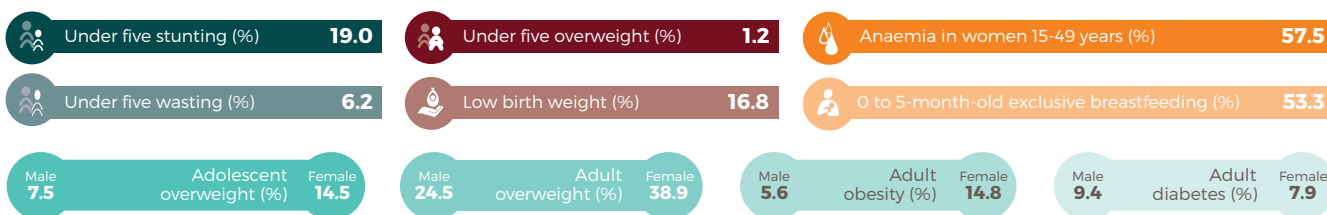


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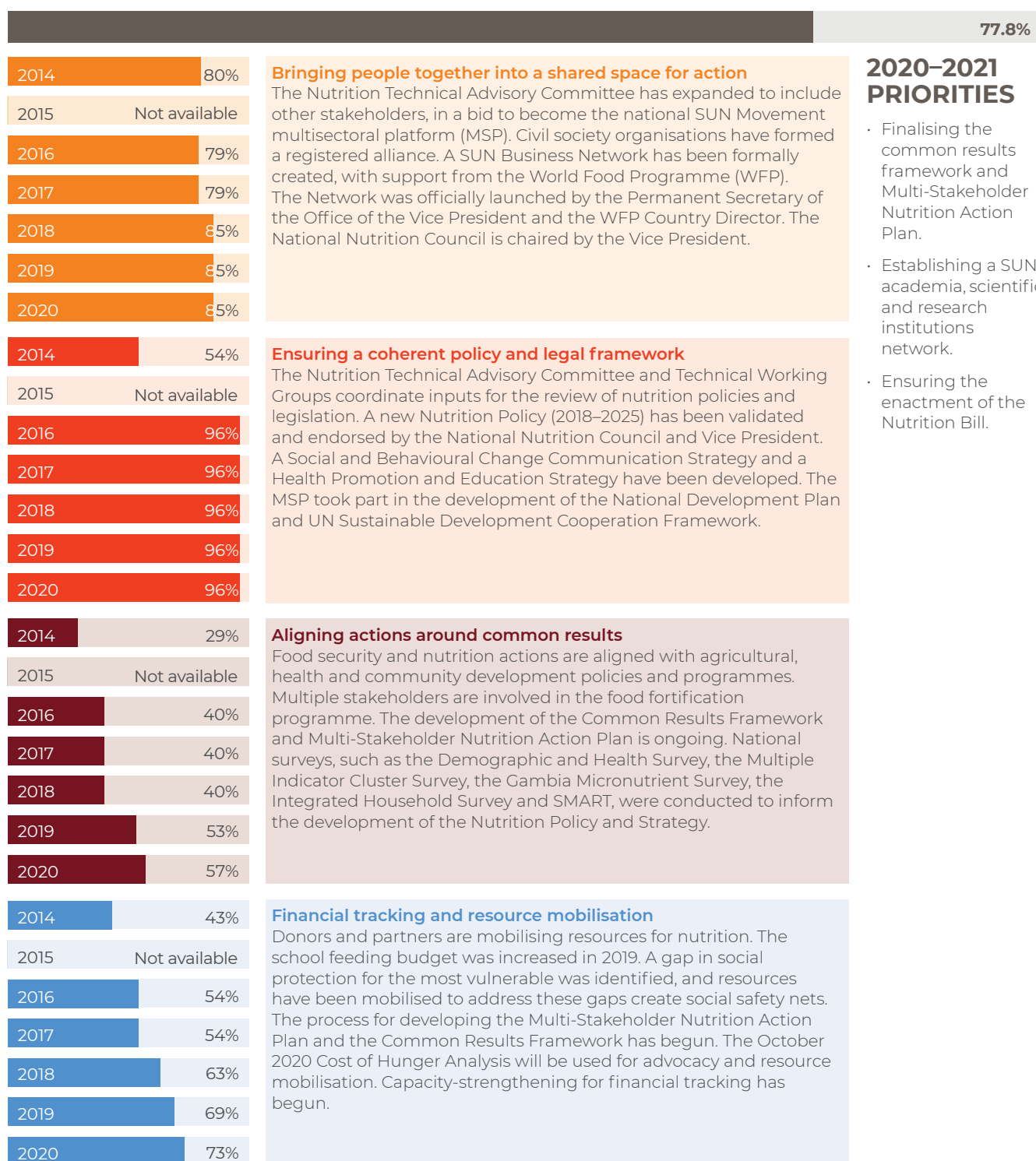
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**Population:** 2.42 million  
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## COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

A public health emergency was declared in March 2020. All nutrition stakeholders have been active in the prevention and management of the pandemic and its effects. The National Social Protection Secretariat was established, unconditional cash transfers were provided, and food has been distributed.

## INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2019–2020



**Bringing people together into a shared space for action**  
 The Nutrition Technical Advisory Committee has expanded to include other stakeholders, in a bid to become the national SUN Movement multisectoral platform (MSP). Civil society organisations have formed a registered alliance. A SUN Business Network has been formally created, with support from the World Food Programme (WFP). The Network was officially launched by the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Vice President and the WFP Country Director. The National Nutrition Council is chaired by the Vice President.

**Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework**  
 The Nutrition Technical Advisory Committee and Technical Working Groups coordinate inputs for the review of nutrition policies and legislation. A new Nutrition Policy (2018–2025) has been validated and endorsed by the National Nutrition Council and Vice President. A Social and Behavioural Change Communication Strategy and a Health Promotion and Education Strategy have been developed. The MSP took part in the development of the National Development Plan and UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

**Aligning actions around common results**  
 Food security and nutrition actions are aligned with agricultural, health and community development policies and programmes. Multiple stakeholders are involved in the food fortification programme. The development of the Common Results Framework and Multi-Stakeholder Nutrition Action Plan is ongoing. National surveys, such as the Demographic and Health Survey, the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, the Gambia Micronutrient Survey, the Integrated Household Survey and SMART, were conducted to inform the development of the Nutrition Policy and Strategy.

**Financial tracking and resource mobilisation**  
 Donors and partners are mobilising resources for nutrition. The school feeding budget was increased in 2019. A gap in social protection for the most vulnerable was identified, and resources have been mobilised to address these gaps create social safety nets. The process for developing the Multi-Stakeholder Nutrition Action Plan and the Common Results Framework has begun. The October 2020 Cost of Hunger Analysis will be used for advocacy and resource mobilisation. Capacity-strengthening for financial tracking has begun.

- ### 2020–2021 PRIORITIES
- Finalising the common results framework and Multi-Stakeholder Nutrition Action Plan.
  - Establishing a SUN academia, scientific and research institutions network.
  - Ensuring the enactment of the Nutrition Bill.