

Annex I to the Contribution Agreement

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Description of the Action

Capacity for Nutrition 2.0 (C4N 2.0)

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List of Abbreviations

AgSys	Global Programme on Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
CD	Capacity Development
C4N	Capacity for Nutrition
CFS	Committee on World Food Security
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
COP	Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Climate Change Conference with regard to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DG ECHO	Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
DG ENEST	Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood
DG INTPA	Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission
DG MENA	Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf
DG RTD	Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
DG SANTE	Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety
DeSIRA	Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture
EC	European Commission
EFSD+	European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus
EU	European Union
EUD	European Union Delegation/s
EUMS+	Members States of the European Union and other like-minded European countries
GAIN	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
GCAN	Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
GNR	Global Nutrition Report

GP	Global Programme
HARD	Heads of Agriculture and Rural Development group
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
JRC	Joint Research Centre
KPCN	Knowledge and Policy Coherence for Nutrition
LIFT	Leveraging the DeSIRA Initiative for agri-food systems transformation
MDD	Minimum Dietary Diversity
MoNA	Globale Programme Modular Nutrition Actions
N4G	Nutrition for Growth
NFP	Nourishing Food Pathways
NIPN	National Information Platforms for Nutrition
SAAFS	Sustainable Aquatic and Agricultural Food Systems
SASI-SPI	Sustainable Agri-Food System Intelligence Science Policy Interface
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition Movement
PSC	Project Steering Committee
TA	Technical Assistance
TEI	Team Europe Initiative/s
TES	Global Programme Transformation of Food Systems
TRANSI-TIONS	DeSIRA Agroecological Transition Programme for Building Resilient and Inclusive Agricultural Food Systems
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFSS	United Nations Food Systems Summit
USAID	US Agency for International Development
VCA4D	Value Chain Analysis for Development

Project Details

Project title	Capacity for Nutrition 2.0 (C4N 2.0)
Contract no.	700003753
Team Europe Initiative	N/A
Specific Objectives	Support the nutrition and gender sensitive transformation of agri-food systems.
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positioning - Coherent and evidence-based positions on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus are developed to promote healthy and sustainable diets in a Team Europe+ approach. 2. Advisory - Increased technical capacities of INTPA, EUDs and BMZ to scale up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels, benefitting DAC/SUN countries. 3. Country support - Improved technical and institutional capacities to implement evidence-based recommendations for integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action in (SUN) partner countries. 4. Stakeholder Engagement - Nutrition integration is supported through civil society organisations, think tanks and academia.
Total budget	18,000,000 EUR
European Commission financial contribution	10,000,000 EUR
BMZ financial contribution	8,000,000 EUR
Start of implementation period	1 April 2026
End of implementation period	31 August 2029
Project duration	41 months
Country/ies	Global with Senegal, Kenya, Thailand as SUN regional hubs.

1 Executive Summary

The Multi-Donor Action “Capacity for Nutrition 2.0” (C4N 2.0; in the following called “the Action”) is jointly co-financed by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH as part of the BMZ Global Programme (GP) “Knowledge and Policy Coherence for Nutrition” (KPCN). The total budget of this Action is 18,000,000 EUR (EU contribution 10,000,000 EUR and BMZ contribution 8,000,000 EUR). BMZ’s total funding for the BMZ GP KPCN is 10,000,000 EUR.

The Joint Action is to be financed under the EU Action Document “The Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Farm-to-Fork”¹ (Specific Objective 5) and under the EU Action Document “SAAFS – Sustainable Aquatic and Agricultural Food Systems”² (Specific Objective 4). Under “The Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Farm-to-Fork”, the Action contributes (i) to improved technical and institutional capacities in nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative approaches promoting the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, and (ii) to increased technical capacities to scale up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels. Under the EU Action “SAAFS”, the Action contributes to (i) strengthen commitments made by nutrition stakeholders at global level followed up by a global nutrition accountability/governance mechanism and (ii) improved collection of nutrition data at local and national level for consistent use in the establishment of national strategies to fight malnutrition.

The **Overall Objective** of the Action is “to contribute to the transition to inclusive, climate-neutral, resilient and sustainable agri-aquatic food systems”.

The **Specific Objective** (outcome) of the Action is “to support the nutrition and gender sensitive transformation of agri-food systems”.

In light of competing crises, a fragmented and volatile geopolitical landscape, and constrained resources, maintaining strong collaboration and a unified voice for nutrition remains critical: malnutrition levels are rising, fragile food systems are under strain, and millions risk being left behind. In these exceptionally challenging times, the leadership of the EU and Germany is pivotal. Continued commitment, influence, and strategic investments can drive collective momentum and ensure nutrition remains a priority at national, regional and global levels.

Building on the impetus created by the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit and the bold Team Europe pledge (€6.5 billion), the Action will promote nutrition integration so that healthy diets are embedded in global agendas as well as in regional and national processes, thereby driving forward the transformation of agri-food systems and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By forging international partnerships, the Action will support the development and implementation of climate-smart and gender-transformative nutrition policies and interventions, including via Global Gateway blended finance investments.

¹ Action Document – Annex VI to the Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the multiannual action plan for the NDICI – Global Europe thematic programme on Global Challenges (Planet) for 2023-2026

² Action Document – Annex 8 to the Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the multiannual action plan for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (Prosperity) for 2023-2025

The Action aims to strengthen the alliance between the EC and Germany, expanding this to European Union (EU) Member States and other like-minded European countries (Team Europe+) where applicable. This approach places a strong emphasis on shared values and interests, as well as the EU's responsibility and solidarity on the global stage, leading to greater coherence and efficiency – in line with the EU's Global Gateway Strategy.

This will be achieved through 4 mutually reinforcing outputs: (1) strengthening global positioning of the EU, Germany, and Team Europe+ via coherent and evidence-based policy engagement on the nutrition–climate–gender nexus; (2) enhancing technical capacities of INTPA, EUDs, and BMZ to scale up nutrition policy responses at global, regional and national levels, benefitting DAC/SUN countries; (3) providing targeted country support to (SUN) partner countries to implement integrated and data-driven nutrition actions; and (4) engaging civil society, academia, and think tanks to promote knowledge sharing, accountability, and policy uptake. These outputs will be implemented through tailored technical assistance (TA), capacity development (CD), grant mechanisms, and multilevel coordination with EU and BMZ partners. The Action builds on the achievements of the first C4N phase and leverages established networks in Senegal, Kenya, and Thailand as regional hubs.

The Multi-Donor Action co-funding and the BMZ commissioning process of the GP KPCN have been harmonised as well as closely linked to each other to increase efficiency and synergies, and to allow a co-creational elaboration and timeline.

2 Context

2.1 Background

The world is not on track towards achieving the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, including the access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food for all people all year round (SDG Target 2.1), or the eradication of all forms of malnutrition (SDG Target 2.2). Conflict, climate variability and extremes, and economic slowdowns/downturns are the major drivers slowing progress, particularly where inequality is high.

Although enough food is produced to feed the world's population, hunger and malnutrition are on the rise. The number of people affected by hunger globally is between 713 and 757 million, according to the United Nations report "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2024". More than 2.3 billion people experience moderate to severe food insecurity. According to the "Global Hunger Index 2024", significantly more women than men are affected by food insecurity and the consequences of climate change. Projections suggest that by 2030, 582 million people will still be chronically undernourished, and a healthy diet will remain unaffordable for 2.8 billion people. Partner countries need strategic investment in both food systems and early human capital development to meet rising environmental, social, and nutritional challenges.

The global architecture to address undernutrition is evolving against a backdrop of global economic challenges and constrained resources. This puts funding for nutrition-specific interventions at risk, at a time when budgets are not keeping pace with growing needs. The dismantling of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and reductions in aid budgets by other donors over the next 3 to 5 years threaten to reverse decades of progress

in reducing malnutrition. In this context, a renewed strategic focus and enhanced coordination – including through a strengthened Team Europe+ approach – will be essential to maximise collective impact.

