

MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION STRATEGY

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Tanzania: Coordinating multi-sectoral stakeholders to address nutrition

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Tanzania: sector wide solutions

- Tanzania has had a long-term commitment to multi-sectoral solutions to act on priority issues
- History of sectors coordinating and collaborating on joint work plans - SWAp (Sector Wide Approaches) e.g. reduction of poverty
- Multi-sector Commissions – TACAIDS, National Malaria Control Programme

PMO – Coordination

- Prime Minister's Office has a defined role and authority to coordinate across line ministries
- Direct coordination with the Local Government Authorities for decentralized action
- Coordination of Government Business – multiple responsibilities coordinating multi-sector response
- Applied this experience to address nutrition

High level commitment to nutrition

- Tanzania among the SUN Early Risers (2011)
- Served as member of the Lead Group for SUN
- Established a High Level Steering Committee on Nutrition chaired by the PS, PMO with TFNC as Secretariat (2011)
- 9 line ministries, Planning Commission, academia, development partners, CSOs
- National Multisectoral Nutrition TWG (formed in 1990s)

Commitments at global meetings

- G8 New Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security (2012) – policy changes
- World Health Assembly targets (2012)
- Nutrition for Growth Conference (2013)
- SUN Global Gatherings
- SUN Visioning Group for next strategy

Strengthening nutrition governance

- Revision of National Food and Nutrition Policy (1992)
- Policy Implementation strategy
- Institutional framework for nutrition
- PMO Directive to form District Nutrition Steering Committees
- Appointment of regional and district nutrition officers
- Budget code and guidelines for nutrition

Strengthening nutrition governance: underway

- National Multi-sectoral Action Plan
- National Nutrition Advocacy Plan
- PROFILES and other advocacy materials to appeal to policy-makers
- Multi-sectoral Score Card
- DNSC planning, budgeting guides
- Capacity building in the key line ministries -- beyond focal points

Moving the nutrition agenda

- Increase exposure among policy makers to the magnitude of the nutrition problem
- Tools and indicators to support sector action
- Increase decentralization of nutrition action
- Capacity building across all levels
- Define policy and program research needs
- Partner with the private sector to find healthy solutions

Challenges

- Operationalizing policy – capacity building necessary to take up roles and responsibilities in the institutional framework
- Decentralizing requires tools, training, time, supportive supervision
- Development partner coordination – alignment with government priorities and plans