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STRENGTHENING CAPACITY TO ANALYSE DATA

TO TRACK PROGRESS, INFORM POLICIES

AND IMPROVE PROGRAMMES

FOR BETTER NUTRITION

## NEWSLETTER

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The Global Support Facility for the National Information Platforms for Nutrition initiative is pleased to share with you its fifth newsletter.

*L'unité d'appui internationale à l'initiative 'Plateformes Nationales d'Information pour la Nutrition' a le plaisir de partager sa cinquième lettre d'actualités.*

## GLOBAL EVENTS

### NIPN WAS PRESENT AT NUTRITION GLOBAL EVENTS

*L'INITIATIVE PNIN PRÉSENTE A DEUX ÉVÈNEMENTS INTERNATIONAUX SUR LA NUTRITION*



In this last quarter of 2018, the NIPN initiative has been present at two very important nutrition global events.

On October 2, during the **African Nutrition Epidemiology Conference in Ethiopia**, NIPN & NEP (National Evaluation Platforms, an initiative of Johns Hopkins University) co-organised a workshop on "National Information Platforms to strengthen Nutrition Policy and Programme decisions", with the participation of the Global Support Facility, NIPN teams from Niger and Ethiopia and NEP team from Mali. More information on this event can be found [here](#).

On November 28, during the IFPRI-FAO conference on **"Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition" in Bangkok**, NIPN organised a side-event on the Strategic Opportunities and Institutional Challenges of NIPN, with high-level panellists from NIPN Laos and Ethiopia and the European Commission. More information on this event can be found [here](#).

**notes for NIPN implementation at country level.** Two webinars have been organised for NIPN country teams in December, both in English and French. The first one presented the NIPN sub-national nutrition dashboard, which has been developed in close collaboration with the SUN MEAL and NI-TAN. The second one focused on setting up a NIPN Multisectoral Advisory Committee.

## NIPN OFFICIAL LAUNCHES

### TWO MORE COUNTRIES HAVE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THEIR PLATFORM

[DEUX NOUVEAUX PAYS ONT OFFICIELLEMENT INAUGURÉ LEUR PLATEFORME PNIN](#)



On the 5th of October 2018, **the National Information Platforms for Nutrition was officially launched in Lao PDR by the Vice Minister of Planning and Investment, H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury.** *"Strengthening the multi-sectoral approach to combat all forms of malnutrition is also dependent on the availability of nutrition information and related systems"* stated H.E Mr. Leo Faber, Ambassador of the European Union, which is supporting the project. [Learn more...](#)



As part of the Celebration of the 28th African Statistics Day, **the Minister of Public Health of Niger, Dr. Idi Illiassou Mainassara proceeded on Wednesday, November 21 to the official launch of the National Information Platform for Nutrition in Niger,** indicating that the initiative was part of national priorities by gathering and analyzing a maximum of data available to better guide policies and strategies to combat malnutrition. [Learn more...](#)

## COUNTRIES' ACTIVITIES

**In Ethiopia**, the “Nutrition Research and Policy Seminar” cycle carried on with two more events organized by EPHI and IFPRI on “Stunting Reduction in Ethiopia” ([more](#)) and “Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture” ([more](#)). In addition, a two days’ Workshop was organised by EPHI for national stakeholders on Capacity Needs Assessment related to the nutrition policy process, monitoring, evaluation and research, with technical assistance from IPFRI’s Compact 2025 initiative ([more](#)). And two STATA training workshops have already been organised in November and December, focusing on the analysis of the Household Income Consumption Expenditure Surveys for nutrition purposes ([more](#)).

**In Guatemala**, a conference on the importance of information for decision making in food and nutrition security policies has been organised by the NPIN on December 12. Also from December 10 to the 12, a joint visit was made to the headquarters of CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center), located in Turrialba, Costa Rica, which facilitated the exchange of experiences and strengthened inter-institutional cooperation among officials from the Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security (SESAN, its Spanish acronym), the European Union in Guatemala and the National Nutrition Information Platform project. Finally, it is worth mentioning that in this country, the department of Totonicapán and the municipality of Momostenango have been selected for the decentralized implementation of the NIPN, in order to lay the foundations for the use and analysis of information for better decision making at local level and the first theoretical and practical course on the monitoring and evaluation of Municipal Public Policies for Food and Nutrition Security has been organised in Momostenango ([more](#)).

**In Niger**, a meeting to present and discuss the draft report of the NIPN 2019-2020 analysis plan took place on 11 December 2018 at the National Institute of Statistics (INS). This important meeting, chaired and facilitated by the Secretary General of the Office of the High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative “*Nigériens feed Nigériens*” (HC3N), brought together representatives of the Statistics and Programming Directorates of the six beneficiary ministries, Sectoral Nutrition Focal Points of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy, as well as NIPN’s Sector Research Officers. It should also be noted that the Senior Analyst of NIPN attended a training workshop on mapping nutrition interventions and stakeholders organised by HC3N on December 3-6.

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