A key policy milestone in this direction was the EU Council Conclusions on Food Security and Nutrition (December 2024) that also played a crucial role for the Team Europe pledge at N4G (€6.5 billion). The Conclusions ‘(...) called for further Global Gateway investments within a Team Europe approach, targeting key value chains (including transportation and storage in partner countries) and strategic corridors, contributing to food security, nutrition and the transition of vulnerable countries towards sustainable, resilient and nutritious food systems. (...) The Council recognised the need for further discussion and Team Europe coordination on the interplay between the Global Gateway Strategy and global food security and nutrition.’

The EU’s 360-degree approach to the Global Gateway offers additional opportunities for nutrition by creating an enabling environment for sustainable and quality investments. This approach promotes high social, environmental and governance standards; supports climate neutrality and the green and digital transition; and enhances respect for human rights, the rule of law, non-discrimination, as well as the promotion of decent work, education, gender, youth, social rights and the reduction of inequalities.

This Action will bring these issues together to advance the nutrition- and gender-sensitive transformation of agri-food systems, within a strengthened Team Europe approach.

2.2 Problem Analysis

Good nutrition is both a marker of human rights and a driver of transformative change. It signifies healthier lives, stronger economies, constitutes the foundation for resilience, and touches upon every SDG. It is also important for global stability as it reduces the risks of civil unrest (such as ‘hunger riots’) and migration in search of a better life. However, in the context of multiple, overlapping crises, as well as competing development budgets, efforts to transform agri-food systems to support healthy and sustainable diets – and ultimately improve nutrition – risk losing momentum within global, regional and national development agendas. At the same time, addressing nutrition effectively requires a multisectoral approach and sustained investments across a range of sectors. Strengthened nutrition governance (notably by empowering partner countries and regional organisations to strengthen their strategies to combat hunger and drive essential food system transformation) will therefore be essential for advancing nutrition integration, including a reinforced Team Europe approach and enhanced multistakeholder engagement and coordination.

Ensuring sustainable, resilient, and healthy diets is critical to both improve nutrition and mitigate climate change. Climate change contributes to all forms of malnutrition (including undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and overweight) and increased susceptibility to disease, particularly for nutritionally vulnerable groups. Changes in temperature, precipitation and the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, such as extreme heat, drought, floods and storms, result in reduced crop yields and productivity and put at risk critical infrastructure needed to access food (e.g., roads, storage facilities, water and sanitation). Additionally, climate change influences other underlying factors of malnutrition, such as unsustainable food systems, poor public health, risk of conflict and vulnerable livelihoods / socio-economic status, which in turn also impact the immediate determinants of nutritional status: food consumption and health.

On the other hand, the current food systems driven by unsustainable production practices and increasingly unhealthy dietary patterns, are a major driver of climate change and constitute the single largest driver of environmental degradation threatening to cross planetary boundaries with large-scale, abrupt or irreversible environmental changes. Healthy diets and nutrition are key factors in preventing and seeking solutions to address poverty and to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

The most affected populations are those most vulnerable to poverty and malnutrition, including women and children. Over one billion adolescent girls and women worldwide suffer from undernutrition, with lifelong and intergenerational impacts. At the same time, women have a crucial role to play in poverty reduction and food systems transformation as producers, entrepreneurs, and consumers. Their potential contribution to inclusive food systems transformation is often overlooked and should be advanced. There is extensive evidence that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in agri-food systems lead to greater food security and better nutrition for all.

In line with the Global Gateway, a key priority for sustainable agri-food systems in partner countries is to create a conducive and transparent policy environment that supports sustainable private investments. This includes to boost public and private investments in agri-value chains, facilitating innovation, and promoting improved nutrition - while ensuring the inclusion of women and youth, and addressing critical environmental dimensions such as climate change, biodiversity loss, soil degradation, water scarcity, and contamination. At the N4G summit in Paris, the private sector and International Financial Institutions pledged to mobilise substantial financial resources and innovative solutions to combat malnutrition and promote sustainable food systems globally

SDG 2 and nutrition for all within planetary boundaries can only be achieved if the interlinkages between food and nutrition security, climate change, and gender equality are considered together and addressed collectively. Challenges in implementation are diverse and include issues such as a lack of political prioritisation, insufficient capacities and investments, and inadequate frameworks.

Accordingly, this Action will bring these issues together – taking into account their mutual influences and interdependencies – and look at the nutrition, climate change and gender nexus to advance agri-food systems transformation for healthy and sustainable diets. The potential for the Action lies in the numerous opportunities for coordinated and coherent outreach and policymaking within the framework of a Team Europe+ approach. At the same time, support to partner countries and other stakeholders as well as advice to the EC and particularly the EU Delegations (EUDs) can be leveraged to develop new ways of thinking and working to be able to adapt to changing contexts and political priorities. This will ultimately lead to enhanced food security and better nutrition as well as economic and environmental outcomes.

2.3 Relevance of the Action

The proposed Joint Action is fully aligned with the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, the Council Conclusions on 'Stepping up Team Europe's support to global food security and nutrition', the Global Gateway as well as the EU Gender Action Plan III and Gender Equality Strategy.

Among these, the Council Conclusions and the Global Gateway stand out as particularly relevant for advancing the objectives of this Action. The Council Conclusions highlight the need

to remain committed to support global food security and nutrition, to promote women's and girls' rights and gender equality and recognise the role of agri-food systems in the context of climate change. The Global Gateway aims to enhance smart, clean and secure connections in digital, energy and transport sectors, and to strengthen health, education and research systems across the world. Under this umbrella, a priority for food systems development in partner countries is to support value chains to boost investments, create jobs and increase growth. Going forward, the Action will ensure the recognition of the broad range of pathways to advance the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus through the defined Global Gateway areas of partnership, including collaboration with the private sector.

The Action is further assigned to the BMZ priority area "Life without Hunger – Transforming Agricultural and Food Systems" and the therein defined fields of action "agriculture", "rural development" and "food and nutrition security" (main focus of the Action). The priority area aims to make agri-food systems more effective and efficient, ensuring they are ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable, and resilient to shocks of all kinds – both globally and in partner countries. The 2023 BMZ guidelines on "Feminist Development Policy" and the 2023 BMZ position on "Less Inequality" advocate for equal access to resources, rights, and representation. The Action brings together these different policy areas.

Through this Action, the EC and Germany bring the Team Europe+ approach – which is at the heart of the Global Gateway Strategy – into life. This approach places a strong emphasis on shared values and interests, as well as the EU's responsibility and solidarity on the global stage. In this context, the Action can make good use of existing formats, such as the Heads of Agriculture and Rural Development (HARD) group, which serves as one of the main informal mechanisms for coordinating actions on agri-food system transformation between the EU and its MS. By doing so, it can make a key contribution to ensuring coherence of positions on food and nutrition security.

At international level, the Action supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, focussing on DAC/SUN countries, which prioritises food and nutrition security in SDG 2. The newly adopted indicator on Minimum Dietary Diversity (MDD) puts a focus on the pivotal role that healthy diets play in achieving SDG 2 and the broader 2030 Agenda. Moreover, the interlinkages and synergies between food and nutrition security, climate change, and gender equality are crucial to overall sustainable development.

The Action is in line with and supportive of the outcomes of the 2021 UNSG's Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), the 2023 UNFSS +2 Stocktaking Moment as well as with the 2021 and 2025 N4G Summits that stressed the need to transform food systems and make them sustainable, while delivering healthy, nutritious, and affordable food. With the establishment of over 100 country food system transformation pathways, involving all relevant actors (public and private sector, civil society), prospects have been created for change towards sustainable food systems, in coherence with, amongst others, the Global Biodiversity Framework and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions. The Action holds significant relevance as it will support the EC's Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA) in monitoring progress towards its commitment of €3.4 billion made at N4G in Paris in 2025.

Further, the SUN Movement plays a crucial role in global efforts to combat malnutrition and achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Depending on the new SUN 4.0 Strategy, the Action envisions a close collaboration with the SUN Movement through its Regional Hubs with a focus on member countries in Africa and Asia.

At a regional level, the Action supports, amongst other, the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Strategy and Action Plan, the Kampala CAADP Declaration on Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa (2026 to 2035), as well as strategies and guidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) MS in the area of sustainable agri-food systems.

