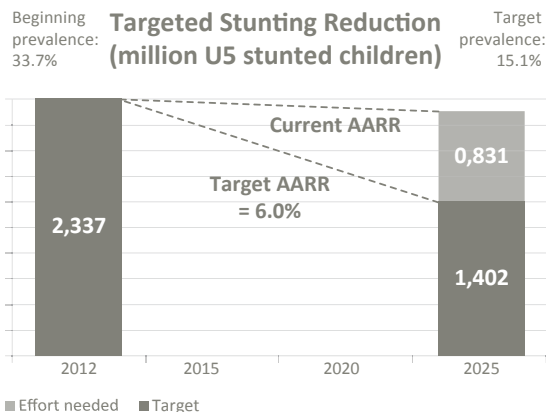


Uganda

Joined: March 2011

Highlights

- By accelerating country led efforts, the target of reducing stunting has been in the Second National Development Plan (2016-2020) from current base line of 33.4% to 22%.
- Uganda has developed and adopted the Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (2011-2016) which is the government's strategic Framework for Scaling up Nutrition. Implementation of the action plan is coordinated by the office of the Prime Minister.
- A Nutrition Advocacy Strategy has been developed and has been combined with a Behavioral Change Communication Strategy as well as a Social Mobilisation Strategy to form a complete National Communication Strategy for Nutrition.



Under five stunting:	33.7%
Low-birth weight:	10.2%
0-5 months old exclusive breastfeeding:	63.2%
Under five wasting:	4.8%
Under five overweight:	3.8%
Women Anaemia 15-49 years:	26.7%

**data sources detailed in Annex 1*

Looking back: Progress reported through the 2014 Self-Assessment Exercise

37%
Bringing people together into
a shared space for action

34%
Ensuring a coherent policy
and legal framework

41%
Aligning actions
around a Common Results
Framework

43%
Financial tracking and
resource mobilisation

2014

Bold text denotes progress reported in the last year



Uganda shows high level commitment to scale up nutrition and was among the very first countries committed to joining the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. The Office of the Prime Minister is the convening body responsible for the coordination of the Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (UNAP). It hosts a Secretariat which supports coordination and monitoring of the UNAP.

The Multi-Sectoral Technical Coordination Committee (MSTCC) is the main nutrition multi-stakeholder platform in the country. It comprises eight implementing line ministries including the National Planning Authority, development partners, civil society, academia and the private sector.

The MSTCC is supported by the Nutrition Development Partner's Coordination Committee, a Cabinet Sub-committee on Nutrition and a Food and Nutrition Council, which is comprised of UNAP sectors. To decentralise national efforts, coordination structures have been established including sector and district coordination committees for nutrition.

Uganda has aligned existing country plans and strategies towards the outcome of better nutrition and nutrition is a priority intervention area in Uganda's National Development Plan (NDP). **Uganda's Second National Development Plan (2016-2020) has set a target of reducing stunting to 22% from the current base line of 33.4%.**

Bringing people together into a shared space for action



Various nutrition-sensitive policies across key sectors exist on social protection, community development, and school-feeding, this includes the Education Act, the Gender Policy and Early Childhood Development.

National legislation with a bearing on nutrition includes mandatory food fortification and the International Code

of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes has been adopted. The Ministry of Gender, Labour & Social Development has developed a policy on maternity leave which provides 60 days of maternity leave.

Uganda has plans to further align nutrition specific and sensitive programs across relevant sectors with the UNAP.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework



The UNAP serves as the multi-sectoral common results framework for nutrition. Its implementation is ongoing with involvement of the ministries of education, agriculture, health, trade and industry, gender, community and social development, local government and finance. **Uganda has prioritised improving the role of District Nutrition Coordination Committees in implementing the UNAP.**

The UNAP monitoring and evaluation framework is being developed and a budgetary framework is being prepared with support from the World Bank.

Under the UNAP, Uganda aims to transform the lives of children and women of child bearing age because the life chances of many children are being damaged as a result of poor nutrition in their first 1,000 days between pregnancy and the child's second birthday.

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Aligning actions around a Common Results Framework



Uganda participated in the SUN Movement Budget Analysis Exercise to track nutrition relevant budget allocations in their national budget. Uganda has prioritised efforts to build their national capacity for financial tracking and for the development of an appropriate policy framework to guide nutrition financial management.

This will support the mobilisation of domestic resources for nutrition and improve advocacy with donors to manage the gap in resources. Financial tracking of nutrition investments will be enhanced with the development of financial policy guidelines and the establishment of sectoral nutrition budget lines in the budget of each nutrition relevant sector.

Financial tracking and resource mobilisation