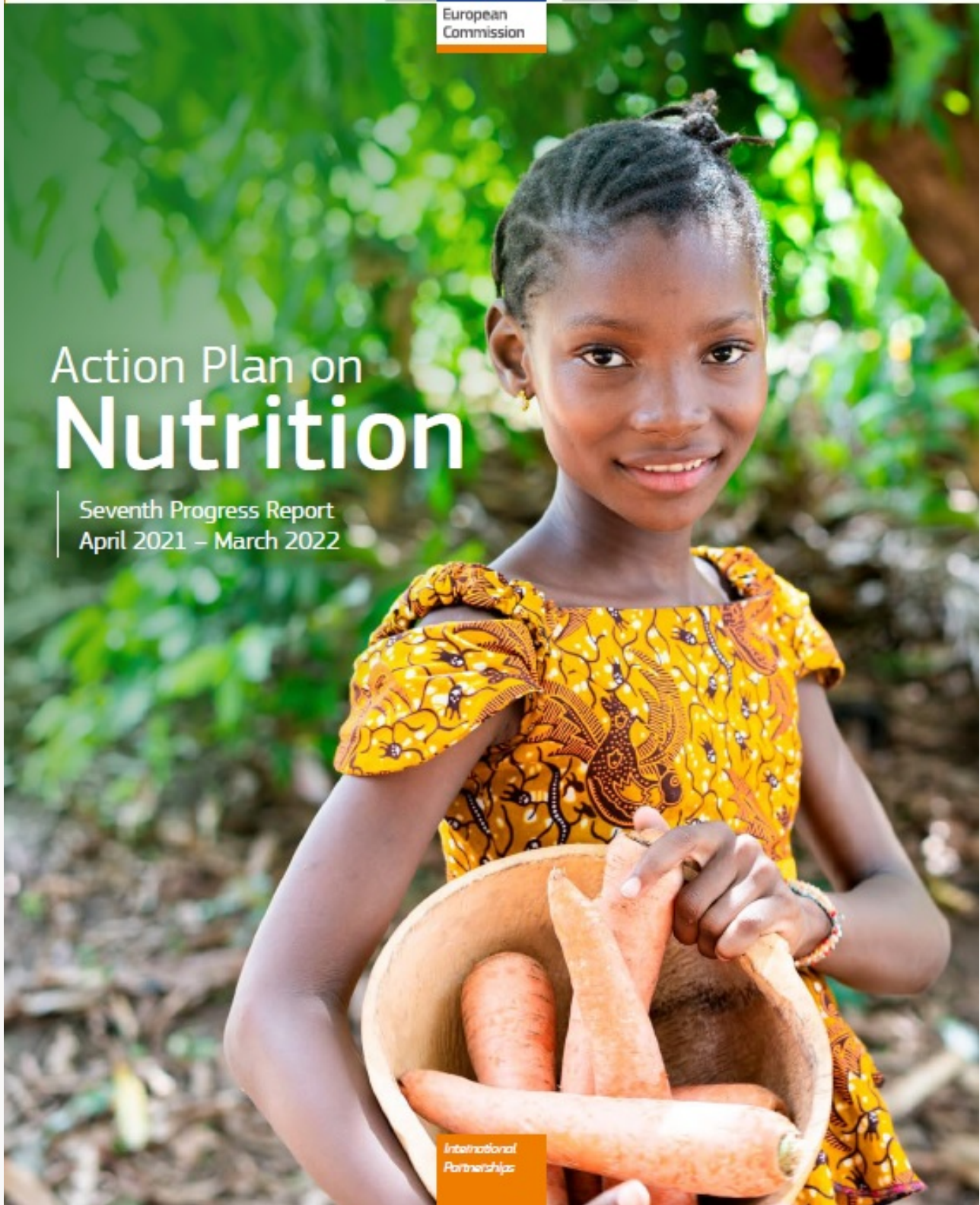


Action Plan on Nutrition

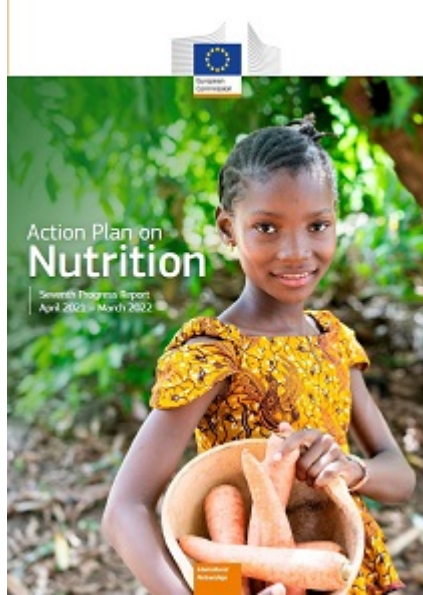
Seventh Progress Report
April 2021 – March 2022



