



NiPN

National Information
Platforms for Nutrition

Strengthening capacity to analyse data
to track progress, inform policies
and improve programmes
for better nutrition





National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN) is an initiative of the European Commission to provide support to countries to strengthen their information systems for nutrition and to improve the analysis of data so as to better inform the strategic decisions they are faced with to prevent malnutrition and its consequences.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A NIPN?

Governments and development agencies are faced with the challenge of prioritizing and scaling up the most effective interventions - nutrition-specific as well as nutrition-sensitive - to help achieve the ambitious international development goal of improved nutrition for everyone.

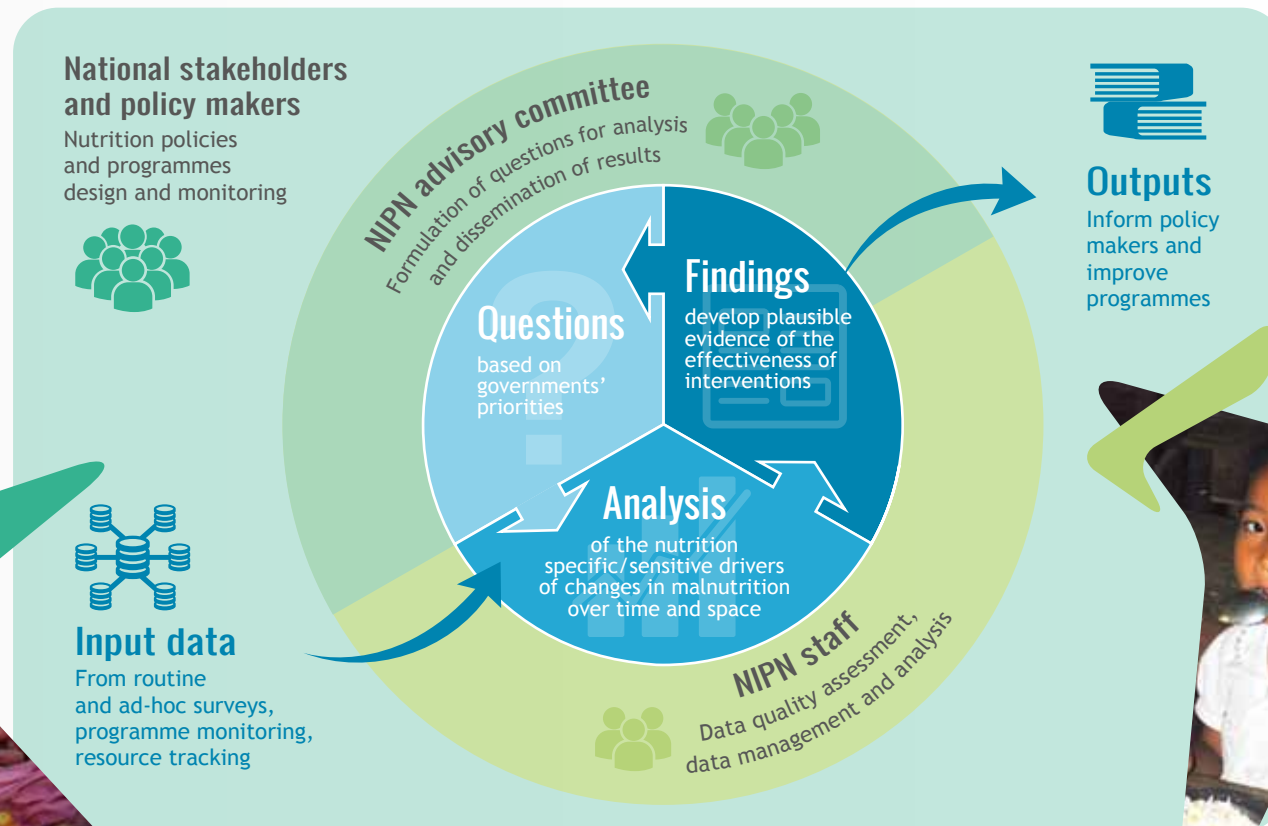
National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN) are designed to support countries in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement to strengthen their capacity to bring together existing information on nutritional status with information on factors that influence nutritional outcomes, including policies, programmes and investments, in order to track progress towards international global targets; to analyse data to understand better how malnutrition can be prevented; and to inform national policies and improve programmes.

The initiative will focus initially on Bangladesh, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Laos, Niger, Uganda and Zambia, but other countries may join.



NIPN APPROACH

It is intended that each NIPN will be embedded within national structures and will contribute to national nutrition policies and action plans. A NIPN will aggregate and analyse existing data from surveys, programme monitoring and resource tracking in all sectors, including public health, agriculture, water, sanitation, education, social protection, environment and disaster preparedness. It will analyse the drivers of national trends and sub-national differences as well as answer questions posed by policy makers based on the government's priorities. The findings will be used to inform policy makers and programme planners to improve policies and interventions for better nutrition and, by an iterative process, will also contribute to the formulation of new questions for analysis.



NIPN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Country-owned: design of platform and analysis of data embedded within national structures

Sensitive to context: analysis meets each country's needs and priorities

Builds upon what exists: makes the best use of current information systems and existing coordination mechanisms

Strengthens capacity: supports the skills, means and analytical methods to achieve objectives

Adds value: complements or is synergistic with other initiatives, avoiding the duplication of efforts

Enhances multi-sectoral efforts: supports national policies and multi-sectoral plans for better nutrition

NIPN GLOBAL COORDINATION

The NIPN initiative will be coordinated internationally through a Stakeholder Group, to bring coherence to the process and achieve alignment with other initiatives. An Expert Advisory Group will be constituted to provide technical guidance and advice throughout the project. Agrinatura, the European alliance on agricultural knowledge for development, has been contracted by the European Commission to establish a Global Support Facility - hosted at Agropolis International - to support each country to develop a National Information Platform for Nutrition and to coordinate the technical support and capacity building required.



Country representatives, donors, international organisations

- » Strategic vision and direction
- » Political and financial support
- » Coherence and alignment with other initiatives
- » Global dissemination and advocacy of results



Technical experts from scientific and international organisations

- » Advice on the establishment of NIPNs
- » Specialist technical advice and links to networks of experts
- » Source of critical reviewers and technical consultants
- » Links with other initiatives



Staff employed to coordinate and support the NIPN set up in countries

- » Coordination of the initiative within and between countries
- » Support to design and establish each NIPN
- » Design of analytical platform, capacity building and technical assistance
- » Links with SUN and other initiatives to ensure coherence

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