2.4 Complementarity, Synergy with other relevant Actions

The Action aims to ensure complementarity with other nutrition or food-system initiatives. It will in particular focus on close cooperation and synergies with other EU funded projects.

Donor	Relevant actions	Expected synergies at impact level
EU	DeSIRA (Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture) LIFT (Leveraging the DeSIRA Initiative for agri-food systems transformation) - implemented by Agrinatura	– Strengthened knowledge and evidence to feed policy dialogues and programming on agri-food systems and their agroecological transition in the Global South
EU / IFAD/ CGIAR	DeSIRA Agroecological Transition Programme for Building Resilient and Inclusive Agricultural Food Systems (TRANSITIONS) - implemented by CGIAR	– Strengthened evidence for monitoring, data dashboards and online databases for climate informed decisions on AE, implementing inclusive digital tools, fostering private sector engagement
EU	Advisory Services for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (ASRAFS) - implemented by GFA (new tender for ASRAFS 2.0 still to be awarded)	– Support to green transition focusing on Sustainable Aquatic and Agri-Food Systems – Accompany initiatives of partner countries transitioning to more sustainable aquatic and agri-food systems through the provision of timely, targeted, actionable, and high quality on-demand advisory services
EU	Value Chain Analysis for Development (VCA4D) - implemented by Agrinatura	– Understand and measure how agricultural value chains contribute to inclusive, sustainable growth, from both social and environmental viewpoints
EU	Sustainable Agri-Food System Intelligence (SASI) - implemented by FAO	– Improve the availability of knowledge and guidance on the institutions, policies and investments needed to accelerate the transition to sustainable agri-food systems. – Support institutional platforms to address the diverse challenges and opportunities in transitioning to sustainable agrifood systems, with an emphasis on evidence-based data, collective problem solving, strengthened capacities and strategic communication.
EU	Sustainable Agri-Food System Intelligence Science-Policy Interface	– Policy support in terms of food system inclusiveness and sustainability.

	(SASI-SPI) - implemented by Agri-natura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Building new narratives and frames of reference to support the transition to sustainable food systems. – Constructing models to support the transition to more sustainable food systems, based on participatory, scientific decision-making processes.
EU	EU4SUN – implemented by FIAP and Expertise France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contributing to an effective operationalisation of the SUN 3.0 Strategy through policy dialogue and capacity building for better nutrition outcomes. – Provide demand driven support to partner countries in Western Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on context-specific technical assistance, peer-to-peer exchanges, policy dialogue, advocacy, and local-level implementation.
EU, Switzerland	Global regulatory and fiscal capacity building on healthy diets and physical activity Programme (Global RECAP) – implemented by IDLO and WHO, in coordination with the IDRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strengthening capacity of government officials, regulators, policymakers, academia and civil society to understand, develop and implement regulatory and fiscal measures that promote healthy diets and physical activity. – Enabling an environment for healthy diets and physical activity through national and international collaboration among policy makers, regulatory bodies, lawyers, public health and nutrition experts, civil society actors, academics, funders and communities. – Increasing the generation and use of relevant evidence and research from different disciplines to develop and implement effective regulatory and fiscal measures to promote healthy diets and physical activity.
EU	Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC) – implemented by WFP and FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Generate evidence-based information and analysis of food crises to strengthen consensus and inform decision-making and action. – Leverage strategic investments in food and nutrition security to address immediate needs and long-term resilience. – Build links across clusters, sectors and actors to address food insecurity's underlying political, economic, societal, and environmental causes.
EU	Blending/Guarantee Instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Agriculture Financing Initiative (AgriFI), managed by the EDFI Management Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AgriFI: innovative blending facility supporting investments with a value chain approach focusing on smallholder's inclusiveness and/or agri-business medium, small and micro enterprises.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) Guarantee, incl. the Human Development Accelerator (HDX) with EIB and BMGF as implementing partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EFSD+: financing tool promoting sustainable investments by mobilizing public and private financing to help partner countries achieve the SDGs. Under EFSD+, HDX is facilitating investment in infrastructure and enabling a better environment for health systems, as well as improved manufacturing capacities for health products and technologies.
BMZ	Sector Programme on Food and Nutrition Security – implemented by GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows current technical discussions on nutrition policy and food security and advises the BMZ on its engagement in concepts, strategic initiatives, and proven practical approaches within national and international processes. - Further developed, internationally recognised indicators for healthy nutrition. - (Further) developed data information initiatives for nutrition - (Further) developed expertise in the area of financing for nutrition.
BMZ	Sector Programme Agriculture – implemented by GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows current technical discussions on agri-food system transformation and advises the BMZ on its engagement in concepts, strategic initiatives, and proven practical approaches within national and international processes e.g. Kampala Declaration / CAADP. - Developing concepts on cooperation with private sector as well as (regional) agricultural trade.
BMZ	GP Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys) – implemented by GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved transformation pathways in the context of the follow-up processes to the UNFSS.
BMZ	GP Transformation of Food Systems (TES) – implemented by GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coherent design of support measures to implement the transformation paths within the framework of the follow-up processes to the UNFSS and the SUN Civil Society Network. - Strengthened capacities of key actors to improve understanding of the importance of healthy nutrition as a central outcome of the transformation of agricultural and nutrition systems.
BMZ + cofinanced by Gates Foundation	GP Food and Nutrition Security, Enhanced Resilience – implemented by GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence, data, and lessons learned on the importance of healthy diets, including the diversification of production and consumption. - Further developed internationally recognised indicators for healthy diets. - Achievement of nutrition goals at the global level.

		– Supporting Food Fortification in partnership with Gates Foundation in West Africa, India and Madagascar.
BMZ* + planned co-financing by Gates Foundation * to be commissioned in 2025	GP Modular Nutrition Actions (MoNA) – implemented by GIZ	– Flexible and needs-oriented food and nutrition security building blocks that can be docked onto existing measures (e.g. German development cooperation, multilateral measures, international initiatives) in order to promote healthy nutrition and thus drive forward the transformation of agri-food systems. – Continued support for food fortification in West Africa, India and Madagascar.
Gates Foundation	Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative (GCAN)– implemented by IFPRI	– Conceptual framework that integrates climate resilience, gender, and nutrition to provide stakeholders from different disciplines and backgrounds with a common point of reference. – Further developed knowledge of the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, its communitisation and integration into implementation.
EU, BMZ, Canada, Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, Gates Foundation	Nourishing Food Pathways (NFP), incl. The Food System Countdown initiative – implemented by GAIN	– Support and strengthen the design and delivery of national food systems transformation pathways. – Monitoring food system transformation to 2030.

The Action also aims to ensure policy coherence and complementarity with initiatives from other DGs such as ECHO, the JRC, DG SANTE, DG RTD, DG ENEST and DG MENA in the field of diets and nutrition.

3 Intervention Logic

3.1 Objectives and Outputs

The **Overall Objective** of the Action is to contribute to the transition to inclusive, climate-neutral, resilient, and sustainable agri-aquatic food systems.

The **Specific Objective** (outcome) of the Action is to support the nutrition and gender sensitive transformation of agri-food systems.

The Action has the following outputs:

- Output 1: Positioning** - Coherent and evidence-based positions on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus are developed to promote healthy and sustainable diets in a Team Europe+ approach.
- Output 2: Advisory** - Increased technical capacities of INTPA, EUDs and BMZ to scale up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels, benefitting DAC/SUN countries.

Output 3: Country support - Improved technical and institutional capacities to implement evidence-based recommendations for integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action in (SUN) partner countries.

Output 4: Stakeholder Engagement - Nutrition integration is supported through civil society organisations, think tanks and academia.

The objectives, outputs, activities, the intervention logic and basic assumptions are described below. All planned outputs contribute to strengthening Team Europe+, recognising that in light of current challenges in the field of nutrition, a strong and united voice is needed. By fostering collaboration over siloed approaches, the project strengthens EU actors and partners in keeping nutrition high on the political agenda, including in (SUN-) partner countries. The support eventually aims at decision-making processes in selected partner countries to integrate nutrition across policies and investments, as well as to implement, monitor and scale effective measures for healthy and sustainable diets.

