



C4N-SUN Success Stories

From 2024 to 2026, Capacity for Nutrition¹ (C4N) offered on-demand technical assistance and capacity development to all Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) countries through C4N-SUN. The action focused on **public finance** and **food systems transformation**, themes that are prioritised in the SUN 4.0 strategy. Across and in close cooperation with the regional SUN Hubs, C4N-SUN also catered for civil society, youth and private sector networks. C4N-SUN supported the EU and Member States to be impactful in spheres with few actors, and this note provides examples of how successful interventions have been taken up. An overview of all requests to C4N-SUN can be found in annex.

Public finance for nutrition

As a result of the new development finance context, the need to diversify nutrition finance sources and enhance domestic funding for nutrition has gained traction.

- In Liberia, the country hardest hit by USAID cuts, technical assistance to a nutrition resource mobilisation strategy led Government to include for the first time a **domestic allocation** for nutrition in the draft 2026 national budget.
- C4N-SUN's support to **nutrition budget analyses** opened the door for better nutrition budgeting and advocacy. In Burkina Faso, the Ministry of Health used the analysis to inform subsequent budget preparation. In Ecuador, civil society applied the learnings from the C4N course on nutrition budget analysis and advocacy to analyse government's nutrition interventions in the budget.
- On **innovative finance** instruments such as taxation of sugar sweetened beverages (SSB), C4N-SUN raised awareness, by leading sessions at regional events and organising webinars. In Zambia, where C4N-SUN provided technical assistance, it is expected that the Government will use the analysis to increase its SSB taxes.

Combining public finance and food systems expertise for school meals

As part of a strategic C4N-SUN training partnership with the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative, The Gambia analysed public finance aspects of school meals programmes. As a result, the School Feeding Programme was expanded to more schools, and the domestic budget increased by approximately USD 1 million.

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Food systems transformation for nutrition

Food systems must go beyond providing healthier and sustainably produced foods to actively guide consumers toward more nutritious choices.

- **Promoting healthy diets by food and nutrition labelling:** C4N-SUN organised a peer-to-peer learning event in April 2024, in Bangkok. The participating countries created tailored roadmaps to advance food and nutrition labelling, and have made significant progress:
 - Lao PDR drafted regulations for labelling of infant food products and feeding equipment.
 - Nepal enacted the Food Safety and Quality Act 2024, focused on improving regulations for consumer protection and food quality standards.
 - Research and capacity building measures were carried out in Indonesia and Myanmar to understand labelling preferences and raise awareness of consumers and the private sector.
- **Improving adolescents' diets:** Key recommendations coming out of a C4N-SUN supported workshop in Burkina Faso aimed at transforming school food environments and securing healthier diets for the country's youth. The roadmap focused on school meals with a suggested new national law for financially well-equipped school meal programmes that should draw on local products. It also included a point on developing food-based dietary guidelines.
- **The connection between food systems, climate change, and nutrition is increasingly recognised:** C4N-SUN has contributed to this trend at **global** level by: (i) supporting UNFCCC side events on incorporating nutrition into climate policies; (ii) launching a strategic partnership with Clim-Eat leading to **global** nutrition and climate [knowledge products](#); and (iii) providing nutrition-specific expertise to the **regional** GIZ project Advancing climate-responsive agricultural value chains in the ASEAN region, which again links to the [ASEAN-Climate Resilience Network](#), where Lao PDR and the Philippines emerged as **national** nutrition climate champions.

Achievements from connecting global climate and nutrition processes with regional and national needs:

- Nutrition project proposals from the ASEAN Climate Leadership Programme participants Philippines and Lao PDR received government funding.
- GIZ input on nutrition inspired the [Outlook and Vision of ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry \(FAF\) Sector: Towards 2045](#) to include action points on diversifying agricultural output and production and reducing food loss and waste.

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A full overview of requests to C4N-SUN can be found in the annex on the following pages.

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The table below lists requests to which C4N-SUN responded during implementation (late 2023 to early 2026). It is organised by the requesting SUN hub or network, thematic area (food systems: FST; public finance: PF4N), date of implementation and country. If you need further information, please contact KPCN Programme Manager Dr. Marco Hartmann: marco.hartmann@giz.de.

