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## Building National Information Platforms for Nutrition Newsletter

### News and information from the NIPN initiative

A service by Capacity for Nutrition (C4N) NIPN Global Support

**Dear readers,**

C4N (Capacity for Nutrition) and the National Information Platforms for Nutrition initiative is pleased to share with you its 14th Newsletter.

**Chers lecteurs,**

C4N (Capacité d'appui pour la nutrition), l'équipe d'appui international à l'initiative 'Plateformes Nationales d'Information pour la Nutrition' a le plaisir de partager sa 14ième lettre d'actualités.

## News

November 2021

### N4G summit side-event: improving nutrition through accountability and data systems

*Événement parallèle du sommet N4G : Améliorer la nutrition par la responsabilisation et les systèmes de données*



The Nutrition for Growth (N4G) virtual side-event on 17 November was organized by the Nutrition Data Partner Group, which includes NIPN as an active member. The event illustrated relevant data themes along the data value chain through examples and good practices by country governments.

NIPN contributed a presentation of the Niger's platform experience by the Secretary General of Ministry of Planning Saadou Bakoye with an intervention of the EU Ambassador in Niger Denisa-Elena Ionete, and a short input showcasing the NIPN Guatemala decentralisation experience.

To access the recordings of the event, please follow [THIS LINK](#).

November 2021

### NIPN webinar: the decentralisation experience of NIPN Guatemala

*Webinaire de la PNIN : l'expérience de décentralisation de la PNIN au Guatemala*

On 29 November, C4N-NIPN Global Support organized its



final webinar for 2021 presenting the decentralisation experience of the NIPN Guatemala. C4N nutrition expert Cristina Lopriore outlined findings of the case study on the municipal nutrition information platform in Momostenango, followed by interventions from Lizett Guzmán Juárez, sub-secretary of the Guatemala Food and Nutrition Secretariat, and Eduardo Say, the NIPN coordinator in Guatemala. This was the first time NIPN organized a webinar in collaboration with the Data for Nutrition Community of Practice. This cooperation provided NIPN the opportunity to engage with a wider nutrition audience on the lessons learnt and recommendations from the decentralisation of the platform in Guatemala.

Recordings are now available on the [NIPN Global Website](#).

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## EC-NIS annual meeting

*Réunion annuelle EC-NIS*



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The “Strengthening National Nutrition Information Systems” project (EC-NIS) is funded by the European Union and is implemented by UNICEF and WHO. Not only does EC-NIS operate in four of the nine NIPN partner countries (Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Uganda), it also shares with NIPN the objective to strengthen information systems to improve decision-making for nutrition. Naturally, over the past months, the two initiatives have initiated collaboration.

At the EC-NIS Annual Gathering on 18 November, the projects delivered a joint presentation elaborating potential synergies and practical collaboration examples that could be pursued at country and global level.

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## NIPN global support now on Twitter

*PNIN support global maintenant sur Twitter*



NIPN global support has launched its Twitter account to provide news and highlights from the NIPN initiative in real time. Follow us on [@NIPN\\_Global](#) and send the news and stories that you wish to share on the NIPN initiative.

## From the NIPN Countries

September 2021

## NIGER

Parliamentary seminar on advocacy to reverse alarming trends of malnutrition in Niger



A second parliamentary seminar on strengthening advocacy for more action and public investment was organised on 28 September 2021 through the NIPN platform. The national nutrition institutions and stakeholders including UNICEF and FAO converged to discuss the importance of public investments to reverse the alarming trends of malnutrition in Niger. The seminar was attended by 80 participants, including 50 parliamentarians. The dialogues that took place

during the session highlighted the following key points:

- the prioritisation of maternal nutrition and the importance of the 1 000-day window of opportunity;
- the importance of valuing natural resource food chains through food security and nutrition policies, investments and programmes;
- identifying possible solutions to address the gap between the adoption of good policies and programmes and their weak implementation.

For additional information, please access the article [HERE](#).

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## Burkina Faso

### Minister of Health launches the NIPN website

*Le ministre de la santé lance le site web de la PNIN*



On 18 November 2021 the Minister of Health Charlemagne Ouédraogo officially launched the NIPN website. This launch marks the operationalisation of the web platform, which is a fundamental tool of the project and facilitates access to a range of data and information on nutrition in Burkina Faso to all key actors.

For more information on nutrition indicators, the platform, micro-data, relevant documentation, and further information on nutrition in the country, please follow [THIS LINK](#). The

platform is now accessible to all electronic media, computers and smartphones alike. Enjoy the surf!

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## Kenya

### NIPFN publishes a policy brief on stunting of under 5 children

*Le NIPFN publie une note d'orientation sur le retard de croissance des enfants de moins de 5 ans au Kenya*



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#### Policy Brief

Stunting of Under 5 Children in Kenya

The policy brief highlights that stunting rates are yet to achieve the desired target of 14.7% as stipulated in the country blueprint - Vision 2030.

In response to this, the brief aims at promoting multisector dialogue among agencies which influence nutrition

interventions and support evidence-based nutrition to generate impact on the reduction of stunting.

More specifically, the publication calls for actions to:

- strengthen nutrition financing and investments by all nutrition actors;
- develop county nutrition action plans to help focus on country specific issues;
- strengthen initiatives to increase household incomes in rural and urban informal settlements;
- strengthen community units to promote nutrition initiatives for continuity of care in emergencies;
- increase interventions to enable access to safe water and sanitation facilities in rural and informal urban areas.

The policy brief can be accessed at the following [LINK](#).

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## Lao PDR

### Training on advance data analysis and presentation of results

*Formation sur l'analyse avancée des données et la présentation des résultats*



From 16 to 19 November 2021, the NIPN Data Analysis Unit organized a four-day hybrid training in Vientiane on data analysis, interpretation and reporting. A total of 28 government staff from multiple sectors participated in the training including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Lao Statistics Bureau.

As part of the session, participants were asked to conduct a causality analysis on anaemia, low birth weight, exclusive

breastfeeding and childhood overweight in the country using STATA software. In the process, participants explored advanced data analysis using regression models. The results of the analysis were presented in plenary to trainees and UNICEF staff and detailed reports with policy recommendations were also prepared as part of the training.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

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## Ivory Coast

### Workshop to develop consensus on a multisectoral nutrition indicators list

*Atelier pour développer un consensus sur une liste d'indicateurs nutritionnels multisectoriels*

A workshop to identify multisectoral nutrition indicators took place in Grand Bassam from 2 to 3 December 2021. The NIPN platform facilitated the organization of this event in line with the objective of the Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Nutrition, Food and Early Childhood Development (SE-CONNAPE) to address limitations in the indicators currently included in the common monitoring and evaluation framework (CCSE) of the national multisectoral nutrition plan 2016-2020. The new list of indicators will eventually allow better monitoring of progress towards nutrition goals in Ivory Coast and will provide a basis for the CCSE of the next national multisectoral nutrition plan.

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## Burkina Faso

# Key messages and information leaflets developed by NIPN to inform nutrition stakeholders

*Messages clés et brochures d'information développés par la PNIN pour informer les acteurs de la nutrition*



As part of the project's communication activities, NIPN Burkina Faso synthesized research question analysis reports in the form of press releases, information booklets and key messages. These communication tools have been developed to summarize the available information to make them more easily accessible for decision-makers and nutrition actors in Burkina Faso. These tools are part of the NIPN's approach aiming at strengthening capacity building in the area of management, analysis, interpretation and use of information for decision making in nutrition. All the material is available at [THIS LINK](#).



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