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NEWSLETTER

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

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

NEWS

Guidance on the implementation of the NIPN approach

[*Orientations pour la mise en oeuvre de l'approche PNIN*](#)

The **NIPN Guidance Notes**, prepared by the Global Support Facility, summarize the main topics related to setting up a National Information Platform for Nutrition and implementing the NIPN operational cycle. They are now available online in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). To roll out these guidance notes, the Global Support Facility has organised five capacity building workshops throughout 2019 in which 7 countries participated (the latest was held in Bangladesh in October, see below). Several topics were also addressed through webinars for NIPN country teams (available online for replay in [English](#) and [French](#)).



NIPN workshop in Bangladesh on October 14-16

[*Atelier NIPN au Bangladesh*](#)

The workshop on "Capacity Building on the Implementation of the NIPN operational cycle" brought together the various stakeholders involved in NIPN Bangladesh: the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies (BIDS), the Bangladesh

FROM THE COUNTRIES

Data portals

Take a look at the [NIPN web portal](#) of Niger, the [Nutrition data portal](#) of Burkina Faso and the [Webpage on budget execution](#) of the Nutrition Action Plan in Guatemala.



Policy dialogue in Niger | [Dialogue politique au Niger](#)

On September 28, a **parliamentary seminar on the importance of public investments to reverse the alarming trends of malnutrition in Niger** was organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative "Nigeriens Nourish Nigeriens" and the National Institute of Statistics through the NIPN. In addition to parliamentarians, this seminar brought together representatives of national institutions in charge of nutrition, United Nations agencies and NGOs. The updated trends in chronic malnutrition and its determinants in children under five - first results from the NIPN analysis plan - were presented. Follow-up actions were discussed, such as advocacy for significant budget allocation to nutrition by ministries. It was also proposed that a provision for parliamentarians to closely monitor such allocations be included in the Finance Act 2020.

EVENTS



NIPN @ the SUN Global Gathering

[Les PNIN présentes au rassemblement mondial du SUN](#)

The SUN Global Gathering 2019 brought together 1,200 participants in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 4-7 November. All NIPN countries were represented. On the 6th of November, representatives from the Global Support Facility and from Lao PDR and Niger shared their NIPN experiences in a panel entitled "**More or better data for improved decision-making for nutrition?**". The objective of the NIPN initiative is to use data effectively in a nutrition

engagement and collaborative mechanisms for sharing, convergence and harmonisation of data. The panel presentations triggered multiple questions from the interested audience of over 120 participants.

NIPN training session on functional skills

Session de formation sur les compétences fonctionnelles en lien avec les PNIN

The GSF organises a one-week training mid-November in Ethiopia to strengthen the leadership capacity and functional skills of key individuals in NIPN host organisations across 9 countries. Multisectoral collaboration is at the heart of the NIPN approach, bringing together individuals and teams from multiple organisations differing in mandates and culture. Even with the best will of the world, collaboration between organisations is hard work and fraught with challenges. Leadership, strategic capacity and functional skills are needed to establish effective collaborations with the NIPN platforms and with the stakeholders from various sectors.

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