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Dear readers,

C4N (Capacity for Nutrition) and the National Information Platforms for Nutrition initiative is pleased to share with you our 15th Newsletter.

Chers lecteurs,

C4N (Capacité d'appui pour la nutrition) et l'équipe d'appui international à l'initiative 'Plateformes Nationales d'Information pour la Nutrition' a le plaisir de partager sa 15ième lettre d'actualités.

News

January

C4N-NIPN Global Support mission in Ivory Coast

Mission de Support global du C4N-PNIN en Côte d'Ivoire



Between 16 and 21 January 2022, Global Support conducted a mission in Ivory Coast to discuss challenges to the operationalization of NIPN with its host institution SE-CONNAPE. The mission aimed to support the NIPN platform team to take stock of past actions and capitalize on future opportunities, in view of the implementation of Phase II. Results achieved during the mission include:

- review of main achievements from NIPN I
- identification of opportunities for 2022

- identification of recommendations / measures to improve, strengthen and maintain the NIPN platform.

Closure of the NIPN Platform in Bangladesh

We regret to announce that a decision was made by the commissioning party, Government stakeholders and the NIPN platform team to close the NIPN project in Bangladesh at the end of February due to critical implementation challenges encountered throughout the first phase of the project. An evaluation will be conducted to better understand and learn from the specific challenges to the NIPN implementation in the country. We thank the parties of the project for their work and engagement to ensure better nutrition outcomes for women and children in Bangladesh and wish all a good continuation of their efforts to combat malnutrition in the country.

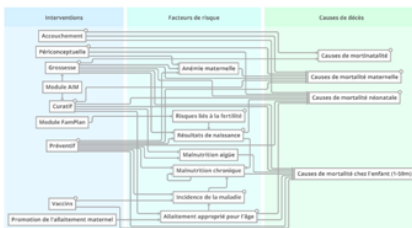
C4N-NIPN Global Support delivers Lives Saved Tool costing training in Ivory Coast

Le C4N-PNIN Support global dispense une formation sur le calcul du coût de l'outil Lives Saved en Côte d'Ivoire

Between 8 and 11 March, Global Support delivered the second part of the Lives Saved Tool (LiST) training in Grand-Bassam. The workshop focused on using LiST to estimate the costs of six nutrition intervention packages formulated during the first training that took place in 2021. At the end of the training, two of the six packages were identified as the most cost-effective and they will be presented to decision makers during the upcoming revision of National Plan of Action for Nutrition. To learn more about LiST, please access [THIS LINK](#).

List Webinar

Webinaire LiST



On 9 and 10 March, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast platform teams presented at NIPN's first webinar in 2022. The two countries shared their experience on the Lives Saved Tool (LiST) training delivered by Global Support in mid-2021. The modelling tool was used for different purposes: i) to support strategic planning in Ivory Coast and ii) evaluate the potential impact of the National Multisectoral Plan of Nutrition in Burkina Faso.

Special thanks go to Assanatou Bamogo, Research Associate at Bloomberg School of the John Hopkins University for providing participants with an introductory overview of LiST. Material and recordings of the webinar are now available on the [NIPN Website](#).

From the NIPN Countries

January

NIPN Ivory Coast organises a strategic retreat

La PNIN en Côte d'Ivoire organise une retraite stratégique



Following the outcomes and recommendation of the mission organized by Global Support, the NIPN team in Ivory Coast organized a strategic retreat with the main actors of NIPN Phase II to reflect on the results of the 2021 mid-term review and prepare for implementation. During the retreat the following results were achieved:

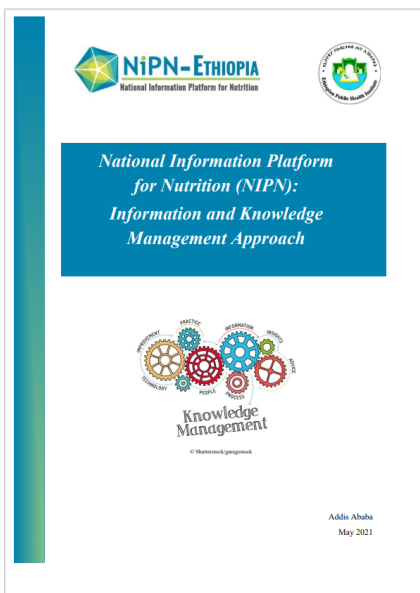
- i) taking stock of the activities of NIPN I,
- ii) identification of bottlenecks and formulation of recommendations,
- iii) development of a workplan for the period January - June 2022,
- iv) capacity strengthening in administrative and financial processes,
- v) discussions on the objectives of Phase II,
- vi) exchanges on stakeholders' expectations, roles and

responsibilities.

February

NIPN Ethiopia's Information and Knowledge Management Approach

L'approche de la gestion de l'information et des connaissances de la PNIN en Ethiopie



NIPN Ethiopia has now published online the “NIPN Information and Knowledge Management Approach”. The document aims to:

- ensure a common understanding of good knowledge management practices,
- increase NIPN's efficiency to inform decision making,
- ensure high-level commitment to the NIPN's objectives,
- create a knowledge sharing approach amongst team members and nutrition stakeholders,
- increase visibility for the NIPN,
- contribute to its sustainability.

The document is now publicly available and accessible [HERE](#).

February

NIPN Uganda supports the 2021 Nutrition Governance Indicators

Baseline Survey

La PNIN en Ouganda soutient l'enquête de base sur les indicateurs de gouvernance en matière de nutrition de 2021



The NIPN Data Analysis Unit (DAU) supported the Uganda Bureau of Statistics in conducting the 2021 Nutrition Governance Indicators Baseline Survey. The DAU supported the development of an all-inclusive questionnaire. The purpose of the survey was to generate comprehensive data and baseline values to support the strengthening of nutrition enabling environment for the scale-up of nutrition specific and sensitive services. To date, three-quarters of the field

data collection has been completed and analysis of data from 176 districts, municipalities and regional cities has been initiated.

March

NIPN Guatemala advocates for the scale-up of information systems at the sub-national level

La PNIN au Guatemala plaide en faveur du renforcement des systèmes d'information au niveau infranational



Since the start of Phase II in 2021, NIPN Guatemala has engaged in various exchanges with representatives of the Food and Nutrition Secretariat of 10 of the departments prioritized by the national strategy “the Great Crusade for Nutrition” to advocate and support the scale-up of the department and municipality information systems (respectively known as SIDESAN and SIMSAN). During these exchanges, department delegates recognized the benefits of scaling-up the information systems to strengthen

evidence-based decision-making for food and nutrition security at local level.

More information is available at the following links:

- [Regional Workshops](#)
- [Strengthening Food and Nutrition Security](#).

March

NIPN Burkina Faso validates analysis plan

La PNIN au Burkina Faso valide le plan d'analyse

Between 7 and 11 March 2022, NIPN actors gathered in Ziniare to elaborate and validate the analysis plan to answer the sixth question prioritized as part of the policy questions formulation process. The question addresses the evolution



the analyses will be concluded, the results could potentially be used to advocate for the scale-up of the IYCF promotion package.

of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and stunting indicators in the nine regions of Burkina Faso where IYCF promotion interventions are implemented. The meeting aimed at identifying the data needed to answer the research question and defining variables and indicators required to conduct the analysis. At the end of the meeting, an analysis plan for the 6th research questions was formulated. Once

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