Dear readers,
C4N (Capacity for Nutrition) and the NIPN (National Information Platforms for Nutrition) initiative is pleased to share with you our 18th newsletter.

Chers lecteurs,
C4N (Capacité d’appui pour la nutrition) et l’équipe d’appui international à l’initiative PNIN (Plateformes Nationales d’Information pour la Nutrition) ont le plaisir de partager la 18ème lettre d’actualités.

News

December
NIPN in ENN magazine

The Emergency Nutrition Network Field Exchange December Magazine (link here) is out including two articles on NIPN.

Evidence-based information coming from multi-sectoral data is a hot topic and that’s why implementing a multi-stakeholder nutrition information platform is gaining global attention. To get a deep dive into NIPN we invite you to read the following articles: on page 12 you’ll find ‘National Information Platform for Nutrition: An overview’, and on page 26 ‘Establishing an effective multi-sectoral nutrition information system in Ivory Coast’.

From the NIPN Countries

October
Burkina Faso has a new tool for monitoring nutrition indicators. The Scorecard is a web platform (log-in required) that dynamically provides the performance of a country’s priority indicators through a color code. It shows the quarterly status of the indicators at national, regional and health district levels through graphs, maps, sub-national views and indicator views. The Nutrition Scorecard is a dynamic, multi-sectoral management tool that strengthens accountability and drives action to achieve commitments. Its main objective is to facilitate the monitoring of the performance of priority indicators and decision making leading to action.

On 12 and 13 October 2022, a workshop organised by the Technical Secretariat in charge of the Multisectoral Approach for Nutrition (ST-NUT) in Ouagadougou, validated the mapping of nutrition stakeholders and interventions in Burkina Faso in 2021. This mapping of nutrition stakeholders and interventions shows that 9 ministries and 141 direct implementers have carried out 30 key nutrition actions in 2021.

On 26 October 2022, in the context of the World Food Day, CATIE was invited by the Food Security Commission of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala and the collective of child-focused entities, 'Joining Forces', to share its experience in actions aimed at combating food and nutrition insecurity, from the integration of education, research and outreach actions. Gabriela Ogaldes, CATIE nutrition expert, presented NIPN's experience and management of issues related to food security and rural development.

More information is available at the following link: CATIE se une a la conmemoración del Día Mundial de la Alimentación en Guatemala

Niger: Stakeholders review indicators for N4G commitments and
Participants in the dialogue
Les parties prenantes examinent les indicateurs pour les engagements N4G et la transformation des systèmes alimentaire

In a major workshop, participants reviewed the indicators for monitoring the progress of the roadmap for the transformation of Food Systems in Niger and Nutrition for Growth (N4G) commitments. The workshop was organised by the National Nutrition Information Platform (PNIN) and the ministries implementing the 3N Initiative (Nigeriens Feed Nigeriens) in cooperation with other stakeholders. This workshop brought together directors of studies and programming, directors of statistics and nutrition focal points of ministries and public institutions, as well as other parties to nutrition and food systems. Full story HERE.

October
Niger: Workshop on the analysis of the 2022 SMART survey data
Atelier sur l’analyse des données de l’enquête 2022 SMART

In Niger, NIPN participated in the SMART (Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions) survey data analysis exercise, which brought together several national actors and partners in nutrition. One of NIPN’s challenges in using data of the SMART surveys is the ability to link the characteristics of children to their mothers, for further secondary analysis of the data. For this reason, NIPN recommended that future editions of the survey consider creating a unique identifier that link each child to its mother. Full story HERE.

September
Uganda: NIPN organises national nutrition dialogue
La PNIN organise un dialogue national sur la nutrition

In September, NIPN Uganda organised the national nutrition dialogue. At the event, UNICEF asked Government to increase funding for nutrition, and Ugandan Prime Minister Robina Nabbanja pledged to work with other ministries to create a department in the Ministry of Health for managing nutrition. The Government is committed to tackling high rates of malnutrition through a multisectoral approach, reflected in the second Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (UNAP) 2020-2025, the PM noted, as reported by the major daily New Vision. ‘We must be embarrassed to hear cases of stunted children’, she added. Read the full article HERE.
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