ACCELERATING HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES THROUGH IMPROVED NUTRITION

Recently, stakeholder consultation meetings and briefings in Togo have built momentum for nutrition among stakeholders, including government, civil society and private sector partners. However, stunting rates have been largely stagnant for two decades and progress toward most of the Global Nutrition Targets is off-track. Immediate actions that Togo can take to address this include:

- Develop and implement a costed and multi-sectoral nutrition plan to prioritize and guide nutrition activities at the national and community level
- Allocate resources for nutrition programming through a dedicated budget line item
- Adopt and implement the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes

POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR NUTRITION

Actions that Togo can take to address this include:

- Togo has defined nutrition as a priority area and aligned national policies and strategies with the Global Platform for Nutrition Action
- The Togolese government has made a commitment to accelerate progress towards the Global Nutrition Targets
- Togo has set targets and indicators for nutrition and has established a national nutrition policy
- Togo has established multi-sectoral coordination mechanisms
- Togo has allocated resources for nutrition programming through a dedicated budget line item
- Togo has adopted the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes
- Togo has drafted legislation but not enacted it)

CHILD NUTRITION INDICATORS

- 16% of children under-five are underweight
- 28% of children under-five are stunted
- 7% of children under-five are wasted
- 11% of children are born with low birthweight

CHILD MORTALITY

78 deaths per 1,000 live births which puts Togo off-track to contribute to reducing under-five mortality to 25 per 1,000 live births (Sustainable Development Goal 3).

MATERNAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH

- Women of reproductive age with anaemia: 48%
- Women of reproductive age, thinness: 11%
- Women of reproductive age, short stature: 7%

PROGRESS AGAINST STUNTING

IMPROVING NUTRITION STRENGTHENS NATIONS AS A LEADING CONTRIBUTOR TO:

- Reducing mortality rates
- Promoting optimal growth and development
- Decreasing the risk of infectious diseases
- Protecting against chronic conditions later in life
- Improving future earning potential

CATEGORIZATION OF CODE LEGISLATION

No legal measures: country has taken no action or has implemented the Code only through voluntary agreements or other non-legal measures (includes countries that have drafted legislation but not enacted it).

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