



Strengthening the monitoring of a national multi-sectoral nutrition plan

*Lessons from the National Information
Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN) in Côte d'Ivoire*



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Policy makers need contextualised, multi-sectoral and robust information for monitoring and adjusting national nutrition policies. In Cote d'Ivoire, at the request of policy makers, the NIPN platform mapped existing data across sectors, identified gaps and found alternatives where possible, thereby contributing to improving the M&E of the national nutrition action plan. The new NIPN report describes how, and the lessons learned along the way. Access the report [HERE](#).

NIPN launched in Zambia

The National Information Platform for Nutrition (NIPN) has started in Zambia in early 2023. NIPN promotes evidence-based decision making and supports the implementation of the national nutrition policy. NIPN Zambia is institutionalised by the National Food and Nutrition Commission in cooperation with the Office of the Vice President, while the NIPN data component is hosted by the Zambian Statistic Agency. In the national nutrition governance system, NIPN Zambia will collaborate with many multi-sectoral stakeholders, including Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Education, Water, and others. For more information, please contact juliane.kaunda@giz.de

NIPN provides new technical guidance on integrating gender aspects



Nutrition and gender are inextricably linked - gender inequality is both a cause and a consequence of food insecurity. Women and girls suffer disproportionately from poor nutrition, being subject to social, cultural and political norms of how food is produced, accessed and consumed, and how nutrition services are provided and used. Furthermore, women's empowerment is strongly linked to child nutrition outcomes. To support a better integration of gender dimensions into NIPN programming emphasising

gender transformative approaches, NIPN Global Coordination has developed a technical guidance note, available [HERE](#).

School meals reviewed



The [Nutrition Research Facility](#) of the Knowledge and Research for Nutrition project of the European Commission has conducted a scoping review to identify and describe tools and methodologies to assess school food and nutrition programmes. This review provides a comprehensive overview of possible elements and indicators to consider in this context; which can support the design, the monitoring and the evaluation of such programmes. It highlights the fact that policies and programmes should address the issue more comprehensively, ensuring coherence between individual actions and avoiding unintentional consequences. Full report [HERE](#).

Food systems, climate change and diets: road maps for change



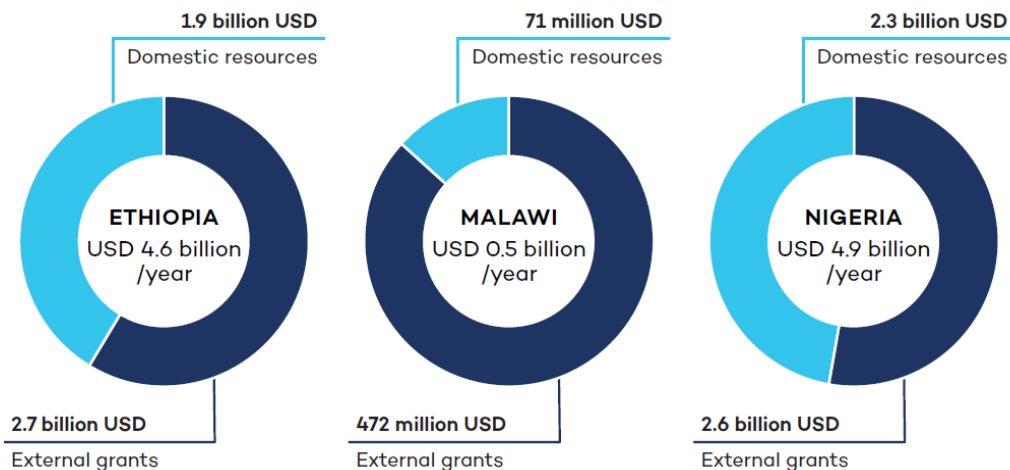
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How can we effectively transform food systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change, put an end to hunger and make diets healthier? This report outlines policy options and summarises country roadmaps for Ethiopia, Malawi, and Nigeria, and puts a concrete price on the required changes of public investment: USD 10 billion. The report is developed with BMZ and EU support as part of the **CERES 2030** initiative. Full report [HERE](#) as well as launch **WEBINAR**. See also the figure in the following.

In a graph

Additional public spending and donor contributions to transform food systems in Ethiopia, Malawi and Nigeria



See the CERES 2030 study *Achieving Sustainable Food Systems in a Global Crises: Summary Study*.

