Since 2006, Guinea-Bissau has made progress increasing the rate of exclusive breastfeeding of infants under six months, but stunting rates remain high and progress toward the Global Nutrition Targets is largely off-track. To realize the full health, social and economic benefits of improved nutrition, Guinea-Bissau should:

- Allocate resources to ensure full implementation of the National Nutrition Strategy, including designating a specific budget line for nutrition
- Strengthen multi-sectoral planning and coordination efforts, including establishment of a common results framework for nutrition
- Adopt strong regulations on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes to bring them in line with global recommendations, including effective monitoring and enforcement mechanisms

Malnutrition has lasting effects on individuals, families and nations:
- NEARLY HALF of all child deaths are related to poor nutrition
- 10% or more of a person’s lifetime earnings can be lost due to lower productivity, reduced cognitive ability and increased health care costs
- 3% to 10% of the GDP in African economies is lost due to undernutrition

PROGRESS AGAINST THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY’S GLOBAL NUTRITION TARGETS 2025

**IMPROVING NUTRITION STRENGTHENS NATIONS AS A LEADING CONTRIBUTOR TO:**
- Reducing mortality rates
- Promoting optimal growth and development
- Decreasing the risk of infectious diseases

**PROGRESS AGAINST STUNTING**

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**MATERNAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH**

- **Women of reproductive age, anaemia:** 45% (Target: 50% reduction in the number of women of reproductive age who are anaemic)
- **Women of reproductive age with anaemia:** 45% (Target: 50% reduction in the number of women of reproductive age who are anaemic)
- **Women of reproductive age, thinness:** N/A
- **Women of reproductive age, low birthweight:** N/A

**POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR NUTRITION**

- **Maternal Leave:** 60 days paid
- **International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes:** Few provisions in law
- **Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan:** Yes
- **Codified Nutrition Plan:** Yes
- **Separate Nutrition Budget:** N/A
- **SUN Country:** Since 2014

**PROGRESS AGAINST THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY’S GLOBAL NUTRITION TARGETS 2025**

- **Exclusive breastfeeding:** 53% (Target: 50% reduction in the number of infants under-six months who are not breastfed)
- **Minimum acceptable diet:** N/A
- **Minimum dietary diversity:** 13% (Target: 40% reduction in the number of children aged 6-23 months who have the minimum dietary diversity)
- **Low birth weight:** N/A

**CATEGORIZATION OF CODE LEGISLATION**

Few provisions in law: country has enacted legislation or adopted regulations, directives, decrees or other legally binding measures covering few of the provisions of the Code or subsequent WHA resolutions.