



# AFRICA REGIONAL NUTRITION STRATEGY 2016-2025

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**Goal** – Healthy and well-nourished citizens

- Incidences of hunger and malnutrition would have been reduced by at least 80% and hunger by at least 30% with an accent on women
- The beginnings of transformed African economies which provide the resources and the medium for eliminating poverty and hunger.....
- Basic necessities of life-safe drinking water and sanitation will be available to nine out of ten persons

# Africa Health Strategy (2016-2030)

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## Strategic focus-

- Scaling up efforts to end hunger and malnutrition
- Addressing non-communicable diseases

## Strategic Objective-

- Reducing all forms of malnutrition including stunting among children and related nutrition objectives as specified in the Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy(2016-2025)

# Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy ARNS (2015-2025)

## Guiding Principles:

- a) It is the responsibility of each AU member state to fulfill their obligations towards realization of the right to nutrition security for all their citizens
- b) It is the role of the AU, its institutions and partner agencies to provide advocacy, guidance and support to the efforts of AU member states
- c) AU to use its well established mechanisms to put in place accountability frameworks which are tailored towards nutrition in order to strengthen nutrition governance

## Objectives :

1. 40% reduction of the number of African children under 5 years who are stunted by 2025;
2. 50% reduction of anemia in women of child-bearing age in Africa by 2025;
3. 30% reduction of low birth weight in Africa by 2025;
4. No increase of overweight in African children under 5 years of age by 2025;
5. Increase exclusive breast-feeding rates during the first six months in Africa to at least 50% by 2025;
6. Reduce and maintain childhood wasting in Africa to less than 5% by 2025.

# Advocacy-for nutrition specific /sensitive interventions

## To include-

1. Nutrition sensitive agriculture-Transformation of agriculture in Africa to provide both food and nutrition security, in order to improve both the quantity and quality of foods produced
2. Nutrition sensitive social protection-
3. Nutrition sensitive water and sanitation-e.g increased hand washing with soap and control of open defecation
4. Nutrition Sensitive Education-Increased knowledge and understanding of nutrition among young 'parents-to-be and improving the nutritional status of adolescent girls, including actions to address obesity and related NCD's
5. Nutrition Sensitive Trade and Industry-aiming to make food production and marketing play a key role in providing more nutritious food for consumers
6. Community-based nutrition Approaches-that foster community engagement and ownership of nutrition sensitive and specific interventions
7. Nutrition specific and sensitive multi-sectorial approaches-The strengthening of nutrition governance to create an 'enabling environment'

# Initiatives and platforms

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## Initiatives-

- ❑ 2014-Appointment of an African Nutrition Champion- (His Majesty King Letsie III) mandated extended in 2017/2019 - **Assembly/AU/Dec.621(XXVIII)**
- ❑ AUC embarked on generating evidence around the enormity of the malnutrition problem in Africa (Cost Hunger in Africa) COHA study - **Assembly/AU/ Decl.4(XXIII)** - 21 countries have completed the study so far.
- ❑ ARISE-2025-AUC led continental campaign towards the Elimination of Child Under nutrition in Africa: to reduce stunting by 10% and malnutrition by 5% by 2025
- ❑ Africa Leaders for Nutrition Initiative-Co led with the Africa Development Bank endorsed in **2018 - Assembly/AU/Dec.681(XXX)** . **Further the** Continental Accountability Scorecard for Nutrition was launched in 2019

## Platforms-

- ❑ African Task Force on Food and Nutrition Development (ATFFND) established 1987 meets yearly
- ❑ 30 October of each year as “Africa’s Day for Food and Nutrition Security”
- ❑ 1 March each year – African Day of School Feeding

# Monitoring and accountability for the ARNS(2015-2020)

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The key outcomes and outputs of the ARNS are classified under the following 4 themes-

1. Coordination and Management
2. Initiatives
3. Advocacy and Communication
4. Monitoring and Evaluation

Undertakings-

- a. Mapping of Nutrition Policies, Interventions & Actors
- b. Development of a Continental Nutrition Report
- c. Mid-term review of the ARNS(2015-2025)
- d. Continental report on the Cost of Hunger in Africa
- e. Biannual Report of the Nutrition Champion to the Assembly

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# Thank You