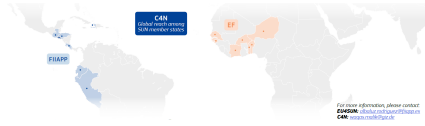
The figure shows the investment levels to transform food systems in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Nigeria. On the corresponding benefits, the study notes:

- the prevalence of undernutrition in all three countries will decrease to under 3% in 2030 from a current projection of over 20%;
- transition toward healthier diets for 248 million people, or roughly 60% of the population in each country;
- incomes of 29 million small-scale producers would be doubled on average;
- green house gas emissions limited to nationally determined contribution goals;
- increasing resilience to climate change.

In more detail

EU and BMZ supports the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement

Strategy 3.0



The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement was initiated in 2010 in response to the global financial crises in 2008-09, when spikes in global food prices led to global concerns for the world's poorest populations and the cost of hunger and

malnutrition. With the governments of SUN countries and member states in the lead, the Movement brings together civil society, the UN, the private sector, and researchers in a joint effort to improve nutrition. The SUN Movement also seeks to drive forward gender equality and strengthen youth leadership across the Movement.

The SUN Strategy 3.0 (2021-2025) prioritises country leadership and focuses on assisting systemic change at country level. This includes support to nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive actions by strengthening food, health, and social protection systems, while also focusing on gender and economic equity. SUN 3.0 seeks to create stronger partnerships to achieve greater impact on nutrition through food systems, health systems, social protection systems, actions by the private sector and humanitarian and development actors, and through education, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and climate change adaptation.

To help the effective and inclusive operationalisation of the SUN 3.0 Strategy, the EU will mobilise support and expertise in policy development and capacity building. The EU's support will include:

- funding to the SUN Movement Secretariat for strategic competencies to enhance the strategy implementation (EUR 6 million);
- boosting the EU contribution for an effective operationalisation of the strategy through policy dialogue and building of capacities for better nutrition outcomes, implemented by GIZ, FIIAPP and Expertise France.

The latter support for the operationalisation of the strategy is provided through two units:

C4N (Capacity for Nutrition) is a joint action co-financed by EU and BMZ under the GIZ Knowledge for Nutrition programme. In January 2023, C4N initiated its support, comprising of on-demand technical assistance and capacity development, which is available to all SUN member states. The assistance is funded by the EU (EUR 5 million) and BMZ (EUR 3 million) and will focus on two main topics:

- public finance for nutrition (PF4N);
- food systems transformation and healthy diets.

EU4SUN is a cooperation between FIIAPP and Expertise France (EF), whose support will focus on the following countries in Latin America and the Caribbean: Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Peru (coordinated by FIIAPP); and in West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal and Togo (coordinated by EF). The initiative will:

- provide demand driven support to partner countries;
- focus on technical assistance, peer-to-peer exchanges, policy dialogue and advocacy;
- support a participative preparation of the 2024 Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in France.

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New literature

A new **The Lancet series** on breast feeding outlines the strategies used by commercial infant formula manufacturers to target parents, health-care professionals and policy-makers. The series looks at marketing practices and lobbying of governments against stronger breastfeeding protection laws and food standards regulations:

Breastfeeding: crucially important, but increasingly challenged in a market-driven world. Prof Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD; Cecília Tomori, PhD; Sonia Hernández-Cordero, PhD; Phillip Baker, PhD; Aluisio J D Barros, PhD MD; France Bégin, PhD; et al. The Lancet Series: Breastfeeding, volume 401, issue 10375, p. 472-485, February 11, 2023

Marketing of commercial milk formula: a system to capture parents, communities, science, and policy. Prof Nigel Rollins, MD; Ellen Piwoz, ScD; Phillip Baker, PhD; Gillian Kingston, PhD; Kopano Matlwa Mabaso, PhD; Prof David McCoy, DrPH; et al. The Lancet Series: Breastfeeding, volume 401, issue 10375, p. 486-502, February 11, 2023

The political economy of infant and young child feeding: confronting corporate power, overcoming structural barriers, and accelerating progress: Phillip Baker, PhD; Julie P Smith, PhD; Prof Amandine Garde, PhD; Laurence M Grummer-Strawn, PhD; Benjamin Wood, MD; Prof Gita Sen, PhD; et al. The Lancet Series: Breastfeeding, volume 401, issue 10375, p. 503-524, February 11, 2023

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