



NUTRITION COORDINATION STRUCTURE FOR TANZANIA

2023



BACKGROUND

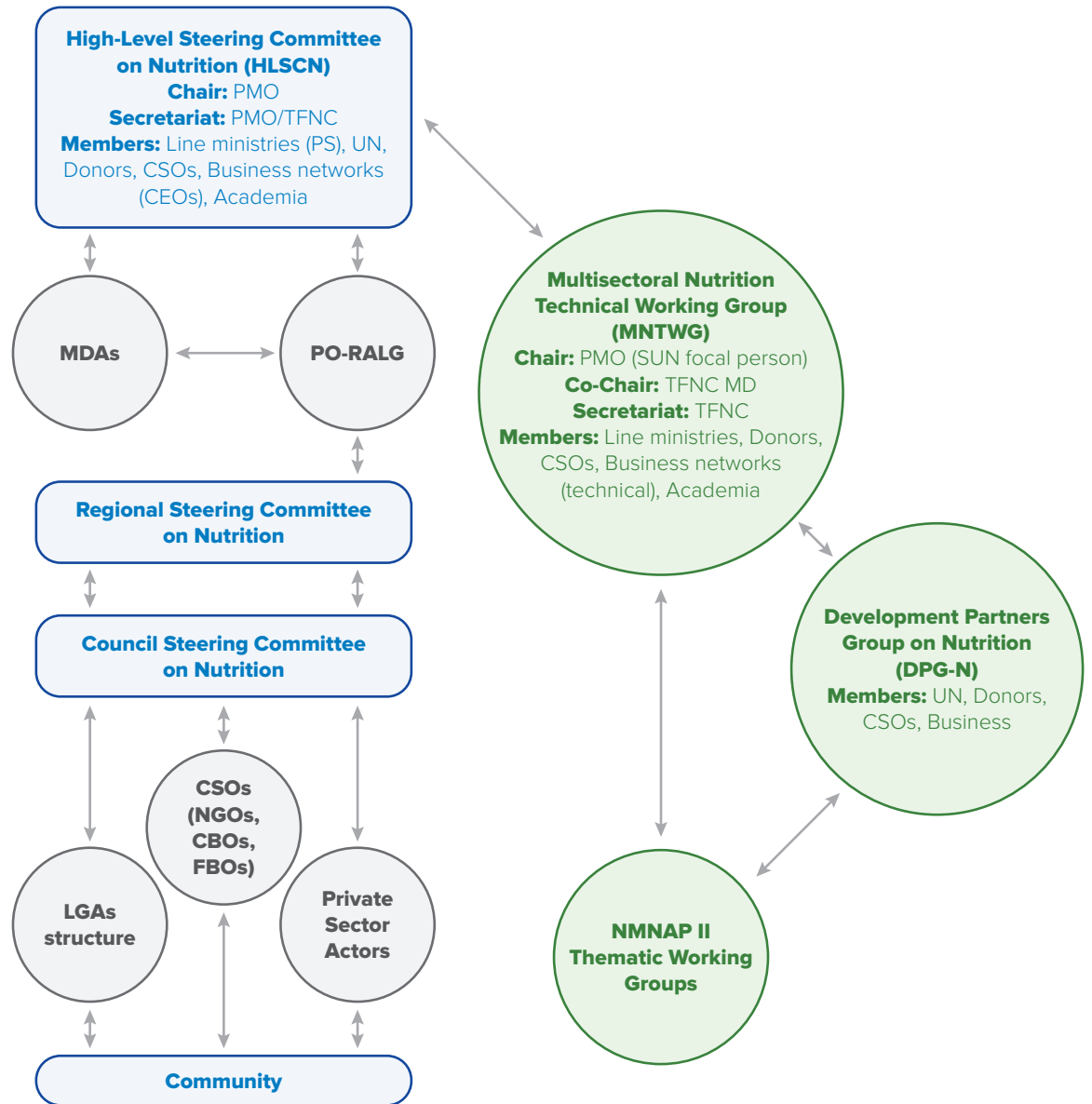
The United Republic of Tanzania was among the first countries to join the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement. As soon it did (in 2011), nutrition received high-level political attention, and various national-level commitments have been implemented since. Significant changes in the nutrition landscape in Tanzania following SUN include introduction of the nutrition cadre at the regional and district levels; the compact agreement with mandatory planning and use of 500 and (later 1,000) Tanzanian shillings per child under five for nutrition; development and implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP); and placement of high-level nutrition coordination under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). This decision was necessary because the PMO is mandated to coordinate government business including the work of all ministries, departments, and agencies (table 1) that are responsible for delivering nutrition-sensitive interventions.

The country's nutrition coordination structure is defined by NMNAPs I (2016–2021) and II (2021–2026). Both describe how nutrition-sensitive sectors should contribute to nutrition goals. As with the first, the current NMNAP defines a coordination structure from the national to sub-national level for how various nutrition actors interact and receive technical support (figure 1). The strategy also describes how SUN networks, including funders, United Nations (UN), academia, business, and civil society organizations support different aspects of the plan under the leadership of the SUN country focal person from the PMO.

President's Office- Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG)

- 1 **Ministry of Health**
- 2 **Ministry of Agriculture**
- 3 **Ministry of Planning and Finance**
- 4 **Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**
- 5 **Ministry of Education Science and Technology**
- 6 **Ministry of Industry and Trade**
- 7 **Ministry of Communication Technology and Information Technology**
- 8 **Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Group**
- 9 **Ministry of Water**
- 10 **Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre**

Figure 1.
NMNAP Coordination
Structure- Adapted
from NMNAP II



PMO COORDINATION SUPPORT

The High-Level Steering Committee for Nutrition (HLSCN) comprises permanent secretaries (PSs) from all nutrition-sensitive sectors. It meets biannually to discuss NMNAP implementation progress and endorse plans set by the sectors before presentation to parliament. The meeting is chaired by the PS PMO, and the managing director from the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Center is the secretary. SUN network leaders are members.

The Multi-sectoral Nutrition Technical Group comprises directors from nutrition-sensitive sectors. It meets biannually to escalate various issues to the HLSCN. It is chaired by the SUN country focal person from the PMO and hosted before the HLSCN.

The thematic working groups (TWGs) are nutrition governance, promotion, services delivery, and -sensitive. They meet quarterly to discuss NMNAP implementation progress by theme, and are chaired by assistant technical directors from the thematic sectors and co-chaired by representatives of implementing partners (except the nutrition governance TWG, which is chaired by the PMO assistant director of policy and coordination). Overall, the PMO ensures that sectors have planned, budgeted, and implemented nutrition-sensitive and any other activities that will improve the enabling environment for nutrition as directed. It also ensures adequate resource allocation for planned activities.



ADDITIONAL PMO COORDINATION ROLES



Strengthen partner linkages. New nutrition partners report to PMO before embarking on their work and the PMO links them with respective sector ministries and the PORALG.

Conduct high-level nutrition advocacy.

Through the various platforms, the PMO coordination office reports gaps and unmet needs to the PMO for decision-making and action.



Coordinate response to global and regional nutrition initiatives.

Tanzania is a member of initiatives including Nutrition for Growth, SUN, Southern African Development Cooperation, and African Union. The PMO coordination office ensures swift response to and representation at these initiatives.

Ensure accountability for nutrition. For efficient operationalization of the nutrition plan, each partner must fulfil its expectations. The PMO coordination office ensures smooth communication and coordination between each government, funder, implementing partner, UN, and private sector actor to allocate resources to fund the plan. Each group jointly reports its accomplishments annually and plans for the next.

