



Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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 JANUARY 2013**
- **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 Pakistan

The UN Network (UNN) in Pakistan is comprised of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Chaired by WFP, the Network reported having sometimes tabled the collective nutrition agenda at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting period. These efforts have helped to position nutrition as a 'maker and marker' of sustainable development within the UN community in-country. Overall, the UNN has been a key player contributing to Pakistan's vibrant SUN Movement, both at national and sub-national levels.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

In 2018–19, the UNN collaborated with all the other SUN networks present in the country, including efforts to start up three of them (Academia, Civil Society and Parliamentarian). The UNN in Pakistan also supported the SUN Government Focal Point's collaboration with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN), bringing additional dynamism to SUN processes.

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

Pakistan's UNN provided technical and financial support to the national SUN Government Focal Point to enhance nutrition coordination capacity. It has also participated in the nutrition multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) and supported the provincial SUN Secretariats, further helping to animate the multi-sectoral approach. Insights about the country's multiple-tier nutrition coordination architecture were captured in a [short video](#), supported by WFP in its capacity as the Network chair, which was presented at a CFS side event in October 2018 co-organized by the UNN/UNSCN¹ secretariats. Among other initiatives, this UNN support enabled the MSPs to contribute to the development of Pakistan's new multi-sectoral nutrition strategy and national nutrition plan.

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

During the reporting cycle, the United Nations agencies engaged in joint nutrition programming on the community management of acute malnutrition (UNICEF, WFP and WHO) and stunting prevention (UNICEF and WFP).

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- In addition to the achievements highlighted above, the UNN in Pakistan supported the following milestones within the reporting period: (1) mainstreaming nutrition into provincial inter-sectoral strategies and costed action plans at varying degrees; (2) breastfeeding laws in all provinces and the adoption of related monitoring tools; (3) the progressive endorsement of fortification strategies and government tax exemption for fortificants; (4) a feasibility study on wheat flour fortification to initiate a pilot; and (5) the generation of evidence through a study on dietary risk factors in Pakistan, a national nutrition survey (MICS) and operational research on stunting prevention, which has informed decision-making processes for policymakers.
- Challenges & priorities: *Not specified*

1. Refers to the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition.

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