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The National Information Platforms for Nutrition Initiative

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European Union commitment to prevent malnutrition



- **Policy objective** : Support partner countries to reduce the number of stunted children under 5 by least 7 million by 2025
- **Policy framework**: Nutrition Action Plan 2014-2020
- **Financial pledge**: allocate Euro 3.5 Billion to nutrition between 2014-2020 both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive

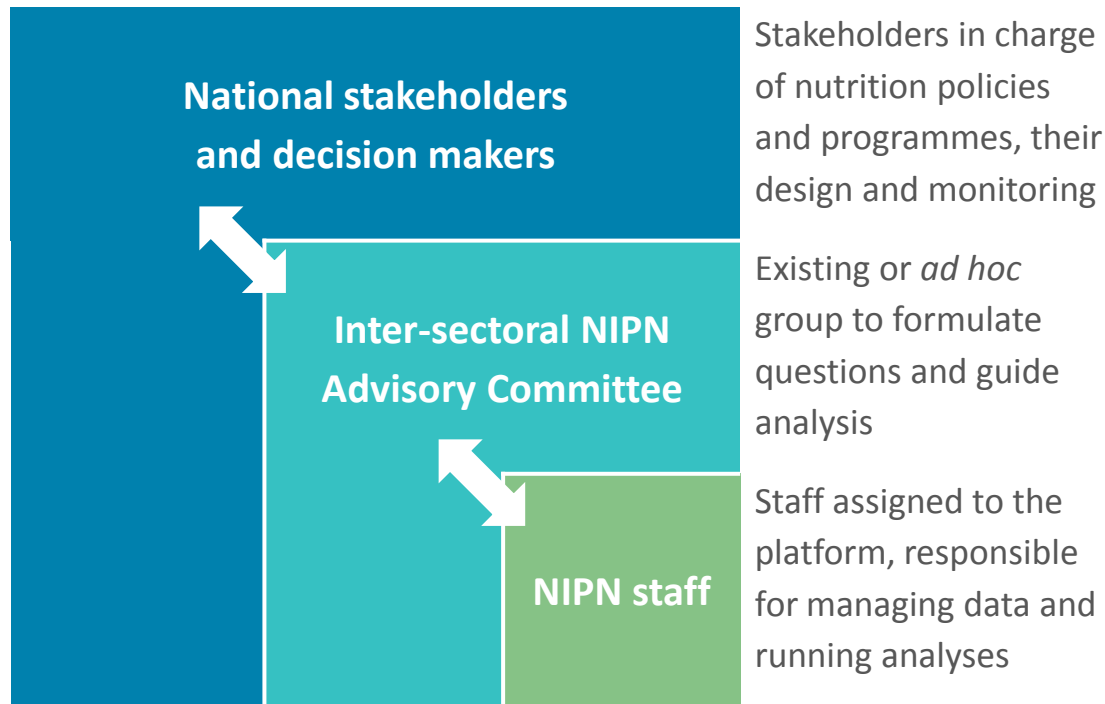


“ NIPN is an initiative whose primary objective is to support countries to strengthen their information & analysis about undernutrition, in order to be able to better inform the decisions and prioritisations they are faced with”

Its objectives are:

- 1) Build country's capacity to analyse data to understand what has reduced or influenced the prevalence of undernutrition and the impact of investments in nutrition
- 2) Support the country to disseminate the results of the analysis to influence decision making in nutrition policies & programmes

Institutional arrangements at national level



The NIPN Operational Framework

National stakeholders
and policy makers

Nutrition policies
and programmes
design and monitoring



NIPN advisory committee
Formulation of questions for analysis
and dissemination of results



Outputs
Inform policy
makers and
improve
programmes

Questions

based on
governments'
priorities

Findings

develop plausible
evidence of the
effectiveness of
interventions

Analysis

of the nutrition
specific/sensitive drivers
of changes in malnutrition
over time and space



Input data

From routine
and ad-hoc surveys,
programme monitoring,
resource tracking

NIPN staff
Data quality assessment,
data management and analysis



Prerequisites for a national platform

- Truly multisectoral
 - Ensures engagement & participation of all sectors
 - Reports to a national inter-sectoral committee for nutrition that poses questions for analysis to help develop policies & improve programmes
 - Has inter-sectoral mandate but remains ‘data neutral’
- Ability & will to bring together people and data from all sectors
 - Skills in data analysis
 - Skills in data interpretation



Countries	Niger	Ethiopia	Kenya	Uganda
National Plan & governance structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3N Secretariat ➤ M&E multi-sectoral working group (not decentralised) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Nutrition Programme (NNP) - Phase II ➤ National Nutrition Coordination Body (NNCB) & technical committee (NNTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Food Security and Nutrition bill from Ministry of Agriculture is awaiting debate by Parliament ➤ National inter-sectoral coordination proposed based in either Office of PM or Min. of Planning & Devolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (UNAP) 2011-16; being extended ➤ UNAP inter-sectoral Secretariat in Office of PM
CAADP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, 2011 ➤ Reviewed 2015 / nutrition sensitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, 2011 ➤ Reviewed 2014 / nutrition sensitive
National nutrition sensitive targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Process oriented targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes - revised for the NNP-Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No - complicated by the Devolution context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, since inception & revision of UNAP
Likely Institutional arrangements for a NIPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic leadership: 3N ➤ Analytical capacity: Institut des Statistiques du Niger (INS) ➤ M&E multi-sectoral working group (not decentralized) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI): mandated for M&E & research of the NNP-II ➤ Co-chair EIAR ➤ Monitoring & Evaluation & Research Working Group of the NNP or ad hoc committee? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic leadership: Ministry of Health M&E Unit ➤ Analytical capacity: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) ➤ Ideally through the new national Food Security and Nutrition council ➤ BUT in the absence of that, lack of legitimate body for consensus & decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic leadership: UNAP (secretariat/M&E unit) ➤ Analytical capacity: Uganda Bureau of Statistics (TBC) most likely ➤ A sub-committee of Secretariat to advise on analysis
Challenges in relation to agriculture & food security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Data from the Early Warning System (SAP) ➤ Continuity of indicators (especially food security: FCS/CSI) ➤ Data quality process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Challenges of multi-sectoral participation ➤ Indicators & M&E framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Difficulty to engage at multisectoral level ➤ Context of Devolution ➤ Absence of commonly agreed target (indicators) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An ideal framework? ➤ Limited data from much of Uganda except Karamoja, West Nile

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Estimating the attributable impact of programmes & investments in agriculture?

- Challenges at strategic level
 - Need nutrition sensitive target and clear M&E framework
 - Need an understanding of the causal pathway
 - Need participation & engagement of Agriculture sector
 - Challenges of the data
 - Accessibility
 - Format & standardization of indicators
 - Quality & reliability
 - Disaggregation level
 - Geospatial references
- ➔ Overall issues of compatibility with nutritional outcomes to create data series over time

Questions & Discussions

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Thank you

