



# NIPN

National Information  
Platforms for Nutrition



## NIPN for Nutrition Information System Strengthening NIPN4NIS Lessons Learnt – year 1

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# What is NIPN4NIS?

Launched in 2024 NIPN4NIS offers EU partners and SUN member countries short-term technical and financial assistance to strengthen existing multisectoral NIS

Builds on NIPN knowledge, best practices, experiences, guidance developed

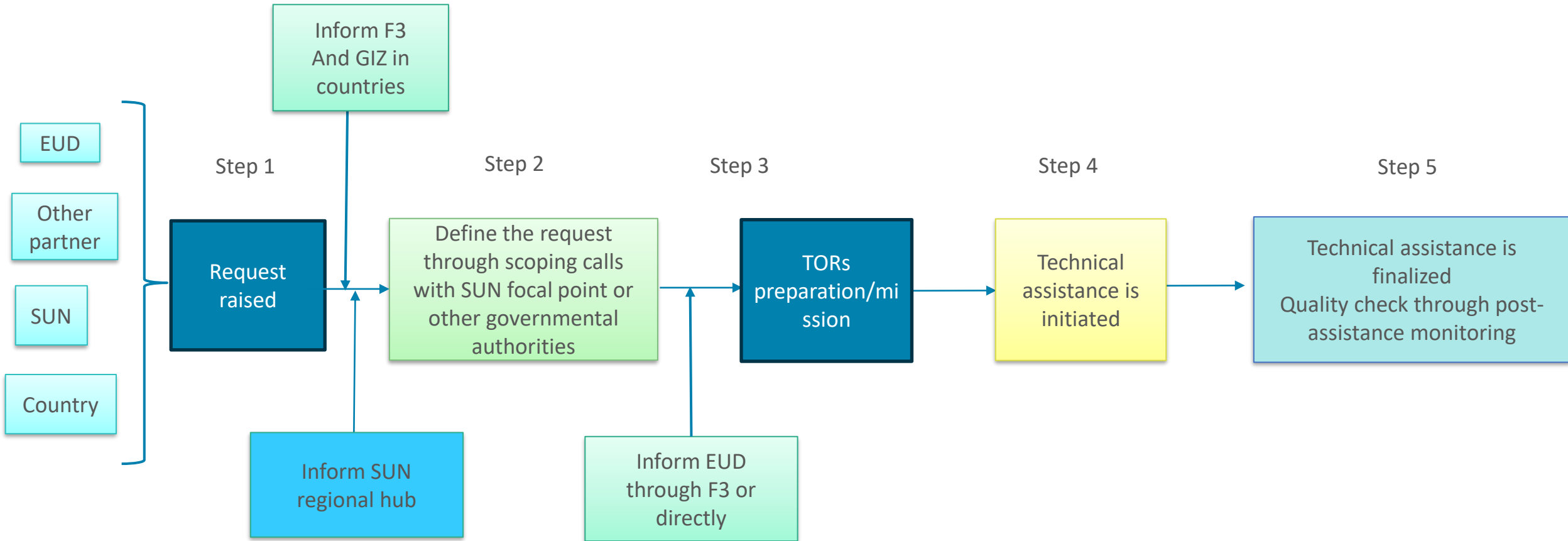
Referred via SUN or EUD

Country tailored

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Linkages to other initiatives  
(EC-NIS UNICEF/WHO for ex.)





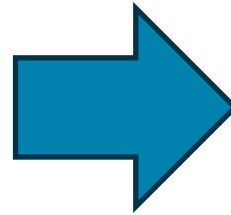
Requests are addressed depending on C4N-NIPN available resources, nature of the requests, partners involved, SUN priorities, donors priorities.



Countries	Support
<b>Mali</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FS, nutrition and social protection indicators review;</li> <li>• LiST Training</li> <li>• Policy question formulation</li> <li>• Review of nutrition national policy</li> </ul>
<b>Madagascar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition indicators review; NIS mapping</li> <li>• LiST Trainings</li> </ul>
<b>Benin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic of NIS</li> <li>• Data Mapping &amp; M&amp;E support</li> <li>• LiST training</li> </ul>
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching sessions online to develop a dashboard for SUN</li> </ul>



- **Challenge:** Vast restructuring of national nutrition governance
- **Opportunity:** Government now has ownership of the national school feeding programme



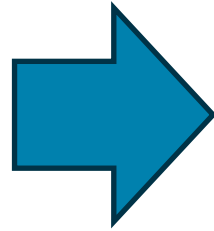
- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Full NIS diagnostic
- **NIPN4NIS action:** Review of policies, interview with 53 gov't and partners incl. WFP, UNICEF, SUN; and review of existing IT system; LIST training; nutrition data mapping.