All outputs are grounded in the **assumption** that healthy diets and nutrition remain a political priority for the EC, Germany, other EUMS+, and the (SUN-) partner countries, and that there is both the willingness and mandate from them and relevant partners to engage in nutrition integration, in particular in the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus.

Output 1 focuses on strengthening the global agenda setting around the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus through the development of coherent positions by the EC, Germany, and, where applicable, Team Europe+. Specifically, the Action will:

- Promote coherent, evidence-informed positions on the interlinkages between nutrition, climate, and gender in international agendas (e.g. COP, UNFSS) and regional processes (e.g. CAADP, ASEAN).
- Contribute to global guidance on nutrition indicators and nutrition data governance.
- Channel evidence (incl. from Output 3) into policy processes.
- Promote increased prioritisation and funding for healthy, sustainable diets.

A Team Europe+ approach offers promising opportunities to consolidate the efforts of various actors in the field of nutrition integration and to further increase the visibility and prominence of the nexus.

Output 2 will support INTPA, EUDs, and BMZ in integrating nutrition across policies and investments, including food systems transformation, value chains, and the Global Gateway strategy, ultimately benefiting DAC/SUN countries. Specifically, the Action will:

- Advice on nutrition integration in various funding modalities and sectors at global, regional and national levels.
- Support accountability and annual reporting on investments in nutrition, including its progress towards its commitments such as the €3.4 billion pledged at the N4G summit in Paris in 2025.
- Provide TA and CD based on needs identified.
- Provide TA to identify and formulate nutrition-sensitive investment opportunities in line with the Global Gateway initiative, including technical support to EFSD+ projects and their M&E system (notably MDD-W).

- Support nutrition-sensitive M&E systems under Global Gateway, e.g. support the design of nutrition-sensitive M&E frameworks, advise M&E teams (if present), and if possible, collect and analyse M&E data.
- Support the EC's engagement with and in its strategic positioning on international governance matters.
- Facilitate joint EC-BMZ coordination and policy alignment under a Team Europe+ approach.

Output 3 builds capacities of partner (SUN) countries to translate recommendations for integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action into actionable national strategies and programmes. The focus is on enabling countries to implement, monitor, and scale effective measures for healthy and sustainable diets. Specifically, the Action will focus on:

- Deliver on-demand TA and CD in (SUN) partner countries, including countries with existing National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN).
- Provide TA to partner countries to enhance their investment readiness for private sector engagement in the nutrition sector, including through the development of enabling policy, fiscal, and regulatory frameworks.
- Promote multi-actor, innovative approaches (i.e. public-private-partnerships, value chain development) that align with the EU's Global Gateway and its 360-degree approach.
- Strengthen national information and M&E systems, incl. improving data collection and analysis, supporting the implementation of key indicators (i.e. MDD-W) and facilitating the use of information for evidence-based decision making.
- Feeding national experiences back into global learning and policy processes.

Output 4 will support nutrition integration through civil society organisations, think tanks and academia. Specifically, the Action aims to advance the Nutrition-Climate-Gender Nexus via:

- Support civil society organisations and research institutions (including SUN Civil Society and Academia Networks) in their efforts to strengthen coherent communication, engagement, and accountability both in global agendas and in national and regional processes.
- Facilitate peer learning and collaboration.
- Enable targeted outreach to decision-makers, parliamentarians, and the public.

While all outputs will contribute to shared objectives and eventually target the final beneficiaries, it is anticipated that some outputs may align more closely with the strategic interests and priorities of the EC (e.g. output 2), while others may be more relevant to the BMZ (e.g. output 4).

3.2 Main Partners, Target Group, Direct Beneficiaries

The **direct beneficiaries and main target groups** of the Action are national governments with focus on SUN and NIPN countries, including their regional and national structures, the EC, represented by DG INTPA, specifically the unit responsible for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, the BMZ represented by the responsible Division for Food and Nutrition Security, Fisheries, EUDs and EUMS+ where relevant. These target groups will primarily

benefit from TA and capacity development (CD) measures related to the nexus. Main partners, especially regarding outreach and accountability activities are civil society organisations, think tanks and academia.

At national level, governments (e.g. sector ministries) and nutrition focal points will act as duty bearers. They will be supported directly, through regional structures (e.g. those of the SUN Movement) or via EUDs in promoting best practices, learning and innovation.

At regional and global level, the Action targets the international community that works on topics relevant to nutrition integration, and particularly the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus. Direct support will be provided to national, regional and global institutions and initiatives (e.g. SUN Movement, GNR, NIPN) to address emerging nutrition challenges and inform national and international policy development. Priority will be given to countries with an existing BMZ and/or EU portfolio in the field of food and nutrition security as well as to the SUN MS and countries with existing NIPNs. Country priorities will constantly be reviewed based on requests either from partner countries or EUDs, new developments, evolving trends and opportunities as well as EU policy priorities.

The **final beneficiaries** are the people that are experiencing (or are at risk of experiencing) one or more forms of malnutrition including those affected by the consequences of climate change. A particular focus will be set on women, adolescent girls and children, not only as beneficiaries, but as rights holders. The Action recognises the crucial role played by women in the reduction of poverty and malnutrition, and agri-food systems transformations as producers, entrepreneurs, and consumers. Moreover, where feasible, gender-transformative approaches will be promoted in food systems, value chains and nutrition interventions.

3.3 Methods of Implementation

Foundations

The Action builds on the experiences, achievements as well as established partner and co-operation structures of the GP “Knowledge for Nutrition” (K4N) and the corresponding joint action “Capacity for Nutrition” (C4N) cofinanced by the EU and BMZ. K4N's successful approach to strengthen the cooperation between the EC and BMZ with regard to nutrition and food security will be utilised and further developed. The main means of implementation under C4N 2.0 are targeted TA and CD. In this regard, C4N 2.0 will, as much as possible, build on knowledge and expertise that have been established during the implementation of C4N. These will be provided by GIZ long-term experts based in Germany, Belgium, Senegal, Kenya, and Thailand. GIZ endeavours the active participation of regional and national professional experts – where available – to provide a suitable mix of experts to implement TA and CD in partner countries. Where possible, TA and CD will be provided to country-level through existing GIZ and EU partners and modalities. This will be complemented by a pool of consultants that will be set-up by GIZ with long- and short-term experts to provide the full range of expertise across all outputs in a flexible manner (see subchapter 3.4.1). In addition, key entry points for implementation are existing national, regional and global structures and initiatives, such as the SUN Movement and its Regional Hubs as well as NIPNs.

C4N 2.0 will provide financing / grants for initiatives aiming to advance the nutrition integration agenda, with a particular focus on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus (see subchapter 3.4.4).

Key Activities

To achieve the envisaged outputs and the specific objectives, the following key activities per output are foreseen. This list of key activities is indicative and may change over the project cycle. During the implementation, the project organises planning workshops with its partner organisations and other stakeholders to further operationalise the indicative activities, the results of which GIZ will present in updated work plans including the table below submitted with each report (see also Appendix 1).

