UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF

ACTION ON NUTRITION

2016-2025

WORK PROGRAMME

ADDED VALUE

13. The added value of the Nutrition Decade is to:
    - highlight the urgency to act, guided by a collective vision of a world where all people at all times and at all stages of life have access to a f ordable, diversi f ed, safe and healthy diets;
    - country-speci f c commitments for action from a diverse range of actors within and beyond the nutrition
    - provide an unprecedented opportunity to propagate society-wide movements for national policy change
    - provide global connectivity among all constituencies working on food and nutrition-related programmes
    - provide an accessible, transparent and global framework for tracking progress and ensuring mutual
    - put the spotlight on nutrition at the highest political level through regular reporting to the UN General Assembly and the Governing Bodies of FAO and WHO, and engaging the CFS and other relevant

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

14. The Nutrition Decade:
    - is country-owned and country-driven;
    - builds on existing e f orts;
    - actions across di f erent sectors;

15. The Nutrition Decade is inclusive, addressing all forms of malnutrition, maximizing participation by all actors and ensuring that the needs of all people are addressed. To this end, the Nutrition Decade:
    - addresses all people everywhere, particularly women and youth, as key stakeholders for success;
    - facilitates action across rural, urban and peri-urban areas and populations alike; urban systems and urban food environments may be settings to show rapid changes and success, while rural settlements,
    - con f icts and protracted crises) a f ecting the nutritional status of vast populations;
    - engages with a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, intergovernmental organizations, international, regional and local organizations, f nancial institutions, development banks,

      the business sector – all of which are invited to contribute their unique and valuable assets (including implementation, advocacy, technical assi ÿ ʊ A g ˜ ˜ a a h ě A M ˜ or $ þ

22. Current food systems[7]
on the planet's natural resources.[8] Coherent and innovative actions covering the entire food system – from

29. Access to health services and financial risk protection for all – including the most marginalized and most vulnerable – is needed. This means universal health coverage, which implies that all people have access, without discrimination, to nationally determined sets of the needed promotive, preventive, curative,

and essential, safe, affordable, effective and quality medicines, while ensuring that the use of these services does not expose users to financial hardship, with a special emphasis on the poor, vulnerable and

workers at all levels to deliver nutrition actions; and ensure the availability of the necessary equipment and

31. This area supports related health and nutrition strategies and goals, including the WHO/UNICEL

in line with the transformative ambitions of ICN2, the SDGs and the WHA targets; (iii) establish SMART commitments in action areas not previously covered by existing policies and action plans; and (iv) allocate

53. Relevant UN funds, programmes, specialized agencies and other stakeholders are called upon to work

for strengthened commitments. A resource guide, prepared by FAO and WHO,[17]
formulation of country-speci f c commitments. UN-system agencies should engage with other stakeholders to solicit adequate action in support to countries' SMART commitments.

54. Commitments from Member States should be formalized through communication between the Head of State or Minister and the Director-General of FAO or WHO, or both. Commitments can be submitted continuously throughout the course of the Nutrition Decade. Commitments made by Member States will be included in a publicly accessible repository managed by the joint FAO/WHO Secretariat. Commitments can be made by national authorities at di f erent levels of government, including municipalities, but should always be transmitted through governments' central authorities.

55. High-level commitments on ICN2 recommendations made through Nutrition for Growth or other existing platforms and relevant initiatives across multiple sectors may be submitted also to the Nutrition Decade repository. The joint FAO/WHO Secretariat will coordinate these platforms to ensure consistency of the

56. Regional political and economic communities, development banks and UN agencies may also submit their own b devel { א p Re ʌ א " ! Seco m

63. The establishment of an action network should be communicated to the joint FAO/WHO Secretariat in writing by the convening countries. The joint FAO/WHO Secretariat will disseminate the action network's information, news and tools.

73. Costing of policies and programmes has been developed in several countries, and global costs of the scaling up of effective programmes to achieve global nutrition targets have been estimated by the World Bank.[18] The Nutrition Decade provides an opportunity to exchange experiences on how domestic resources may be mobilized, for example, through orienting available country resources towards nutrition objectives or

74. The joint FAO/WHO Secretariat, with the support of IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and other relevant UN organizations and coordinating mechanisms, will call attention to adequate measures to prevent undue influences on public policy-making that may be associated to offers of financial assistance.

Evidence-informed Advocacy and Communication

75. Advocacy is a key element of the Nutrition Decade. The joint FAO/WHO Secretariat, with the support of IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and other relevant UN organizations and coordinating mechanisms, will connect with existing networks of advocates in different sectors at global and local levels, reach out to media for influencing public figures, and develop common messages to: (i) invite policy makers to make SMART commitments; (ii) draw attention to effective policies and programmes in the six action areas; (iii) mobilize

76. Specific and specialized campaigns on the Nutrition Decade are to be co-developed by partners to prioritize and promote nutrition impact. These campaigns are being identified and should include civil society platforms, existing nutrition-related campaigns and novel forms of media, including social media.

