

What is the situation?



Only **1 in 3** infants, under the age of 6 months, are exclusively breastfed (**about 30%**) ²



1 in 3 children under the age of 5 are anemic (**33%**) ²



Only **1 in 10** young children, **aged 6-23 months**, fed with adequate and nutritionally diverse diets ¹



1 in 4 children under the age of 5 are stunted (**25%**) ¹



5 per cent childhood wasting - doubled in 2022 from 2019 ¹

What are our priorities?

- Prevention of malnutrition by focusing on the first 1,000 days of life and delivering evidence-based maternal and child nutrition interventions.
- Early detection through referrals and treatment of childhood wasting.
- Strengthening the national nutrition information system and capacity at local and community level for service delivery.
- Multi-sectoral nutrition response to deliver intersectoral interventions to address underlying determinants of access to food, services, and adoption of optimum practices.

¹ SMART 2022 NWS

² SMART survey 2019 report

What are we doing?

Protecting, promoting, and supporting optimal breastfeeding practices, as well as the use of age-appropriate complementary foods during the first 1,000 days of life.



Increasing capacity of front-line workers on skilled maternal nutrition counselling and care during pregnancy and lactation period.



Generating evidence through assessments and surveys (SMART 2023)



Strengthening nutrition surveillance and inter-sectoral linkages with other sectors.

What are our targets for 2023?



2 million children and pregnant and lactating women receiving micronutrients



256,000 children 6-59 months receiving vitamin A supplementation



1.9 million children 6-59 months screened for wasting



1.6 million primary caregivers of children 0-23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling

What are the gaps?

The lack of sustainable, long-term funding impacts negatively prevention work and delivery of nutrition supplies for treatment. Lack of investments in long-term system building efforts that address stunting.