Knowledge and developments in nutrition and food security
A service by Capacity for Nutrition (C4N)

From our circle of EC, EU, BMZ and GIZ

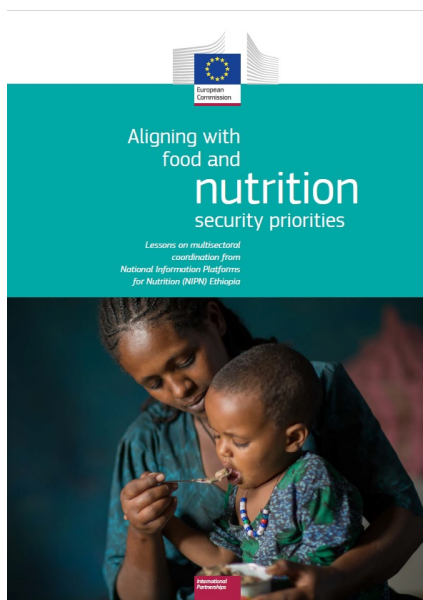
EU exceeds funding pledge by EUR 835 million



The EC's recently released **Seventh Progress Report on the Action Plan on Nutrition** shows that EU surpassed its target to allocate EUR 3.5 billion for the period 2014 to 2020 with EUR 835 million. By 2020, the EU had committed over EUR 4.3 billion for nutrition; EUR 2.8 billion for development and EUR 1.5 for humanitarian assistance. The report also notes that while evidence shows effective action is delivering results for nutrition, global challenges such as chronic inequality, environmental crisis, economic shocks, and conflicts and emergencies – exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic – provide a reminder of the response required. At the Nutrition for Growth Summit in late 2021, the EU pledged EUR 2.5 billion for 2021-2024 to reduce all forms of malnutrition.

Aligning with food and nutrition security priorities

Lessons on multisectoral coordination from NIPN Ethiopia



This case study shares experiences and lessons learned about NIPN's integration into Ethiopia's multisectoral, multistakeholder mechanisms for nutrition. The project applied a comprehensive and inclusive approach. To which extent did this approach enhance the multisectoral food security and nutrition coordination? The case study aims to provide guidance to other NIPN countries on how to better align NIPN activities for the benefit of national nutrition plan and programme implementation. The report can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Food Systems and Nutrition Evidence Gap Maps updated



EGM webpage

The 'living' **Food Systems and Nutrition Evidence Gap Map (EGM)**, received its **third** update. In its latest update, groundbreaking studies, including one on sugar-sweetened beverage taxes have been added. The interactive EGM presents impact evaluations and systematic reviews of interventions in low- and middle-income countries that

function within food systems and measure outcomes related to food security and nutrition. Through the regular update briefs, the EGM provides researchers and decision-makers with the most up to date evidence on food systems and nutrition. More info [here](#).

NIPN launches Phase II

NIPN (**National Information Platforms for Nutrition**) is an EC initiative to create country-owned, country-led nutrition



