

National Budget meeting at Kaduna

The participants worked together to develop an action plan that is to be supervised by Mrs. Christy Yunanah (Ministry of Budget and National Planning).

NEXT STEPS				
Challenges	Solutions	Action Points	Persons Responsible	Timelines
Inadequate budgetary allocations	Adequate Budgetary Allocation/Speedy passage of national budget	Advocacy and sensitization of policy makers in MDAs and Legislatures using nutrition advocacy tools	MBNP, NCN, CSOs, Nutrition Champions	Q4 (2018) to Q1 (2019); Continuous
Late release of allocations	Timely release of allocations	Early submission of proposals by MDAs	FMF, MBNP, Accountant General of the Federation	Q4 (2018) to Q1 (2019); Continuous
Specific budget line for nutrition	Prioritization of nutrition in budget proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDAs to create and prioritize nutrition budget lines. Budget office to recognize nutrition budget lines. 	DFAs, PS, Ministers of Finance and BNP	Q4 (2018) to Q2 (2019)
Ineffective Monitoring mechanism for nutrition activities implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective monitoring mechanism and Put in place surveillance system Provide oversight for nutrition activities implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a monitoring mechanism with guidelines for implementation Design and operationalize the surveillance system for nutrition Effective utilization of existing tools 	MBNP, All MDAs	Q4 (2018): continuous

Lack of awareness on the importance of nutrition at all levels	Create awareness on the importance of nutrition at all levels	Advocacy, sensitization meetings for key stakeholders, mass media campaigns, etc	All MDAs, CSOs, media	Q4 (2018); Continuous
Low level of multisectoral collaboration	Strengthen the NCFN/SCFN secretariats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFN reporting to the PS • Advocate for nutrition department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSOs, 	Q4 (2018); Continuous
Weak coordination of nutrition activities				
Ineffective coordination of partners	Revitalize the partners forum	Advocacy visit to the PS	CS-SUNN, MBNP	Q4 (2018);
Weak communication amongst the stakeholders	Newsletters and appraisals, periodic reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop quarterly newsletters • Administer quarterly appraisal using developed appraisal tool 	MBNP nutrition secretariat	Q1 (2019); Continuous