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The National Information Platforms for Nutrition Initiative

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Global targets set for preventing malnutrition

Goal 2

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote sustainable agriculture

Target 2.2

By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including **achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age**, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons

European Union committment to prevent malnutrition

- **Policy objective :** Support partner countries to reduce the number of stunted children under 5 by least 7 million by 2025
- **Policy framework:** Nutrition Action Plan 2014-2020
- **Financial pledge:** allocate Euro 3.5 billion to nutrition between 2014-2020 for both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programmes

NIPNs to support countries working to improve nutrition

- Enabling environment:

  inter-sectoral plans and structures to coordinate nutrition
- Countries in need: high prevalence of stunting, typically 30 – 50%, and coming down
- Countries in which nutrition is an objective or indicator in the EU Delegation's National Indicative Programme, 2014-2020

Provide financial and technical support to aggregate, analyse and interpret existing data

- Data on: nutritional outcomes (stunting, wasting, underweight, anaemia), exposures (causative or preventative) and modifiers (climate)
- Data on: nutrition, health, food security, practices, water, sanitation, agriculture, social protection etc
- Data from: government, UN agencies, CSOs, universities
- Aggregate and clean data, create new data sets
- Analyse data for: trends over time; differences in space; associations with interventions, programmes and investments to prevent malnutrition

Support for information systems

- Make summary data available by region or district, if possible, through new or existing interface
- Map data for spatial differences, trends
- Help to track indcators over time towards goals
- Identify gaps in data (but no funds to support data collection)
- Build capacity in countries to aggregate and analyse data
- Build capacity to disseminate findings as policy briefs, reports, bulletins, depending on audience

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Ideal characteristics of a national platform

- Reports to national inter-sectoral committee for nutrition that poses questions for analysis to develop policies and improve programmes
- Situated within an inter-sectoral agency so 'data neutral' and can engage with all sectors
- Mandate or proven ability to bring together data from all sectors
- Skills in data analysis

Possible national host institutions

- Bureau or office of national statistics
  - Mandate to collect and analyse data
  - May be within Ministry of Planning
- Para-statal research organisations
  - Economics
  - Public health or public health nutrition
- Line ministry monitoring and evaluation unit

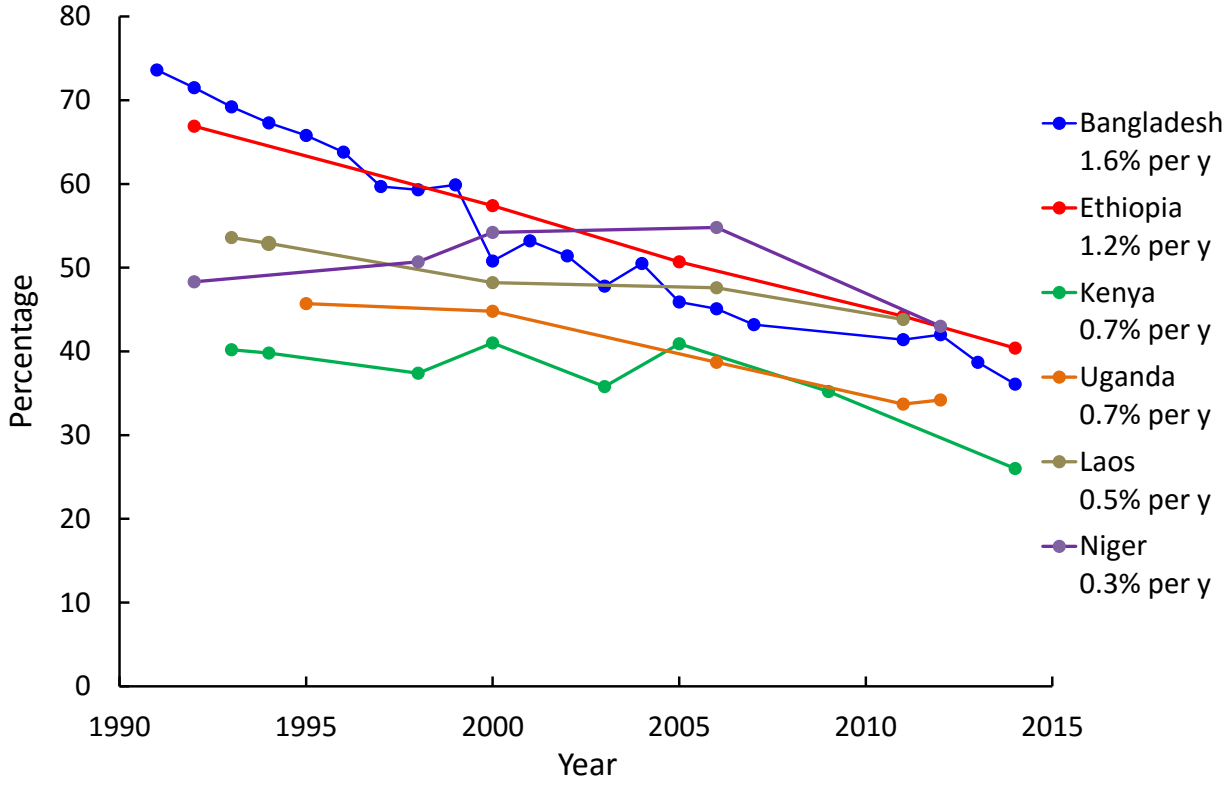
International support mechanisms

- Global Support Facility set up in July 2015:
  - 5 staff based at Agropolis International, a member of Agrinatura EEIG
  - Nutritionists, database expert, coordinator
- Expert Advisory Group: to bring skills, connections and technical support from all sectors required
- Stakeholder Group: UN agencies, donors and countries to guide, inform and create awareness

First phase of up to 7 partner countries

- Scoping missions by consultants in 2014/15 to: Bangladesh, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Laos and Zambia
- Postponed: Burundi, Kenya, Zambia
- Senegal to replace Burundi?
- Uganda to replace Kenya?

Trends in prevalence of stunting (% <-2 SD of reference height-for-age)



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Progress to date

- GSF working with EU Delegations to identify host institutions in: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Laos and Uganda
- Analyses being commissioned in each country:
  - data landscape: what data could be available?
  - pathways to developing policy for nutrition
- Toolkits being developed to provide technical guidance
- EAG being constituted
- Contracts to be signed by end of 2016
- NIPNs to run for 3 y to end of 2019

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Thank you