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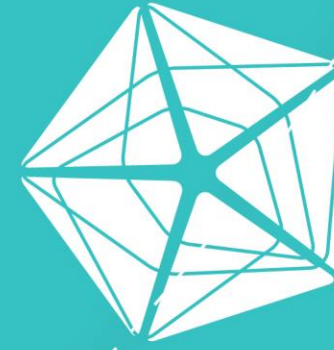
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**Welcome**  
*Jane Badham*



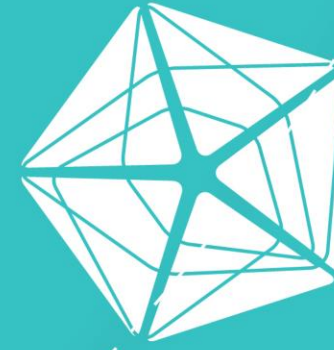


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# Opening speeches



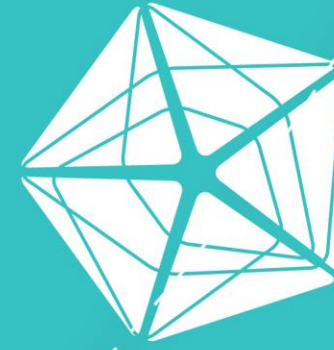


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# Introduction of participants by teams



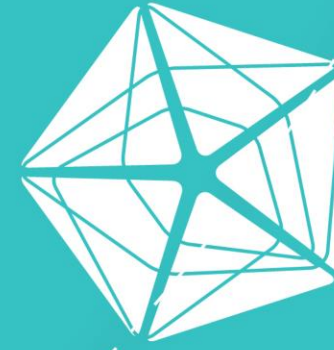


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# NIPN Platform updates





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# The upcoming end of C4N-NIPN

## and what comes next

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## C4N-NIPN timeline and closing

- C4N-NIPN part of EU-BMZ Joint Action *Capacity for Nutrition (C4N)*, under GIZ programme *Knowledge for Nutrition (K4N)*
- GIZ NIPN Phase II implementation ends 30 April 2026
- GIZ NIPN implementation includes Global Coordination and NIPN Phase II support of Ethiopia, Niger and Zambia



## What comes next

- The BMZ & EU initiating a new project:  
**Knowledge and Policy Coherence for Nutrition (KPCN)**  
as of 1 April 2026
- Possibility to receive NIPN country support from a global team



**GLZ Programme:**      **Knowledge & Policy Coherence for Nutrition (KPCN)**

as continuation of Knowledge for Nutrition (K4N)

**Duration:**              12/2025 - 12/2029

Level	Activities
Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coherent positioning of the EC, Germany and other EU Member States+</li> <li>• Political communication and strategic alliances / partnerships</li> <li>• Continued support for SDG 2 indicator for healthy diets</li> <li>• <b>Staff in Bonn and Brussels (1,5, currently 6)</b></li> </ul>
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and build on regional initiatives and frameworks</li> <li>• Regional peer-to-peer exchange formats between SUN countries, SUN Networks and Civil Society</li> <li>• Increased and improved cooperation with SUN regional hubs &amp; other relevant partners</li> <li>• <b>Staff in regional hubs in Dakar, Nairobi and Bangkok (6 partially supporting NIPN &amp; NIS)</b></li> </ul>
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TA and CD support for SUN Countries and networks (<i>especially for NIPN, NIS, financing for nutrition, FST</i>)</b></li> <li>• Support for country level civil society networks</li> </ul>

## What can you expect – focus of new project

- Support EU partner countries, SUN member countries, priority to existing NIPN countries
- Short-term technical assistance and capacity development, as with NIPN4NIS
- Peer-to-peer and south-to-south learning opportunities
- Globally and regionally, working closer with SUN: regional hubs, focal points, and networks



## What can you expect from the new global team?

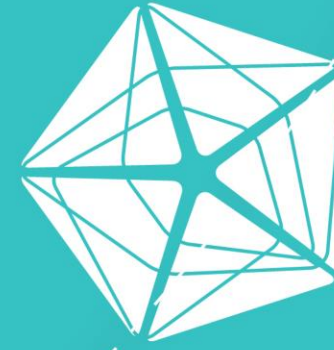
- Smaller global team, geographically dispersed
- Focus on technical assistance and capacity development only - no coordinating or monitoring role (coordination with implementing partners, no QPMs after 2025)
- Fewer and smaller, regional learning events – no Global Gathering
- Communications and publications activities to be defined - no Annual Report, limited external visibility (website, newsletters, and social media), and fewer case studies