### Results:

- Roadmap with specific recommendations, from IT structure to HR profiles needed
- LIST training highlighted interventions to scale up for better impact
- Nutrition data mapping to identify data sources



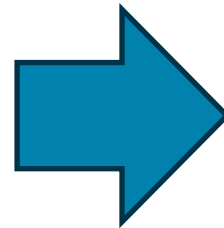
- **Challenge:** The national nutrition plan has many indicators, not SMART, not consistently monitored, not in line with activities being implemented.
- **Opportunity:** Take stock of indicators; review the national nutrition plan.



- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Review of national plan for nutrition indicators: ensure clear definition, understanding by all actors and users, and consistency with data collected by sectors. Nutrition indicators mapping. LiST training and analysis for 17 participants.
- **Results:**
  - LiST analysis highlighted the need to **include more impactful interventions** (zinc supplementation, breastfeeding support, WASH interventions) into the national plan to achieve stunting reduction
  - **118 indicators revised** from 5 sectors
  - **Nutrition Data Mapping**
  - **3 nutrition policy questions** formulated



- **Challenge:** Need for reinforcement of nutrition governance, including decentralized governance to overcome the political situation at national level.
- Collaboration with EUD, SUN focal point
- **Opportunity:**
  - Take stock of indicators
  - Synergy with GIZ Global Programme ProSAR



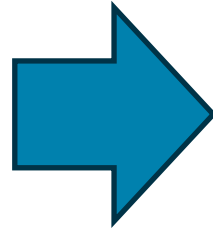
- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Review of national nutrition policies and indicators, LIST training, involve community in nutrition local governance
- **Results:**
  - Food security **indicators reformulated, aligned with national plan**; joint on food security and social protection indicators with PROSAR
  - LiST analysis and nutrition policies review to identify **impactful interventions and adequate indicators.**
  - A Sub-national workshop on development of nutrition policy questions in Sikasso region, considered as “food stock for Mali” leading **to 8 policy questions developed according to local priorities, community’s voice raised**

Ex. of questions formulated in Sikasso region:

- What factors explain the low rate of dietary diversification among children aged 6 to 23 months in the Sikasso region compared with those in the Ségou and Timbuktu regions
- Would the promotion and diversification of cereal and livestock feed banks in the commune of Farakala reduce the prevalence of stunting in children under 5?
- Does an improved economic environment conducive to women's empowerment influence the stunting rate in the commune of Farakala?

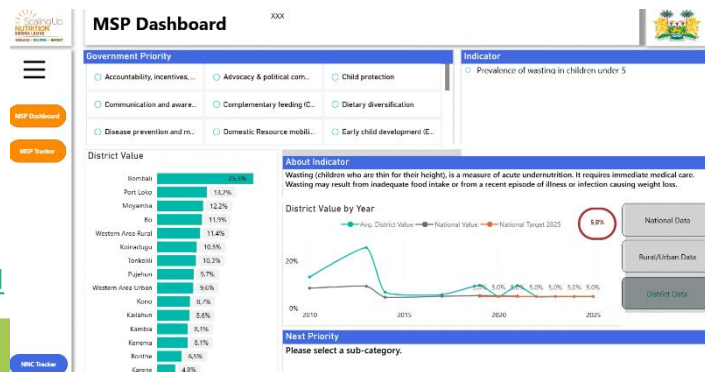


- **Challenge:** New M&E focal point for SUN and needed to build a dashboard
- Collaboration with UNICEF Country Office and SUN Sierra Leone



- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Capacity development, mentoring, and dashboard advising
- **NIPN4NIS actions:**
  - Capacity Building of SUN Secretariat analyst and M&E officer
  - 12 mentoring sessions implemented – 1.5h each (Nutrition info management ; target setting ; clarify objectives ; develop visuals based on needs)
  - Use of NIPN dashboards experience to develop Sierra Leone’s dashboard for Nutrition

Microsoft Power BI



- The **NIPN brand** identifiable and trusted expertise
- Taps into the knowledge and expertise developed over years, while expending beyond NIPN community, ensuring **sustainability of the NIPN approach**
- Facilitates opportunities for **coordination** of previously siloed partners in countries
- **Catalytic** in creating collaborations with multi partners
- **Agility:** flexibility in the type of assistance provided, on-site training, online coaching, diagnostic
- Promotes **south to south** exchanges
- **Autonomy**, assistance provided according to available resources, financial and expertise, requests coming from EUD, SUN, F3.



- **Coordination:** sometimes difficult to identify 1 focal person
- **Trainings:** A training does not equate to capacity is developed. Participants found the training time insufficient to fully apply the LiST tool effectively (Madagascar). Coaching sessions over a longer period can be efficient.
- **Diversity:** Limited representation of women (e.g., 15% in Mali) (but 50% in Sierra Leone)
- **Post- assistance monitoring:** mandatory for our internal reporting but not a priority for countries
- **Admin procedures:** Can be lengthy, always new challenges

*You don't know what you don't know*