Outputs	Indicative list of key activities	Indicative instruments
<p>Output 1</p> <p>Positioning - Coherent and evidence-based positions on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus are developed to promote healthy and sustainable diets in a Team Europe+ approach.</p>	<p>1.1 Provide technical support for the EC's, Germany's, and where applicable Team Europe+, coherent engagement with new and existing global initiatives to jointly collaborate on global agenda setting, address emerging nutrition challenges and inform national and international policy development.</p> <p>1.2 Assist the EC, Germany, and where applicable Team Europe+, in developing coherent positions based on data, evidence and indicators to shape global/regional agendas.</p> <p>1.3 Support the organisation of regular exchanges between the EC, Germany and other EUMS+, e.g. through the HARDs group.</p> <p>1.4 Identify relevant global and regional events, such as conferences, committee meetings, network meetings, etc. where the EC, Germany, and other EUMS+ can present their coherent positions on the nexus.</p> <p>1.5 Develop briefing notes, presentations, speaking points and position papers mainly but not only on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus for global agendas and regional processes, taking into account data, indicators, and evidence, and coordinating them with the EC, Germany and other EUMS+.</p> <p>1.6 Support the development of indicators on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus for healthy and sustainable diets and coordinate them with the EC, Germany and other EUMS+.</p>	<p>International experts (41 person months)</p> <p>National experts (41 person months)</p> <p>External experts, consultants (ca. 450.000 EUR)</p> <p>Grant agreements ca. 300.000 EUR</p>
<p>Output 2</p> <p>Advisory - Increased technical capacities of INTPA, EUDs and BMZ to scale up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels, benefiting DAC/SUN countries.</p>	<p>2.1 Provide technical support and advice to INTPA and EUDs for their global, regional and country-level actions, e.g. on accountability and reporting on commitments, Global Gateway and the collaboration with the private sector, international financial institutions and development banks, including technical support to EFSD+ pipelines where relevant.</p> <p>2.2 Provide TA to monitor nutrition-related outcomes of core value chains.</p> <p>2.3 Advise INTPA in its strategic positioning on international governance matters and its coordination/convening role with EUMS.</p>	<p>International experts (41 person months)</p> <p>National experts (41 person months)</p> <p>External experts, consultants (ca. 1.400.000 EUR)</p> <p>Grant agreements ca. 400.000 EUR jointly for Outputs 2, 3 and 4</p>

Outputs	Indicative list of key activities	Indicative instruments
	<p>2.4 Support INTPA, EUDs and BMZ in the inclusion of cross-cutting issues (e.g. climate and gender) by developing scalable, effective, equitable, sustainable and resilient policy responses on nutrition.</p> <p>2.5 Assist the EUDs in their support to the implementation of national reforms and the outreach of nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative interventions and strengthening their reporting, monitoring, and evaluation mechanisms.</p> <p>2.6 Strengthen collaboration between the EC and Germany to contribute to more aligned and mutually reinforcing actions, e.g. through technical and strategic steering committees.</p> <p>2.7 Support nutrition-sensitive M&E systems under Global Gateway, e.g. support the design of nutrition-sensitive M&E frameworks, advise M&E teams (if present), and if possible, collect and analyse M&E data.</p>	
<p>Output 3 Country support - Improved technical and institutional capacities to implement evidence-based recommendations for integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action in (SUN) partner countries.</p>	<p>3.1 Provide TA and CD to partner countries, with focus on SUN members and countries with existing NIPNs, to strengthen national nutrition information systems and to translate global and regional policy outcomes into practical guidance for national implementation and reforms, focusing on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, e.g. through the development of guidance notes.</p> <p>3.2 Organise regional peer-to-peer learning events to exchange best practices e.g. on multisectoral nutrition governance and strategies.</p> <p>3.3 Strengthen partner countries', with focus on SUN members, capacities to bring up national achievements and concerns in regional and global discussions, e.g. through the SUN Regional Hubs.</p> <p>3.4 Identify and promote multi-actor innovative approaches on multi-sectoral nutrition governance, the nexus and scaling up innovative initiatives at national, regional and global level.</p> <p>3.5 Provide TA and CD measures to foster the collection, analysis, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation of nutrition data at local, national, regional and international levels, e.g. for consistent use in the establishment of national strategies to fight malnutrition, the follow-up on pledges made during the N4G summits, the implementation of MDD or coherent positioning.</p> <p>3.6 Assist partner countries and, where applicable other stakeholders, in their capacities to better coordinate nutrition data governance (e.g. coordination of existing data dashboards).</p>	<p>International experts (41 person months) National experts (41 person months) External experts, consultants (ca. 1.550.000 EUR) Grant agreements ca. 300.000 EUR jointly for Outputs 2, 3 and 4</p>

Outputs	Indicative list of key activities	Indicative instruments
	3.7 Provide TA to support the development of enabling policy, fiscal and regulatory frameworks to improve investment-readiness in the nutrition sector, particularly in the context of 360-degree approach to Global Gateway.	
Output 4 Stakeholder Engagement - Nutrition integration will be supported through civil society organisations, think tanks and academia.	<p>4.1 Support civil society organisations, think tanks and academia, e.g. SUN Civil Society Network and Alliances, in developing strong positions to address emerging nutrition challenges and inform national and international policy processes.</p> <p>4.2 Facilitate peer exchanges within civil society networks to enhance their global, regional and national outreach efforts.</p> <p>4.3 Assist civil society, think tanks and academia in organising high-impact events to engage European decision-makers on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus.</p>	<p>International experts (41 person months)</p> <p>National experts (41 person months)</p> <p>External experts, consultants (ca. 185.000 EUR)</p> <p>Grant agreements ca. 400.000 EUR jointly for Outputs 2, 3 and 4</p>

3.4 Instruments and estimated resource allocation

This chapter presents the link between Annex I and Annex III and reflects the instruments and other resources at the planning stage. Instruments and resources will be adapted according to the needs of the partners.

3.4.1 Experts (Budget Line 1)

The Action will be implemented by a team of 18 GIZ staff (full time equivalents).

The configuration of the team may change over time according to the needs of the Action, inter alia allowing for flexibility between positions in Germany and Belgium. GIZ will report on changes of the team through its progress reports.

The personnel structure allows for cross-country and cross-regional cooperation and complementarity. The positions in Brussels mirror those in Bonn, ensuring coherence and effectively strengthening synergies between the EU and the BMZ.

GIZ Personnel Assigned to the Action

Function, Project Office, Salary Band	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Person months / Hours (allocated to the Action)	Tasks & Responsibilities
International Experts (BL 1.1.1)			
Technical advisor, Brussels / Belgium, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead on strategic partnerships and ensure coordination between the EU, Germany and other EUMS+ - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies between the EC and BMZ - Ensure coordination between GIZ Bonn and Brussels - Provide TA on policy and programming

Function, Project Office, Salary Band	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Person months / Hours (allocated to the Action)	Tasks & Responsibilities
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports - Support outreach - Oversee grant management <p><i>Note on Taxes: A cofinancing arrangement may have implications for the tax status of the AMA (not only on the personnel that is included in the cofinancing), which may result in higher personnel costs.</i></p>
Cluster Coordinators and Superiors of National Experts in Nairobi / Kenya, Dakar / Senegal, Bangkok / Thailand, Band 5 and 6	0,1 cluster coordinator Thailand and 0,025 cluster coordinator Kenya (Band 6) 0,1 superiors Kenya (Band 5) and Senegal (Band 6)	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic guidance - Lead the advisors - Supervise the progress on outputs and objectives
National Experts (BL 1.1.2)			
(Senior) Technical Advisor, Brussels / Belgium, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA on policy and programming and advice to INTPA, EUDs, EUMS+ on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, nutrition and food security as well as on international nutrition governance - Elaborate quality standards, guidance material and tools for TA and for major processes - Strengthen the Team Europe approach - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports
Technical Advisor, Brussels / Belgium, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA to INTPA on resource tracking and process management - Support EC in ensuring correct application of Nutrition Policy Marker in EU Actions and advise EUDs accordingly - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports - Coordinate and communicate with sub-grantee organisations
(Senior) Technical Advisor, Brussels / Belgium, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA and CD for partner countries to translate global and regional policy outcomes into practical guidance for national implementation, with a focus on SUN members,

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			<p>and in close collaboration with staff in Kenya, Thailand and Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise peer-to-peer learning events - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports
(Senior) Technical Advisor, Brussels / Belgium, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA and CD primarily for partner countries with a specific focus on strengthening multisectoral nutrition governance, nutrition information systems and nutrition data, with NIPNs and relevant partners in close collaboration with staff in Thailand, Senegal and Kenya - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports
Office Management, Brussels / Belgium, Band 2	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General communication and documentation - Support events and logistics - Organisation of missions
Human Resources, Office Management, Accounting, IT Brussels / Belgium	0,3	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Resource processes for national staff - Support operations at country level - IT support - General communication and documentation - Support event, logistics, accounting and procurements
Technical Advisor, Dakar / Senegal, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Technical Advisor, Dakar / Senegal, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings

Function, Project Office, Salary Band	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Person months / Hours (allocated to the Action)	Tasks & Responsibilities
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Finance Management Services, Administrative and Office Management, Dakar / Senegal	0,5	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial administration at country level, incl. TA and short-term expert assignments - Support operations at country level - General communication and documentation - Support event, logistics and procurements - Organisation of missions
Technical Advisor, Nairobi / Kenya, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Technical Advisor, Nairobi / Kenya, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Finance Management Services, Administrative and Office Management, Nairobi / Kenya	0,5	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial administration at country level, incl. TA and short-term expert assignments - Support operations at country level - General communication and documentation - Support event, logistics and procurements - Organisation of missions
Superior of National Staff,	0,25	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic guidance - Lead the advisors

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Bangkok / Thailand, Band 5			- Supervise the achievements of outputs and objectives
Technical Advisor, Bangkok / Thailand, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Technical Advisor, Bangkok / Thailand, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide TA and CD on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and/or nutrition data to partner countries, with focus on SUN members, SUN hub and NIPN Platforms in the region - Partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learnings - Organisational management and coordination of regional implementation processes - Ensure coherence and strengthened synergies with EU and German cooperation as well as with regional initiatives
Finance Management Services, Administrative and Office Management, Bangkok / Thailand	0,25	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial administration at country level, incl. TA and short-term expert assignments - Support operations at country level - General communication and documentation - Support event, logistics and procurements - Organisation of missions
Other GIZ staff (project staff in Germany, development worker(s), integrated expert(s))* (BL 1.1.3)			
Programme Manager, Bonn / Germany, Band 6	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall steering and coordination - Strategic guidance - Lead the team - Report to EC and BMZ - Supervise implementation, administration and finances - Ensure that EC, BMZ and GIZ strategies and procedures are applied - Supervise the achievement of outputs and objectives

Function, Project Office, Salary Band	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Person months / Hours (allocated to the Action)	Tasks & Responsibilities
			- Closure activities after the end of the implementation period
Technical Advisor, Bonn / Germany, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure mainstreaming of the nexus topics within Advisory, Country Support and Stakeholder Management - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports - Coordinate and communicate with sub-grantee organisations
Technical Advisor, Bonn / Germany, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA and CD for partner countries to translate global and regional policy outcomes into practical guidance for national implementation, with a focus on SUN members, and in close collaboration with staff in Kenya, Thailand and Senegal - Strategic partnership management with CSO, think tanks and academia - Organise peer-to-peer learning events - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports
Technical Advisor, Bonn / Germany, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TA and CD primarily for partner countries with a specific focus on strengthening multisectoral nutrition governance, nutrition information systems and nutrition data, NIPN and relevant partners in close collaboration with staff in Thailand, Senegal and Kenya - Support conceptual development and technical implementation of Nutrition-climate-gender nexus - Elaborate the ToR for TA assignments - Backstop consultants and assure quality of the support and reports
Technical Advisor, Bonn / Germany, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate capturing and documenting of lessons learned - Knowledge management - M&E
Finance Management Services, Bonn / Germany, Band 4	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial management and administration - Ensure compliance with EC, BMZ and GIZ financial rules - Support to regular Monitoring and Evaluation of the project regarding financial management - Financial reporting - Undertake closure activities after the end of the implementation period

Function, Project Office, Salary Band	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Person months / Hours (allocated to the Action)	Tasks & Responsibilities
Office Management, Bonn / Germany, Band 2	1,0	41 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General communication and documentation - Support events and logistics - Organisation of missions
Internal technical/admin. services directly attributable to the Action (BL 1.2.1 – 1.2.4)			
Support services from GIZ country office international and national personnel, Nairobi / Kenya, Dakar / Senegal, Bangkok / Thailand, etc.	1,1	41 months	From 01.01.2026 onwards: Bookkeeping, procurement and travel management as well as other administrative project support from GIZ country office, functioning as project office.
Support services from GIZ Headquarters, Germany	n/a	2025 hours	Technical and methodological services, advisory services as well as other administrative project support by operational or sectoral departments and internal service providers from GIZ HQ, Germany, functioning as project office. These services are logged in with timesheets and billed to project in accordance with the causality principle based on German price law (SCO No. 1).

GIZ long-term experts will participate in sector networks, sector coordination meetings and international conferences, trainings or similar activities of relevance.

GIZ will ensure flexibility to accommodate opportunities for an expansion of work that may be required should additional resources be made available.

External expertise and consultants (Budget Line 1.3.)

External expertise (international/regional/local consultants and consultancy firms) will provide technical, methodological and conceptual support of (indicative, non-exhaustive list): topics related to nutrition integration, sustainable transformation of agri-food systems, Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, healthy and sustainable diets, Global Gateway, blended finance, private sector engagement, nutrition information systems, data analysis, accountability and reporting of N4G pledges, nutrition-sensitive policies and programmes and their monitoring and evaluation, audits for grants.

Approx. EUR 100.000 are planned for activity 2.7 under Output 2.

3.4.2 Travel expenses (Budget Line 2)

Travel is planned for 18 GIZ staff assigned to the Action listed in 3.4.1 including flight tickets, transportation costs, accommodation and subsistence allowance pursuant to the German regulations on wage tax as published by the German Federal Ministry of Finance. Travel in-

cludes trips within Europe, Africa and Asia, travel from GIZ headquarters in Germany and return trip after the end of the project, missions to the regions where the project is active in (Asia and Africa) and Europe to attend project-related activities.

3.4.3 Procurement of materials/equipment (Budget Line 3)

Major procurements of goods and equipment are not part of this action. Office equipment and supplies for office operation, including basic Information Technology for the team will be purchased according to best offers.

3.4.4 Financing (Budget Line 4)

Grant agreements totalling ca. EUR 830.000 are planned, of which up to ca. EUR 300.000 will be allocated under Output 1 to a grant recipient for the further development of healthy and sustainable diet indicators building on the successful adoption of MDD as SDG 2 indicator and paving the way to the post-SDGs and up to ca. EUR 400.000 contributing to Outputs 2, 3 and 4 to a grant recipient for ensuring accountability and reporting of N4G pledges and at least 1 global nutrition report (GNR). Approx. EUR 130.000 will be used in a flexible manner to support advancing nutrition integration, with a particular focus on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus for healthy and sustainable diets.

Selected recipients of financial support (sub-grants) will be listed and described in the project reports to the EU and BMZ. They will be identified after start of the initiative through the following process: Suggestions for potential recipients and their proposed measures to be funded under this Initiative can originate from the Contracting Authorities and GIZ and must fall under the overall objective of the initiative. Given the fluid global situation, the determination of partners and final recipients are not pre-determined and will likely evolve over time as lessons are learned. GIZ will select the recipients in line with its assessed rules and procedures. Financial support is granted by direct award, in line with the GIZ's positively assessed rules and procedures for grants. The Contracting Authorities will be informed prior to the signature of each single sub-grant, based on a non-objection procedure. (Budget lines "Financing")

3.4.5 Training of partners (Budget Line 5)

Partner trainings and peer-to-peer learning events are planned but will be organised through external service providers.

3.4.6 Other costs (Budget Line 6)

Project Offices

The Action will have project offices in Bonn/Germany, Brussels/Belgium, Bangkok/Thailand, Dakar/Senegal and Nairobi/Kenya. The existing GIZ country offices in Brussels/Belgium, Bangkok/Thailand, Dakar/Senegal and Nairobi/Kenya and GIZ head offices in Germany, functioning as project offices, support the Action with directly implemented technical, administrative, contractual, procurement and finance related activities. All project offices have the primary responsibility and purpose of actively following up, monitoring, checking quality, delivery and timeliness of activities.

The Action will need to purchase office equipment and to cover set-up and operating costs (e.g. water, electricity, insurances, maintenance, telephone, security, and ICT related costs, travel costs, fuel, etc.).

4 Project Governance

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) will provide strategic guidance for the Action. The PSC will meet twice a year (and any time relevant) and includes as members the Head of Unit INTPA F3, the F3 Head of Nutrition Section, BMZ Head of Unit 123, the F3 and responsible BMZ Unit programme managers responsible for the Action, the GIZ programme director, and necessary additional staff members involved in the implementation of the Action.