Name	FST/ PF4N	Date	Country	Description
<u>Asia Hub</u>				
National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Management Information System/ Dashboard	FST	Jan 2024 - Feb 2026	Pakistan	The SUN Movement Pakistan requested technical assistance to support development of a national multi-sectoral nutrition management information system/dashboard. This system will help providing real time data both on nutrition sensitive/indirect and nutrition specific/direct activities and results for effective planning and programming on nutrition.
Regional Peer to peer (P2P) learning event: Food labelling	FST	April 2024	Thailand	The objective of the event was to provide a platform for exchange among key country stakeholders about needs for and experiences with food labelling in interested SUN countries in the Asia region (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Vietnam).
Development of Food Fortification Strategy	FST	June 2024 - May 2025	Cambodia	The objective of this request was to support the National Sub-committee for Food Fortification of the Ministry of Planning in developing a national strategy for food fortification.
Grant for Clim-Eat: 'How to better integrate nutrition in climate frameworks / strategic documents and vice versa?'	FST	Aug 2024 - Sep 2025	Lao PDR, Philippines, global	Outputs were, among others, a technical brief on Climate Adaptation Priorities for Lao PDR's Food-Based Dietary Guidelines and a roundtable dialogue and technical workshop "The Philippines' Path to Climate-Resilient and Nutrition-Secure Food Systems". Online formats organized were e.g. the think table to discuss indicators at the intersection of climate and nutrition. Side-events were organized at UNFCCC COP 29 and COP 30 as well as at the national adaptation plan (NAP) Expo.
Regional P2P learning event: Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Training	FST	September 2024	Cambodia	The SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) in Cambodia requested funding to support a training program for their members, primarily focused on nutrition-sensitive agriculture practices and behaviour-centred programming. The course included information relating to basic and essential agriculture concepts, linking nutrition pathways to agriculture, identifying and developing seasonal calendars, and developing behavioural change concepts for nutrition sensitive agriculture programs.
Side event at COP30 (paid via GIZ Agritrade II project); listed here for technical relevance	FST	Oct - Nov 2025	Brazil	Tasks were to prepare, organise, and participate in side-event(s) at COP30 (November 2025); participate, present or moderate in one COP30 briefing session for GIZ / ASEAN CRN; engage and support relevant ASEAN member states delegates attending the side event during COP30, especially Department of Agriculture Thailand; promote event on relevant social media platforms

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Support to SUN Asia, Convergence and Francophone Africa Hub countries for the elaboration of the N4G 2025 commitments	PF4N	Sep 2024 - April 2025	Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Yemen, Nepal, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste	C4N-SUN received a request from the EC to provide support to SUN countries in Asia to work on the preparation of new, SMART commitments in the run up to Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris in March 2025. For countries who had not reported on progress against N4G 2021 commitments, support to collect, review and report the necessary data was also to be provided. Later, C4N-SUN was asked to extend the support to Francophone Africa (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger). Here, the approach used by the sister project EU4SUN was to be applied to ensure consistency within the region. Before the N4G Summit, the EC asked C4N-SUN to financially support 10 participants from selected SUN countries to travel to Paris and present their commitments.
Regional P2P learning event: Nutrition Financing in Asia	PF4N	Sep 2024	Thailand	C4N, with the Finance Capacity Development Platform (FCDP) for SUN Countries and WB, has supported the organisation of a regional P2P event to facilitate the sharing of SUN Asia countries' experiences in financing nutrition, including through innovative sources.
Regional P2P learning event: Nutrition-Responsive Public Finance Management	PF4N	Oct 2025	Thailand	C4N, together with FCDP and WB, has supported the organisation of a regional workshop to facilitate the sharing of SUN Asia countries' experiences with nutrition responsive budgeting, with a specific focus on nutrition budget tracking. As part of the workshop, C4N led the conduct of a study on nutrition budget tagging and tracking in Asia
Anglophone Africa Hub				
Revision of the Common Results Framework	FST	Jan - May 2024	The Gambia	Review of the Common Results Framework of the National Nutrition Policy (2021 – 2025).
Integration of Food Systems and Climate Action into Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) Planning Toolkit	FST	March 2024 - March 2025	Ghana	Objectives were to: 1. update the FNS toolkit from the food systems transformation perspective and incorporate climate action agreements from Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, And Climate Action and the TOR for the Alliance of Champions for Food Systems Transformation, the N4G commitments and the UNFSS food system pathway and action plan; 2. enhance Ghana's capacity for food systems and climate action diagnosis, planning, financing, monitoring and evaluation at sector and district levels.
Development of a Food Systems Coordination Strategy and Action Plan	FST	Feb - Nov 2025	Sierra Leone	The National Scaling Up Nutrition and Food Systems Coordination Unit in the Office of the Vice President of Sierra Leone requested technical assistance to support development of a Food Systems Coordination Strategy and related Action Plan. The objective of the request was to strengthen the policy framework related to food systems transformation with the design of strategic documents that facilitate coordination of sectoral implementation towards a robust food systems architecture.