77. A visual identity[19] has been developed for use across the Nutrition Decade. It is available in all UN languages. Governments and other stakeholders of the Nutrition Decade willing to use the Nutrition Decade visual identity may do so after submitting a formal request and receiving authorization from the joint FAO/WHO

78. Information on the Nutrition Decade is currently available on the respective websites of FAO, WHO UNSCN, and is to be complemented by combined Nutrition Decade products and activities, including a dedicated website, printed and electronic documentation, webcast events, etc.

GOVERNANCE

79. The Nutrition Decade facilitates broad consultation among its stakeholders to seek alignment of priorities,

80. FAO and WHO will provide secretarial support to the activities of the Nutrition Decade, with the support of IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and other relevant UN agencies, funds, programmes and coordinating mechanisms such as the UNSCN and multistakeholder platforms such as the CFS.

81. Secretarial activities will use existing resources in the UN system.

82. The joint FAO/WHO Secretariat, with the support of IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and other relevant UN

agencies, funds, programmes and coordinating mechanisms, will periodically convene Member States' representatives to discuss updates to the Work Programme and progress reports. The Secretariat will periodically convene and consult with other relevant stakeholders, including international and regional organizations, international financial institutions, parliamentarians, civil society, academia and the private sector. The Secretariat will use mechanisms and platforms such as the HLPF, CFS, SUN Movement and the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, and engage with other international and regional organizations and platforms, such as Nutrition for Growth, and the International Coalition for Advocacy on Nutrition. Table 2 illustrates priority activities of the joint FAO/WHO Secretariat for the first biennium of the Nutrition Decade.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHARED LEARNING

83. Biennial reports on the Nutrition Decade implementation will be submitted to the WHA, the FAO Conference and the UN General Assembly. The reports will describe the overall progress on the implementation of ICN2 outcomes and diet-related SDGs, as well as a mapping of the commitments made by governments, their progress and achievements. The reports will also include a summary of global achievements, including the progress of the work by CFS on nutrition. The reports will contribute to the SDG reporting needs.

84. Tracking implementation of policy progress and country-specific commitments will be based on country self-assessments, facilitated through UN-led policy surveys, and ad hoc validation studies performed by the UN system and academia.

85. The biennial reports will provide opportunities for discussion among governments and other stakeholders of the progress under the Nutrition Decade. Comments made by the FAO and WHO Governing Bodies and by the CFS will feed into the reports to the UN General Assembly. The Work Programme will be updated with each biennial report.

86. An open and inclusive dialogue among all stakeholders to evaluate the progress of the Nutrition Decade will be convened at mid-term (2020–21) and at the end of the Nutrition Decade (2025). Member States will be consulted as to the format of these reviews.

87. A dialogue on accountability, in line with declarations on aid effectiveness (Accra Agenda, Paris Declaration) and the Framework for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, will be established, with all relevant initiatives and platforms aimed at soliciting commitments in nutrition and related f

ACTION AREA 1: SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS FOR HEALTHY DIETS

- *Fruit and vegetables:* sustainable intensification of agricultural production and agroecology, post-harvest and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- *Animal source foods:* sustainable livestock and poultry production, sustainable fisheries, markets and value addition, circular economy and waste reduction, equitable access, moving away from intensive farming systems, and supporting small-scale farming and SMEs
- *Sustainable healthy fisheries, oceans, seas and marine resources*
- *Food losses and waste:* provide good practices, examples of actions across the value chain, create alliances and inform consumers to reduce food losses and waste
- *Food reformulation:* provide reference ranges for reformulation of products (removal of trans-fatty acids, establish country and regional platforms, product monitoring mechanisms; benchmarks/standards for complementary food; fortification; support for food processing SMEs in developing countries
- *Contrasting antimicrobial resistance:*

ACTION AREA 2: ALIGNED HEALTH SYSTEMS PROVIDING UNIVERSAL COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL NUTRITION ACTIONS

- *Anaemia:* delivery in health systems of weekly iron / folic-acid supplements
- *Acute malnutrition:* improving availability and access to ready-to-use therapeutic foods
- *Adolescent health and nutrition:*

ACTION AREA 3: SOCIAL PROTECTION AND NUTRITION EDUCATION

- *School food and nutrition:*
- *Health promotion:* social marketing campaigns and lifestyle-change communication programmes to promote

ACTION AREA 4: TRADE AND INVESTMENT FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION

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TABLE 2 **Activities in the first biennium (April 2016 – April 2018) by stakeholders of the Nutrition Decade**

Activities	Time frame