The PSC's role is to:

- Assess overall implementation in terms of progress and effectiveness,
- Discuss any critical points or bottlenecks for programme implementation,
- Provide strategic guidance and recommendations to the management of the project,
- Discuss and comment reports, and
- Provide a platform for dialogue.

Insofar as changes to implementation are recommended in PSC meetings, they must be agreed by BMZ and EU and formalised through the appropriate procedures (e.g. reporting, addenda, modification offer).

INTPA F3 head of section and/or the contract manager responsible for the Joint Action, the BMZ programme manager and the GIZ programme director will be invited to a regular *jour fixe*, envisaged to be held on a monthly basis. In addition, a comprehensive strategic exchange at the technical level is planned every six months, ideally prior to the PSC meeting. This will guarantee a timely and regular information exchange about upcoming opportunities and needs, implemented and planned activities and challenges faced. It will provide a basis for decision-making.

5 Sustainability, Complementarity and Cross-Cutting Issues

5.1 Sustainability of the Action

The measures of the Action are designed for long-term sustainability. The four outputs are structured to ensure that the achieved impacts extend beyond the duration of the Action. This is accomplished through interventions at structural policy level. The lasting effectiveness of the measures under Output 1 is ensured by the joint global agenda setting and the coherent and evidence-based positioning and coordination of the EC, Germany, and potentially other EUMS+ in recommendations, declarations, strategy development, and policymaking at regional and international levels. Additionally, by using existing regional structures, e.g. the SUN Movement, these efforts may also influence national-level implementation and impact. The strategic advice and TA measures under Output 2 will strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of INTPA, EUDs and BMZ in nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative approaches alongside the technical capacities to scale up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels. This will lead in the long-term to the nutrition- and gender-sensitive transformation of agri-food systems. Through Output 3 TA and CD will be provided to partner countries, with focus

on SUN members and countries with existing NIPNs, to facilitate the long-term integration and visibility of integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action in national institutions, strategies, reforms and implementation plans. Sustainability will further come from support to key partners and partner countries in delivering on their N4G commitments. It will also be achieved by embedding knowledge in national institutions, as well as collaborating and scaling up with existing initiatives. Through the activities under Output 4, the outreach efforts of civil society, think tanks and academia are strengthened in the short to medium term. The content and messages conveyed and discussed in events, peer-to-peer exchanges, and other formats are effectively communicated to key stakeholders and decision-makers. In turn, this contributes to shaping long-term political and strategic processes at various levels – global, regional, and national.

The design of the Action allows for flexibility in responding to changing political frameworks while ensuring the sustainable effectiveness of the measures.

5.2 Mainstreaming

In the fields of the environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation, human rights, conflict and context sensitivity, and gender equality, the safeguard and gender system of GIZ allows unintended negative impacts to be identified at an early stage and addressed in the design and implementation of projects through targeted mitigation measures. In the area of climate change adaptation, this approach extends to external risks based on climatic parameters (climate change), while in the area of gender equality it also involves identifying potential support measures.

In preparation of the Action, a standardised assessment checks whether there are potential considerable risks or unintended negative impacts. An in-depth assessment is performed if the screening indicates that there are potential considerable risks for one or more safeguards or if it cannot be satisfactorily completed due to inadequate data. The mandatory gender analysis is used to examine risks and potentials for the promotion of gender equality.

Based on the results of the in-depth assessment(s), the Action is assigned to the safeguard category low. As a result, the following response, prevention and mitigation efforts are considered in the planning and progress monitoring of the Action:

Environmental protection and climate change: The proposed Action integrates environmental concerns in its design and seeks to bring a meaningful contribution to improve the state of the environment. By supporting the green transition, this Action aims to address environmental issues e.g. by linking nutritional improvements with climate change concerns. In line with the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, the Action aims to integrate climate considerations into policy processes relevant to nutrition and gender equality while simultaneously positioning nutrition and gender equality within climate protection policy processes. It seeks to highlight the growing challenges posed by climate change and its impacts on agri-food systems and nutrition as well as the contribution of these systems to climate change. In doing so, the Action supports the development of more climate-sensitive transformation processes and helps mitigate potential negative ecological and environmental impacts. Furthermore, sustainable agri-food systems will enhance resilience to shocks and stresses, including those due to climate change effects. The Action will support transitions towards enhanced food systems resilience, thereby reducing risks for severe effects of extreme events.

Gender equality: Gender equality is a significant objective of this Action. In order to prevent potential exclusion and disadvantage dynamics among partners and target groups, the Action is fundamentally oriented towards a human rights-based and conflict-sensitive approach (Do no harm) and the Leave-no-one-behind principle (human rights, gender equality and inclusion). The initiative supports national, regional, and global efforts to integrate gender-transformative approaches into nutrition-related policies and strategies, such as national transformation pathways of the UNFSS or national action plans for the climate agenda. These efforts have a particularly positive impact on the living conditions of women and contribute to gender equality. Additionally, the Action has the opportunity to significantly enhance the representation of women and marginalised groups in international processes (e.g. UNFSS process, COP, etc.). Work under C4N 2.0 recognises the crucial role played by women in the reduction of poverty and malnutrition, and agri-food systems transformations as producers, entrepreneurs, and consumers. Their potential contribution to food systems transformation is often overlooked and will be advanced by this specific intervention. Moreover, where feasible, gender transformative approaches will be promoted in food systems, value chain and nutrition interventions.

Democracy: Inclusive food systems transformation is one of the challenges to be addressed by this Action. Measures across several outputs provide knowledge and expertise to improve interventions and guide evidence-based policy making with partners and partner governments. Moreover, participatory methods will increase the involvement of legitimate groups in public discussion and deliberation, thereby strengthening democracy by way of voicing the needs of interest groups, including vulnerable groups and communities.

Human rights: A rights-based approach underpins all of the measures implemented across the Action's outputs, through the promotion of ownership, transparency and accountability, and inclusive partnerships. The prioritisation of improved governance on the one hand (the duty bearers) and the rights of women, children, and other groups in vulnerable situations on the other (the rights holders), is a core feature of the different initiatives e.g., the Action will contribute to the realisation of the right to adequate food and nutrition by all, including the most vulnerable.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience: The Action acknowledges that increased pressure on resources and their unsustainable and exclusionary management opens the way to conflict and instability, which reinforce each other in a vicious circle. Consequently, there is an increased need for cooperation between stakeholders at all levels, from local to trans-boundary and global. Increased cooperation is dependent on, and can only be sustained through inclusive, participatory and transparent governance frameworks that address, and ultimately prevent, conflicts. Good nutrition is an essential factor in ensuring people's overall resilience in the face of humanitarian crises. When relevant, the C4N 2.0 intervention will apply a humanitarian-development-peace lens in order to contribute to increased resilience and nutrition security, ensuring adequate nutrition for all in protracted crises and in the face of recurrent shocks. It implies applying a combination of actions to address immediate nutrition needs with actions to address underlying vulnerabilities to prevent malnutrition, as well as strengthening the enabling environment (political, legal, economic and human resource) through multi-stakeholder collaboration. At a minimum, from a conflict sensitivity perspective, do-no-harm risks will be taken into account, and conflict sensitivity requirements and analyses promoted with partners and in synergy with other cross-cutting issues, including with regard to inclusion, consultation and consent of communities targeted by the Action.

Before supporting multi-stakeholder platforms or other relevant actors the Action will review that they align with principles of gender equality, environmental sustainability, and human rights protection.

