



Scoping visit to Niger: Summary Points

- N4D previously worked in Niger on PNIN in early 2023
- Discussions with HC3N/INS re-N4D support for stronger nutrition nexus in Niger
- 2025, MoH invited N4D to assess feasibility of developing a nutrition nexus approach for Niger

- Many types of **crisis**; Drought, floods, insecurity/insurgency, economic downturn/inflation, population displacement – chronic in nature mainly
- Levels of malnutrition are high
- Stunting prevalence in CU5 improved between 2006-2012 (54%-42%) but **increased again to 47% in 2022**
- Wasting prevalence at 12.2% (2.4% severe) -> WHO emergency threshold.
- Anaemia affecting 70% of under fives

Nutrition Programmes



- PNSN (2017-2025) is framework for tackling malnutrition through multi-sector programming
- PNSN Action Plan monitored by PNIN
- PNSN had lower than expected domestic financing, weak sector and international partner reporting. No RM plan.
- Treatment of malnutrition programmes over-reliant on humanitarian financing with cost, supply chain and delivery challenges
- EU funded PCMIAS programme (2020-2029) goal 50% of treatment programmes covered by domestic resources by 2029
- Some agencies implementing longer-term nutrition programmes with malnutrition prevention focus

Nutrition Financing



- Incomplete data on domestic & international financing
- Increased from 0.9% to 3.1%. of GDP btw 2018 and 2022
- Pre-2023, Humanitarian financing declining
- Since 2023, proportion humanitarian financing increased now around 80-85% of ODA
- Some donors more development and resilience oriented
- To tackle drivers of malnutrition, need increase in development/resilience financing

Next Steps

Towards a Nutrition Nexus Approach



Seize the momentum

- All stakeholders met see need to move to focus more on **prevention of malnutrition** and more sustainable treatment programmes
- PDES replaced by resilience for fatherland programme (PRSP)
- UK AID and SDC establishing regional resilience programmes
- OCHA new approach
- PNIN PCA questions are nexus related

Updating PNSN



- Ends November 2025 = opportunity to integrate nexus approach
- Draw on MoHA/CTTNUD tools and sectors
- Ensure new national policies and plans are consolidated
- Develop investment case and RM plan-domestic & international
- Niger part of informal nexus advocacy working group with Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Yemen. Each strengthening nexus approach to nutrition = opportunity to exchange learning

Updating PNSN continued



- Plans for end term evaluation of the PNSN stalled but stakeholders have identified weaknesses of current PNSN:
 - Inadequate data from sectors/ poor reporting by development partners
 - Lack of monitoring of funding streams and coverage of activities
 - Not adequately embedded in sub-national development plans
 - Action Plan didn't prioritise geographic locations and high impact activities
- The PNIN in INS best placed to provide hard data and analysis to inform a light touch evaluation.

Updating PNSN continued



- Secure funding for evaluation urgently – *where from?*
- Convene working group to develop ToR for evaluation
- Working Group to also lead/oversee writing team for new PNSN
- WG must include PNIN, sector focal points, TUN, SUN WG focal points, GTN and humanitarian cluster coordinators
- Develop new PNSN outline/contents concurrently
- Convene high level ministerial meetings focussed on advocacy for new PNSN and nutrition nexus approach (N4D talking to different heads of agencies).

Nexus Principals in PNSN



- Align with the principles set out by CTTNUD
 - Building nutrition resilience through multisector nutrition specific and sensitive activities targeted to at-risk populations in crisis vulnerable localities
 - Coordination between humanitarian, development and peace actors to synergise efforts and ensure long-term nutrition resilience building
 - Localise planning & responses to identify local problems & solutions, enable earlier response to shocks and build sustainable locally governed services
 - Multi-year funding to enable predictable resources
- M&E Indicators to be developed and used to monitor progress

- Dedicated PNSN working group with adequate resources to function and TA via short-term consultancies
- Arête to enable the Head of MoH/DN to convene nutrition focal points from relevant ministries and from SUN Networks
- Possibly locate updating of PNSN within the GTNN structure as sub-working group

PNSN areas for strengthening



- Dissemination to sub-national level and sensitisation of stakeholders
- Utilise experience of CTTNUD to inform integration into local government planning
- Monitoring Indicators based on those successfully collected in the past while those that could not be collected should be discarded or adapted.
- Non-government implementation partners must align and report to the monitoring framework. An arête could be issued to ensure compliance
- Include nexus specific indicators in the M&E framework to monitor progress of the approach,
- Resource mobilisation plan should be continuously updated through the M&E system to identify gaps and shortfalls.
- Ideally INS/PNIN will continue its monitoring role

Resource Mobilisation for PNSN



- Current financing climate challenging
- Contribution needed from national treasury and sub-national (region, department and commune levels) government
- Alignment of donor resources with new PNSN Policy and Action Plan essential
- Need one donor approach with coordination around financing (SDN)
- Donors must participate in the process of identifying PNSN programme priorities to align accordingly

PNSN evaluation

N4D can help develop ToR and participate in evaluation process and reporting

Developing new PNSN and Action Plan

N4D can support process for updating including ToR for the working/steering group, support technical consultants and input into PNSN drafts

Help define nutrition nexus-centric indicators for monitoring

Participate in sub-national visits to strengthen understanding of how to embed the PNSN Action Plan within local coordination mechanisms, e.g. CTROs, national level development plans

N4D Support continued



Capacity Building

Support a national workshop on nutrition nexus approaches being implemented in Niger and the region to inform best practice for the PNSN

Resource mobilisation

Support development of a RM strategy drawing on Ethiopia& Yemen experience

Learning event between Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Niger

Support a learning exchange on advancing MSNAPs through a nexus approach - in late 2025/early 2026



Thank you

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