## Next steps

- Global Coordination will continue to exist until 30 April 2026
- News of the new global team and process for support will be shared in April 2026
- Platforms should be proactive for support needs, particularly during the transition
- Email [NIPN-C4N@giz.de](mailto:NIPN-C4N@giz.de) will be maintained





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# Questions

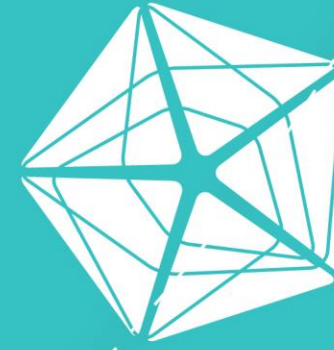
*Laura Barrington  
C4N-NIPN*





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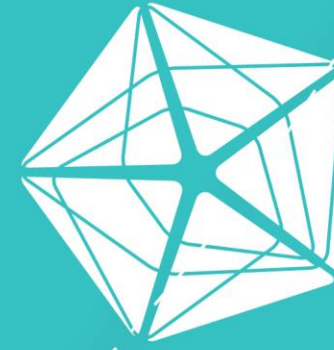


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# NIPN for Nutrition Information System Strengthening NIPN4NIS Lessons Learnt – year 1

*Barbara Baille and Raphael*



# 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

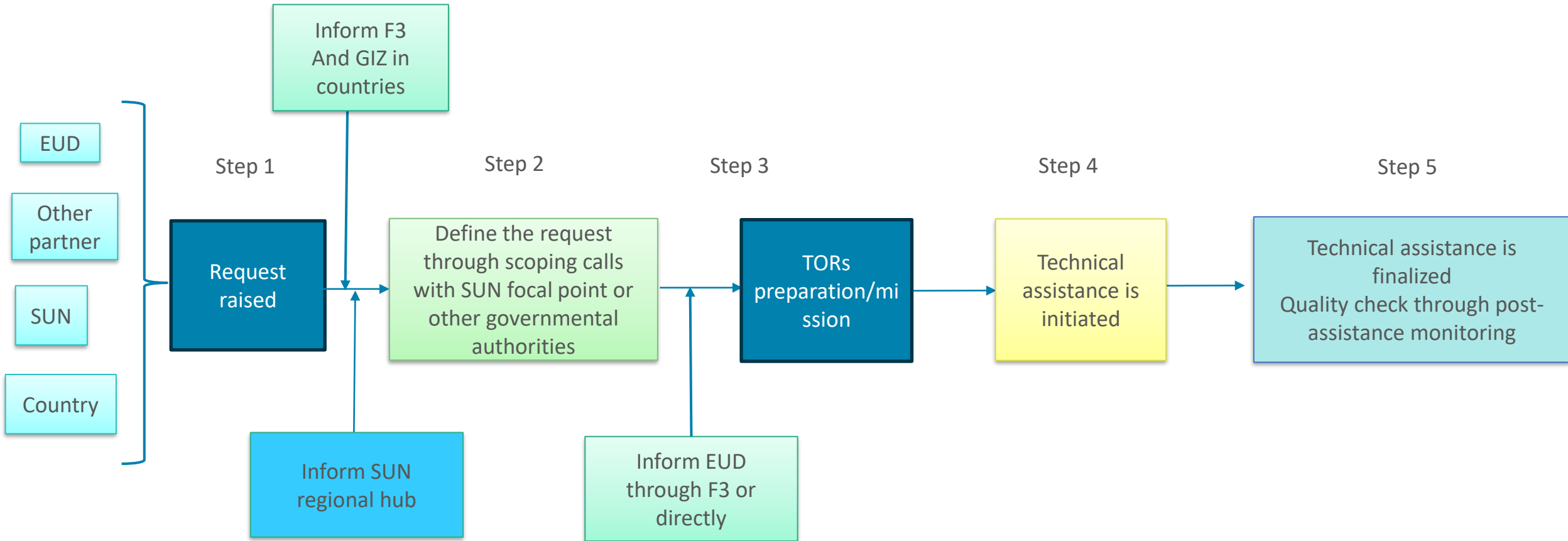
Referred via SUN or EUD

Country tailored

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





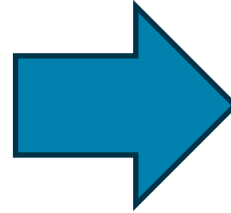
Requests are addressed depending on C4N-NIPN available resources, nature of the requests, partners involved, SUN priorities, donors priorities.