NIPN Launch Phase II

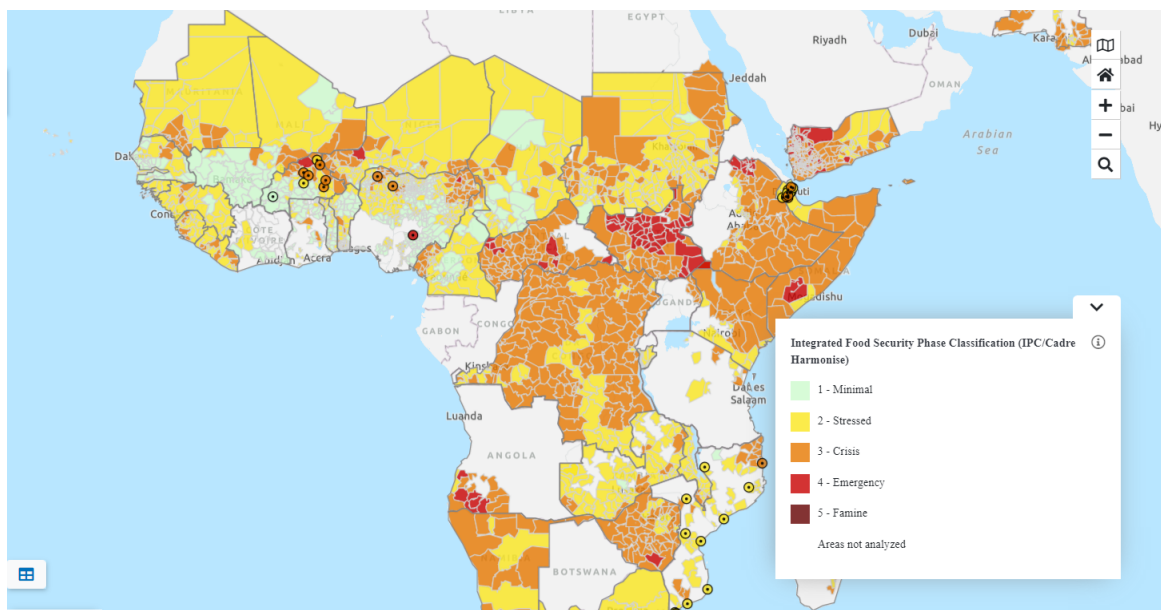
information platforms. The platforms are based on a policy question formulation process and the use of existing data. NIPN Phase II, with focus on sustainability and acceleration for results, was officially launched in early October 2022. The launch, with keynote remarks by EC INTPA's Leonard Mizzi, the BMZ's Martin Hoppe and UNICEF's Siméon Nanama, can be viewed on this [link](#).

InfoPoint conference: Evidence-informed decision making: Insights from the nutrition field

Date: 30 November 2022 Time: 13:00 CET. The use of scientific evidence in the design of nutrition policies still faces many challenges, despite some emerging good practices and innovative initiatives. Moreover, the scope of nutrition science has broadened to a multi-sectoral approach for a systemic understanding of malnutrition, adding complexity to the already existing obstacles for evidence-informed decision making in nutrition. Leonard Mizzi, head of EC's INTPA F3 Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries unit, and Professor Carl Lachat, University of Ghent, share insights in this InfoPoint. Link to registration [HERE](#).

In a graph

New global tool to strengthen food crisis response and resilience



The new [Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard](#) combines interactive maps, country profiles and focus areas to highlight the latest global data on food crisis severity, food security financing and selected nutrition indicators on stunting and wasting. The dashboard was launched in early November 2022 by the [The Global Alliance for Food Security](#), which is convened by the German Group of Seven (G7) Presidency and the World Bank Group.

In more detail

Nutrition Webinar Series

Technical and strategic support for EU Delegations to mainstream nutrition across sectors and facilitate integrated programming

The nutrition webinar series started beginning of 2022. The webinar series aims at developing and strengthening capacities in EU Delegations (EUDs) to mainstream nutrition

NUTRITION WEBINAR SERIES



across different sectors and provide technical and strategic support for strengthening the nutrition agenda and facilitate the exchange of best practice examples and lessons learnt between EUD and HQ staff. Also, the webinars raise awareness about the range of tools and resources available from C4N to support EU Delegations in their day-to-day work.

The fourth webinar on **Nutrition and Health** took place on 18 October. The introduction was made jointly by Virginija Dambrauskaite (Head of Sector G.4 Social Inclusion and Protection, Health and Demography) and Xavier Pavard

(acting Head of Sector F.3 Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries).

The technical input was provided by Jørgen Johnsen – Nutrition Consultant at the Department of Nutrition and Food Safety at the WHO with an interesting presentation on essential nutrition actions to include in healthcare systems, health policies and strategies. Moreover, the **over 40 participants** could then hear from two EU Delegations in Nigeria and Guatemala on examples and experiences linking nutrition and health in different programmes and their success stories. Anthony Ayeke, Project Manager and Nutrition Focal Point EUD Nigeria presented the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Programme in Nigeria, and Claudia Barillas, Task Manager in the EUD Guatemala, shared their experiences with the Corazón contento / Happy Heart approach, a mobile device programme targeted at mothers in Guatemala to share nutrition and health information for their own and children's wellbeing as shown in this [video](#).

