

National Plan of Action for Nutrition

Policy consultancy to develop a national plan for Madagascar



Features

- Policy based on international research and national stakeholder consultation
- Strategic axes cover target age groups for intervention, inter-sectoral domains (i.e. WASH, Education), and policy mechanisms
- Final policy plan delivered with advocacy materials for an inter-sectoral stakeholder and fundraising meeting

Benefits

- PNAN III aligns Madagascar's efforts with international frameworks on nutrition, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), and the international Scaling Up Nutrition framework
- Final deliverables include actionable recommendations, timeline, and budget for the immediate implementation of the PNAN

To guarantee every child's right to achieve full cognitive and physical growth, CSF supported Madagascar's National Nutrition Office in updating the country's National Nutrition Action Plan.

Today, the proportion of Madagascar's population living below the poverty line is slightly above 70%; almost half of all children in the country are affected by stunting. Malnutrition's toll on the country's human capital is estimated to have an economic cost of up to 7% of GDP, and it is a particular challenge among pregnant mothers, newborns and children under 5.

Various national and international frameworks on nutrition, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the Madagascar Development Plan (2015-19), had changed the policy context since Madagascar's PNAN II (which recommended updates to the National Nutrition Policy) expired in 2015. With an approach focused on a child's first 1000 days and on multi-sectoral interventions to be implemented at scale, the country developed and implemented PNAN III to guide efforts from 2017 to 2021.

CSF nutrition experts supported the National Office of Nutrition and its partners in holding a series of in-country cross-sector workshops with national stakeholders, to learn from national best practices and define high-level policy axes in a participatory manner. Desk research on international, evidence-based nutrition policy recommendations complemented in-country engagement activities.

A draft of the PNAN III was circulated for collaborative review by all in-country stakeholders and international funding agencies. Final deliverables by the CSF team included a final draft of the Plan, implementation guidelines and budget, and a set of advocacy materials to promote the PNAN III among government and donor stakeholders.

Facts

Stakeholders	UNICEF; Office National de Nutrition
Geographic Area	Madagascar
Time Period	2016-17
Topics	Nutrition
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Budget

USD 0.015 million