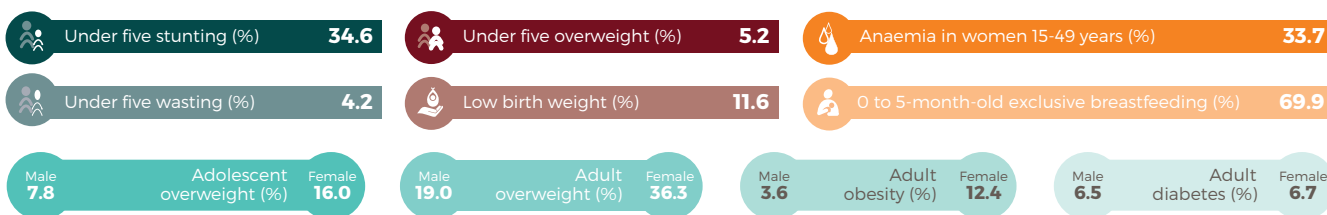


Zambia



Joined: December 2010
Population: 18.38 million
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COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

COVID-19 disrupted implementation at all levels. However, SUN stakeholders created guidelines for nutrition activities during the pandemic, at all levels, and coordination structures continued to function under the "new normal".

INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2019–2020

Year	Percentage	Overall Progress
2014	Not available	68.3%
2015	53%	
2016	69%	
2017	83%	
2018	89%	
2019	89%	
2020	95%	

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

SUN Networks continued to operate, while the National Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group presided over matters of evidence generation and dissemination.

More District and Provincial Nutrition Coordinating Committees (DNCCs/PNCCs) were established, with the start of the 1,000 Most Critical Days Programme (MCDP) targeting all provinces of Zambia.

The SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) continued with advocacy and expanded its network to include youth nutrition champions.

2020–2021 PRIORITIES

- Continuing rolling out the SUN/MCDP 2 programme to at least 60 districts, implementing nutrition interventions.
- Implementing the 2020 Food and Nutrition Act.
- Finalising the review of the National Food and Nutrition policy.
- Completing the Food Consumption and Micronutrient Status Survey and disseminating three focused monitoring and evaluation surveys.
- Finalising and operationalising the Common Results Framework and the district-level nutrition scorecard.
- Scaling up the healthy diet campaign and Good Food Logo.

Year	Percentage
2014	Not available
2015	66%
2016	58%
2017	44%
2018	63%
2019	49%
2020	69%

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The SUN CSA successfully advocated with the Ministry of Justice to pass the Food and Nutrition Bill, which established the Food and Nutrition Coordinating Committee. A Food Safety Bill was enacted in August 2019. Regulatory impact assessments for the 2006 National Food and Nutrition Policy continued, with five ministries providing feedback on its status.

Year	Percentage
2014	Not available
2015	63%
2016	63%
2017	81%
2018	50%
2019	69%
2020	59%

Aligning actions around common results

The National Food and Nutrition Strategic Plan 2017–2021 was officially launched in June 2019. The SUN focal point mobilised support from the SUN learning and evaluation project, to develop a Common Results Framework (planned for late 2020). The Government engaged with the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (GLOPAN) to organise a high-level roundtable on healthy diets and nutrition in Zambia. This event will focus on food systems and climate change.

Year	Percentage
2014	Not available
2015	44%
2016	54%
2017	62%
2018	54%
2019	63%
2020	50%

Financial tracking and resource mobilisation

A shift from activity-based budgeting to outputs-based budgeting was seen, through the medium-term expenditure framework, which is aligned with the 7th National Development Plan outcomes. Costing of sectoral plans was based on financial commitments from the Government and development partners. No significant changes occurred in budgetary allocations to sectors due to a limited fiscal space. Nutrition development partners helped ensure financial disbursements for SUN and the 1,000-days programme.