The fifth webinar of the series will focus on the interlinkages between **Social Protection and Nutrition** took place on 23 November. The recordings of this webinar can be accessed on [INTPA Academy: All courses](#).

The other previous webinars in the series are:

- Setting the Scene: The current global nutrition situation and the response of the European Commission
- Sustainable Food Systems for better Nutrition: The key to achieving SDG2
- The Nutrition Policy Marker – how to use it to identify and report nutrition investments.

For more information on nutrition and health, please also see the [Quick Tip: Health and nutrition](#) | Capacity4dev (europa.eu).

New literature

Micronutrient deficiencies among preschool-aged children and women of reproductive age worldwide: a pooled analysis of individual-level data from population-representative surveys.

Gretchen A Stevens, Ty Beal, Mduduzi N N Mbuya, Hanqi Luo, Lynnette M Neufeld, on behalf of the Global Micronutrient Deficiencies Research Group. Lancet Glob Health 2022; 10: e1590–99.

Micronutrient deficiencies are hugely underestimated, says new report. Vitamins and minerals are necessary for growth, the function of the immune system, the development of the brain, and other vital functions. Globally, **one of two preschool children are affected** according to the report published in [Lancet Health](#). The report, published by [Micronutrient Forum](#), [GAIN](#) and [USAID](#), is the most thorough assessment of micro-nutrient deficiencies to date.

Micronutrient Resilience and Climate Change. Micronutrient Forum. Nutrition for Resilience White Paper 1, November 2022.

An often-overlooked point in the discussion of food security and transformation of agri-food systems is that climate shocks and crises such as extreme weather and land degradation **endanger people's**

nutrition security, a new paper from Micronutrient Forum argues.

Improving micronutrient resilience will require large-scale food fortification and investments in climate-resistant nutritious crops, as well as ensuring access to micro-nutrient rich food via social protection system and humanitarian programmes. Full paper [HERE](#).

Global food systems transitions have enabled affordable diets but had less favourable outcomes for nutrition, environmental health, inclusion and equity. Ambikapathi, R., Schneider, K.R., Davis, B. et al. Nat Food 3, 764–779 (2022).

Across five food system typologies, from rural and traditional to industrial and consolidated, the authors of this [article](#) compare **food system transitions**, to explore the potential for sustainable and equitable food system transformation, using case studies from Tajikistan, Egypt, Albania, Ecuador, Bolivia and the United States of America to illustrate trends, trade-offs and deviations.

Nutritionflash is developed by Capacity for Nutrition (C4N), part of the GIZ programme Knowledge for Nutrition. C4N is a global level technical facility that provides support to the European Commission Directorate-General International Partnerships Nutrition and One Health Sector, EU delegations, government departments in partner countries, regional and global institutions and initiatives, and EU member states. C4N is a joint action, co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The contents of Nutritionflash are the sole responsibility of C4N and do not represent an official position of the European Commission or the German Federal Government.



[Contact](#)

[Disclaimer](#)

[Recommend this newsletter](#)

www.giz.de



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Registered offices
Bonn and Eschborn, Germany

Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 32 + 36
53113 Bonn, Germany
T +49 228 44 60-0
F +49 228 44 60-17 66

Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1 - 5
65760 Eschborn, Germany
T +49 61 96 79-0
F +49 61 96 79-11 15

E info@giz.de
I www.giz.de

Registered at

Local court (Amtsgericht) Bonn, Germany: HRB 18384
Local court (Amtsgericht) Frankfurt am Main, Germany: HRB 12394

VAT no. DE 113891176
Tax no. 040 250 56973

Chairperson of the Supervisory Board

Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary

Management Board

Thorsten Schäfer-Gümbel (Chair)

Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven

In charge of this newsletter:

Waqas Malik, waqas.malik@giz.de

Editor(s):

Kim Clausen, kim.clausen@giz.de

Photo Credits:

Riccardo Mayer/Shutterstock.com. An adolescent girl on the way to the village market with carrots in her basket.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please click [here](#).