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Capacity Building for Improved Governance and Leadership in Malawi's Food Systems	FST	March - Oct 2025	Malawi	Objectives were: 1. to enhance the knowledge and skills of the Civil Society Organization Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) staff members and other relevant stakeholders in food systems transformation; 2. to build capacity of CSONA staff and members in advocacy and knowledge dissemination to amplify impact and raise awareness on food systems and nutrition and related issues.
Grant for ZEF (since 2023, continues to 2027)	FST	April - Dec 2025	Kenya, Malawi, Zambia	With two other GIZ projects, C4N had a partnership with the University of Bonn / the Center for Development Research (ZEF). Since April 2025, C4N-SUN, ZEF and the SUN Movement have worked on a study that looks at stunting at a regional level and determinants of nutrition and diets in Malawi, Kenya and Zambia. In December 2025, a final workshop took place to present and discuss the findings with partners from these countries.
Regional P2P learning event: public financing for nutrition	PF4N	March 2024	Zambia	Objectives were: 1. to enhance SUN Country capacities in public financing for nutrition; 2. to enable countries to fine-tune their TA and CD requests and develop a roadmap for further support and implementation; 3. to intensify partnership and collaboration at both regional and country levels.
Support in reforming sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) taxation	PF4N	April 2024 - Jan 2026	Zambia	The overall objective of this TA was to support the Government of Zambia and the National Food and Nutrition Commission, in its envisaged reform of the SSB taxation by providing analysis of the fiscal and health effects of such a reform. The analysis aimed in particular to inform the rates the envisaged reformed SSB tax will apply.
Support in development of resource mobilisation and advocacy strategy for nutrition	PF4N	July 2024 - Nov 2025	Liberia	The overall objective of the assignment was to support the SUN Movement Secretariat, Office of the Vice President, in their efforts to implement newly launched Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Costed Strategic Costed Plan, by supporting the development of a resource mobilisation strategy for nutrition.
Grant for CABRI: 'Building Public Finance Capabilities for Nutrition Programme'	PF4N	Sep 2024 - Sep 2025	Liberia, Ghana, the Gambia	As part of a C4N-SUN training partnership with the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI), The Gambia analysed public finance aspects of school meals programmes. Ghana also looked at school meals funding and Liberia reviewed public finance for nutrition-specific programmes.
Rapid budget analysis to inform revised financial commitment for N4G	PF4N	Feb - March 2025	The Gambia	The TA reviewed progress made with regards to the financial commitment made in N4G 2021 by The Gambia through conducting a rapid nutrition budget analysis.
Capacity Building for Sustained Nutrition Financing	PF4N	March - Aug 2025	Malawi	The activity aimed to enhance through coaching the skills of CSONA staff and members in budget analysis and tracking to support effective financial advocacy and in budget advocacy for nutrition.
Francophone Africa Hub				

