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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 13th Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy our new look!

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 13ième lettre d'actualités. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez notre nouveau look!

News

Introducing NIPN Phase II

Présentation de la phase II des PNIN

July 2021

As of 2022, eight of the nine current NIPN platforms will transition into NIPN Phase II. Guatemala leads the way as the first country to have concluded NIPN Phase I in August this year and the first to have started the implementation of Phase II on 1 October. CATIE, GIZ and UNICEF as Implementing Partners were tasked by the EC to develop a Common Results Framework (CRF) that will equip NIPN teams to formulate country packages tailored to the needs and necessities of the country-specific contexts. Implementing partners and NIPN teams are committed to collaborating to ensure that a common vision and approach will be maintained and to working jointly towards a common goal for the initiative.

Video recording of the CRF presentation can be found [HERE](#).

The Nutrition Data Partners Group commitment paper to the N4G Summit

Document sur l'engagement du Groupe de Partenaires pour les Données de Nutrition au Sommet N4G

August 2021

The Nutrition Data Partner Group has released a brief aiming at advising governments, donors and development



Shaping commitments to
improve nutrition data and
accountability in support of food,
health and prosperity for all

Recommendations from the
Nutrition Data Partners Group

August 2021

partners on the formulation of data-specific commitment for the Nutrition for Growth (**N4G**) Summit which will take place in Tokyo at the end of the year, 7-8 December. Sample commitments that can be adapted to country contexts can also be found in the short paper: “investing in information platforms at central or decentralized level to support decision making” is one of them. The full document can be accessed [HERE](#).

Webinar on Evidence for Policy and Programming in Nutrition with Transform Nutrition West Africa

Webinaire sur les données probantes pour la politique et la programmation en matière de nutrition avec Transform Nutrition West Africa



August 2021

C4N-NIPN Global Support organized a webinar on “Evidence for Policy and Programming in Nutrition” in partnership with Transform Nutrition West Africa (TNWA). The sharing of experience from the TNWA project reiterated NIPN's role in ensuring that existing data is used to generate evidence and to support decision-making for nutrition. Special thanks go to Roosmarijn Verstraeten, TNWA coordinator at IFPRI who gladly shared experience and

lessons learnt from TNWA.

Material and recordings of the webinar are now available on the [NIPN website](#).

From the NIPN Countries

Niger cascades trainings in eight administrative regions on the NIPN Toolkit on the nutritional information

Formations en cascade dans huit régions administratives du Niger concernant la boîte à outils des PNIN sur l'information nutritionnelle

June 2021

PNiN Niger delivered cascade trainings in eight administrative regions on the Toolkit for the analysis of nutritional information. The Toolkit responds to the needs to reinforce capacity development of actors that are rarely involved in continuous refresher trainings, which often solely targets partners responsible for the implementation and planning of nutrition-sensitive programmes. The trainings also represented a major achievement in supporting the decentralization of the NIPN activities to the regional administration. More information can be found [HERE](#).



Republic of Ivory Coast uses LiST for strategic planning and advocacy

La République de Côte d'Ivoire utilise LiST pour la planification stratégique et le plaidoyer



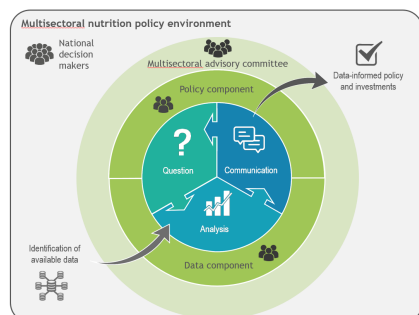
June 2021

Stunting in children under five is a real public health problem in the Republic of Ivory Coast (RCI). To respond to this issue, the national multisectoral nutrition information platform (PNMIN), with the support of C4N-NIPN Global Support has worked jointly to address the question: “what realistic nutrition intervention packages can guide decision makers in the development of the next NPAN (2022-2026) for

maximum impact on reducing the stunting rate in U5 in RCI?” using the “Lives Saved Tool” (LiST) an analysis method based on modelling. The question has been discussed during a capacity development workshop involving different sectors. The resulting packages of interventions will be used for evidence-based planning and advocacy for resource mobilization. The quality control has been ensured by colleagues at John Hopkins University, who developed the LiST tool.

Kenya enters next phase of the NIPN project cycle

Le Kenya entre dans la phase suivante du cycle de projet du NIPN



July 2021

In July 2021, the NIPFN entered the next phase of the project cycle: The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held four interactive sessions to identify policy questions. Out of 14 in total five policy questions were prioritized. Concept notes have been developed to inform on the methodology and data required to answer these questions. The documentation of the analyses conducted so far on the questions formulated can be found at [THIS LINK](#).

Uganda's OPM trains government communicators in nutrition data messaging

(By: Bernadette Ndema)

July 2021

Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) with the support of NIPN held a 5-day online training in nutrition data communication targeting 60 multisectoral government communicators. Organizers acknowledged the important role of government communications and public relations: "It is important for the training participants to support their ministries, departments and agencies to keep the nutrition agenda among the priorities of their institutions," Mr. Tegyeza said (OPM commissioner on Food Security and Nutrition and NIPN director).

For more information please follow [THIS LINK](#).

The Government of Lao PDR strengthens collaboration with researchers and academia to improve nutrition for mothers and children

Le gouvernement de la RDP Lao renforce sa collaboration avec les chercheurs et les universitaires afin d'améliorer l'alimentation des mères et des enfants



September 2021

A high-level NIPN dissemination meeting took place aiming at sharing the latest nutrition data to support research and academic work around nutrition in the country. "Our meeting today is the beginning of a series of actions to bridge the gap between knowledge and practice. We recognize the role that research institutions play in evidence generation, where the use of data and information is critical. We are thus happy

to partner with them to strengthen the inclusion of quality data for evidence-based decision making," Dr Pia Rebello Britto, UNICEF Representative to Lao PDR acknowledged.

Click [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

Kenya reviews policies on food security, nutrition and the use of evidence in improving human nutrition

Le Kenya passe en revue les politiques relatives à la sécurité alimentaire, à la nutrition et à l'utilisation de données probantes pour améliorer l'alimentation humaine

April 2021

The review launched earlier this year by NIPFN Kenya analysed a total of 48 policies, 14 legislative and seven regulatory frameworks on food security and nutrition, using a guiding framework to assist in analysing the content. The review of policies revealed the need for:

1. Strengthening of policies on food production,
2. Access to nutritious food, nutrition knowledge and improvement,
3. Food quality control, standards and safety,
4. Access for vulnerable groups and women empowerment,
5. Synergized coordinated multisector engagement to sustainably improve human nutrition and attainment of global nutrition targets.



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