaborated with the Parliamentarian Network. UNICEF mobilized UN support and worked with the NGO Synergos on a nutrition workshop for parliamentarians that culminated in a Nutrition Manifesto. Parliamentarians signed the manifesto at the workshop, pledging their support to scale up nutrition activities in the country along the path to sustainable development.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

During the reporting cycle, UNICEF, WFP and WHO actively supported the establishment of the National Council for Nutrition under the Office of the Prime Minister as well as the ongoing work of the Namibia Alliance for Improved Nutrition, both national platforms. WFP also seconded a nutritionist to the Ministry of Health and Social Services, who works alongside the SUN Government Focal Point on technical matters, helping to further strengthen nutrition capacity. In addition, Namibia's UNN helped the Government Focal Point bring the SUN community together to undertake the SUN Joint Assessment, where diverse stakeholders reflected on progress made and future priorities.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

Not specified

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Some of the top UNN achievements in Namibia within the reporting period include: (1) coordinated joint support for the development of the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Implementation Action Plan; (2) the development of a joint proposal focusing on a nutrition response to the national drought emergency; and (3) engagement with parliamentarians, who committed to scale up nutrition action and requested their involvement in the National Council for Nutrition.
- In Namibia, some UNN priorities include support on operationalizing sub-national coordination structures and nutrition surveillance systems.

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