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Study on opportunities to mainstream nutrition in social protection programmes	FST	Oct 2023 - April 2025	Mauritania	The Ministry of the Economy and Sustainable Development, which is responsible for multi-sectoral coordination of nutrition, commissioned a study, with the support of the C4N-SUN programme, to highlight the opportunities for maximising the impact of social protection actions on nutrition indicators in Mauritania.
TA to roadmap activities for transformation of food systems in Burkina Faso	FST	Jan - Nov 2025	Burkina Faso	The Technical Secretary for Multisectoral Nutrition has requested technical assistance from C4N-SUN to support the development of programmes aimed at improving the dietary intake of adolescents.
Advocacy and mobilisation strategy for financing the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan	FST	Feb - May 2025	Madagascar	The general objective of this request was to mobilise nutrition stakeholders around the drafting of an advocacy and resource mobilisation strategy to finance the national action plan for nutrition.
Support for the development of the roadmap for strengthening sustainable and resilient food systems by 2030	FST	May - Nov 2025	Mali	Technical advisory support at key stages in finalizing the roadmap for strengthening sustainable and resilient food systems by 2030 was provided.
Technical assistance for a budget analysis exercise	PF4N	April - Nov 2024	Djibouti	The aim of the technical assistance was to support the Djibouti government in producing an initial budget analysis focusing on nutrition.
Assistance with a budget analysis exercise	PF4N	May 2024 - July 2025	Mauritania	The general objective of this study was to assess the contribution of the state budget to the financing of nutrition in Mauritania.
Technical assistance for a monitoring exercise on public funding for nutrition	PF4N	June - Nov 2024	Burkina Faso	The general objective of this study was to assess the contribution of the state budget to the financing of nutrition in Burkina Faso over the period 2022 to 2023
Regional P2P learning event Innovative Financing	PF4N	June 2025	Senegal	The P2P Workshop on Innovative Nutrition Financing & Regional Dialogue on N4G aimed to facilitate knowledge sharing and peer learning on innovative nutrition financing.
<u>Convergence Hub</u>				
Regional P2P learning event: Food Systems and Innovation	FST	Sep 2023 - June 2024	Kenya	The SUN Hub, in partnership with C4N, organised the workshop to address food systems transformation and innovation in fragile and conflict-affected states. As a prelude to the SUN Global Gathering (cancelled later), this workshop served as a platform to achieve the SUN Movement Secretariat's objectives by facilitating support to countries and advancing the goals of FST and harnessing technology and innovation to achieve nutrition gains.
Nutrition Information System for Yemen's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan	FST	Oct 2023 - Feb 2026	Yemen	The objective was to review and as relevant revise the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning framework of Yemen's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan.

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Training on Budget Analysis and Costing for Nutrition	PF4N	Sep 2024	Somalia	The objectives of the training were: 1) strengthen the technical capacities of staff involved in the development and implementation of Somalia's Nutrition Strategy; 2) develop a shared understanding of nutrition-related budgeting issues, facilitate effective participation in the budgetary process and optimize financial resources allocated to the various sectors; 3) reinforce intersectoral relations and collaborations to achieve nutrition outcomes in Somalia.
Regional P2P learning event: N4G	PF4N	Feb 2025	Thailand	The SMS Hub with SUN Networks, C4N and FIIAPP, hosted the workshop titled 'Assessment of National Progress and Preparation for the 2025 Paris Summit'. The workshop provided a platform for Yemen, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo to share experiences and learn from one another.
<u>Business Network</u>				
E-learning course – Engage private sector for nutrition	FST	Jan 2023 – Oct 2024	Global	The objective of the TA was to finalise a training course , based on the training content developed by the SUN Business Network (SBN) to: 1. increase SUN Focal Points' understanding of opportunities for business in nutrition, providing insight into how business thinks about their role in nutrition; 2. share more information about SBN – what it is, and how to support the set up and operationalization of a national SBN, and: 3. provide guidance on how to better support and leverage SBN at country level, and how to deal with conflict of interest in business in nutrition.
<u>Civil Society Network</u>				
Develop and conduct virtual Budget Analysis and Advocacy Training with the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN)	PF4N	Jan - Dec 2024	Colombia, Ecuador, Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, Indonesia	The objective of the training was to build the capacity of CSN members in nutrition budget analysis, lobbying and advocacy, as well as training of trainer skills, across four regions. The CSN expected that the participants and regional advisers would cascade the training to other members, so a training-of-trainer component was mainstreamed throughout the course. A coaching phase followed the 6 months after completion, to allow for a tailored and on-demand provision of support to the country teams in preparing their own training course.
Regional P2P learning event: School Meals	FST	Oct 2025	Philippines	This workshop intended to provide a platform where the SUN CSN members (Philippines, Laos, Vietnam and Sri Lanka), engaged in designing and testing models and strategies for school meals, were brought together to share and learn from each other and equip them with knowledge and skills to improve school meal programs in their respective contexts. Good practices and lessons learned were generated from field visits and learning exchanges.