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



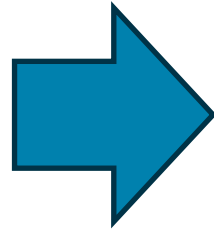
- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Full NIS diagnostic
- **NIPN4NIS action:** Review of policies, interview with 53 gov't and partners incl. WFP, UNICEF, SUN; and review of existing IT system; LIST training; nutrition data mapping.

### 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



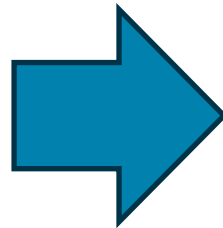
- **Challenge:** The national nutrition plan has many indicators, not SMART, not consistently monitored, not in line with activities being implemented.
- **Opportunity:** Take stock of indicators; review the national nutrition plan.



- **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



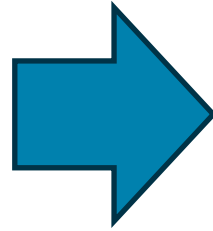
- **NIPN4NIS offer:** Review of national nutrition policies and indicators, LIST training, involve community in nutrition local governance
- **Results:**
  - Food security **indicators reformulated, aligned with national plan**; joint on food security and social protection indicators with PROSAR
  - 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?

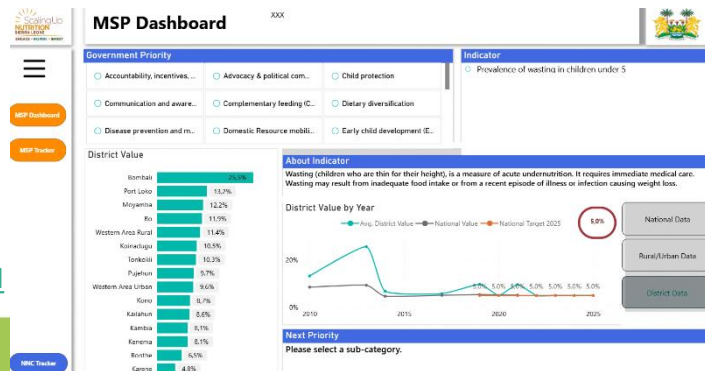


- **Challenge:** New M&E focal point for SUN and needed to build a dashboard
- Collaboration with UNICEF Country Office and SUN Sierra Leone



- **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



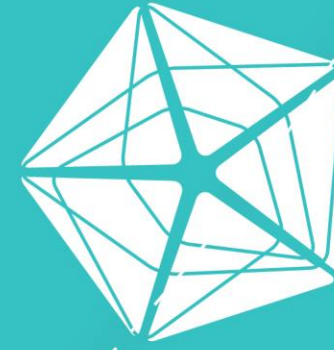
- The **NIPN brand** identifiable and trusted expertise
- Taps into the knowledge and expertise developed over years, while expending beyond NIPN community, ensuring **sustainability of the NIPN approach**
- Facilitates opportunities for **coordination** of previously siloed partners in countries
- **Catalytic** 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*





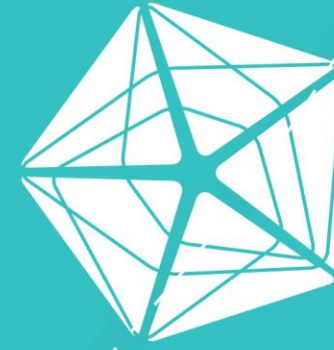
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# Fishbowl on NIPN sustainability

*Ingo and Julien*



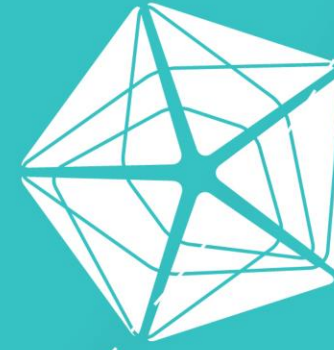


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# Country reflection

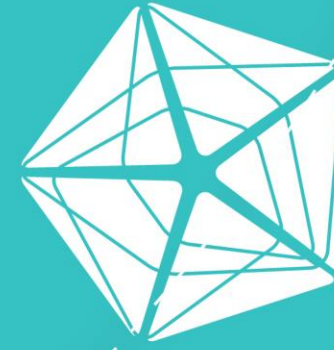
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**1. What did they learn that would influence their sustainability action plan?**

**2. Decide on the top actions to take for sustainability going forward**





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# Day 1 wrap-up

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