6 Risk Assessment

Risks	Likelihood*	Ability to mitigate*	Mitigating measures
Political risks			
<p>Political priorities of key stakeholders are shifting: The topics of nutrition integration, transformation of agri-food systems, healthy and sustainable diets and the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus lose relevance, and the thematic priorities of the Action are not politically supported.</p>	2	1	<p>The Action cannot influence political prioritisation and particular interests, but it will consider and integrate the perspectives of partners and the interests of key actors when developing approaches and strategies.</p> <p>The importance and relevance of maintaining political and financial support for promoting integration, transformation of agri-food systems, healthy and sustainable diets and the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus is highlighted and communicated in international, regional and national policy processes.</p> <p>Policy dialogue and coordination between EUMS+ and partner countries are strengthened and TA on the nexus is provided to maintain momentum for nutrition.</p> <p>Nutrition will be mainstreamed in relevant global and regional agendas and the importance of maintaining political and financial support for scaling up nutrition is highlighted and communicated in these policy processes.</p> <p>Support will be prioritised in settings having a conducive environment for effective and sustainable impact.</p>
<p>The particular interests of central stakeholders hinder and undermine the effectiveness of coherent positioning.</p>	2	2	<p>Targeted TA and CD measures, coordination and outreach with the EC, EUDs, Germany and other EUMS+ to strengthen collaboration and agree on coherent positions.</p>
<p>Diverting political priorities and lack of commitment at national and regional level limit the priority given to nutrition as well as the use of nutrition-sensitive, gender-transformative and evidence-based approaches.</p>	2	1	<p>Early engagement and political dialogue with key stakeholders will be supported and appropriate support on the planning of such approaches and activities will be given.</p> <p>Advocate for the integration of nutrition into other key national agendas such as gender equality and women's empowerment, climate, etc., and support multi-sectoral coordination.</p>

Risks	Likelihood*	Ability to mitigate*	Mitigating measures
			<p>Use evidence to showcase positive impacts of nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative interventions on malnutrition and nutrition indicators.</p> <p>Support political processes of reflection of evidence-based approaches and strategies and their implications for policy priorities.</p> <p>Policy dialogue / coordination between regional and national authorities as well as with the EC and EUMS+ is supported.</p> <p>Develop capacities for design and delivery of nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative approaches.</p>
Insufficient institutional leverage for food system transformation at country level, as well as for prevention and responses on food crises / food insecurity.	3	2	Provide adequate information and analyses for decision making; support institutional strengthening.
Lack of authority and institutional capacities to address cross sectoral and cross ministerial food systems challenges.	3	2	Targeted capacity building and interaction to strengthen an operational food systems approach in line with expressed priorities and in cooperation with (knowledge) partners.
Lack of willingness of the national authorities to publish/ use data on malnutrition in the context of key political deadlines.	1	2	Close work with national authorities on the importance of transparency of information and on ownership of data.
Risks related to project implementation			
Limited interest from the EC, Germany, other EUMS+ in the Team Europe+ approach for coherent positioning on the nexus-related topics.	1	2	Targeted technical assistance and close coordination with the EC, EUDs and EUMS+ to materialise the nexus through a Team Europe+ approach.
Civil society, think tanks and academia lose interest in supporting regional and global agenda-setting to promote the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus and a better understanding of a holistic approach to agrifood systems.	1	2	Outreach and coordination with civil society, think tanks and academia to highlight the importance and relevance of the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus for promoting healthy diets and good nutrition as well as the need for continuous advocacy for of maintaining political and financial support from donors and governments.

Risks	Likelihood*	Ability to mitigate*	Mitigating measures
The SUN Movement, incl. its regional structures and member countries, lacks financial and human resources for its new phase (2026-2030) impacting its ability to implement activities effectively and adequately.	3	1-2	<p>Outreach and coordination with SUN and its member states as well as key stakeholders at regional and national level to realistically use existing capacities and strengthen them in line with needs and the respective context.</p> <p>EC and BMZ actively engage through the SUN Donor Network in the design of SUN 4.0 to re-energise the Movement.</p>
Low involvement of national authorities in the organisation and the follow-up of national nutrition platforms/ arguments about the leadership of national nutrition platforms.	2	1-2	Continues provision of TA and CD to strengthen national ownership and leadership of national nutrition platforms.
GNR will stop developing global reports.	1-2	1	Close communication with GNR team, DG INTPA and BMZ. Ensure that one report is included as deliverable under the contractual agreement.
Inflation / Exchange rates fluctuations	1	1-2	GIZ closely monitors the impact of inflation / exchange rates changes and transparently discusses implications and possible adjustments with the Action's donors.
Sustainability risks			
Shifts in interests and priorities among key stakeholders: Lack of willingness for change among partner countries and donors, as well as the absence of long-term financial commitments for implementation.	2	2	<p>Advocacy within global and regional agendas and processes creates visibility and attention for nutrition integration and the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, which ideally manifests in political declarations, as well as technical recommendations and commitments, thus ensuring long-term impact.</p> <p>At EU level, well established processes for aligning coherent positions can be utilised beyond the Action's term.</p>
Lack of valid and comprehensive strategic frameworks to promote the nexus and healthy and sustainable diets.	2	2	<p>Support the establishment of frameworks (strategy and portfolio development) that will remain valid beyond the end of the Action.</p> <p>Through advocacy in the context of the above-mentioned global and regional agendas and processes, visibility and attention are created for healthy and sustainable diets, which ideally finds expression in political declarations, technical recommendations and commitments and thus has a long-term impact.</p>

Risks	Likelihood*	Ability to mitigate*	Mitigating measures
Environmental and social impact (unintended negative effects)			
The effects of intended changes cannot be fully predicted; conflicting goals may arise.	1	2	Possible negative environmental and social interactions are considered throughout the Action, particularly in the case of TA and CD measures. Change processes with intended positive impacts are supported. If necessary, the content of TA and CD will be adjusted to avoid negative effects.
Corruption risks			
The influence of corruption on the achievement of intended effects is considered to be low, and no non-intended effects are expected.	1	2-3	Observation through close monitoring and, if necessary, proactive addressing in dialogue processes. The Action is guided by the GIZ anti-corruption policies with a “zero tolerance” policy on bribery and corruption being applied and communicated. All procurement processes follow the GIZ procurement rules and consultants are required to commit to GIZ’s Code of Conduct.
Overall risk assessment	1-2	2	

*) Ranking: 1=low, 2=medium, 3=high, 4=very high

Assumptions are listed in the logframe (Appendix 2 to the DoA).

7 Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Monitoring

A results-based monitoring system will be established to generate data on the progress of the Action on a regular basis. Given the complexity and volume of the Action one staff member based in Bonn, Germany will work primarily on monitoring and evaluation issues. This person will coordinate closely with staff members in Kenya, Senegal, Thailand, Belgium and Germany and ensure a coherent approach for the data collection and processing. Data will be used for programme steering as well as for annual progress reporting. All monitoring activities and plans shall be shared with the EU and BMZ in order to strengthen joint monitoring efforts. Basis for the monitoring system is the Action’s logframe with its underlying indicators for specific objectives and outputs. The logframe will be used as management tool, allowing for adjustments and revisions at the output, activity and indicator level in order to effectively achieve the expected specific objective.

During project implementation, a variety of tools and methods will be applied to regularly assess both quantitative and qualitative progress indicators. This includes among others gen-

der-disaggregated participation documentation, training evaluations, tracer studies, comparative and retrospective surveys as well as focus group discussions and stakeholder consultations. Where possible, it is intended to harmonise data collection with national partners systems and present indicators disaggregated, e.g. by gender or age.

Evaluation

In the spirit of synergetic cooperation and increased cost efficiency, GIZ aims to avoid the Action being reviewed by more than one evaluation of a similar character at close intervals (time range of around 12 months).

GIZ implements a system of Central Project Evaluations (CPE; annually, a representative random sample of 40% is drawn for evaluation from all projects commissioned by BMZ with a value exceeding EUR 3 million and ending in a given year). If the Action is part of a project selected for a CPE, the EU will be informed by the project and may decide whether this CPE could serve as a substitute for an eventual evaluation planned and commissioned by the EU. As per CPE standard, the EU-funded project components are part of the evaluation object. Subsequently, the EU will be consulted throughout the evaluation process, the CPE terms of references are shared, it may bring in its knowledge interests and perspectives as well as comment on the draft reports (Art. 9.1 GC).

An evaluation planned and commissioned by the EU (Art. 9.2 GC) may replace a CPE if the following requirements are met: (1) conducted by independent external consultants, (2) assesses and rates (quantifiably) all six OECD-DAC criteria, (3) encompasses the BMZ-funded part of the project and (4) follows set methodological minimum standards, such as a theory-based approach (e.g., contribution analysis).

Reporting

Each report shall provide an account of all relevant aspects of the implementation of the Action for the reporting period, activities envisaged, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of results as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the Logical Framework. The report shall be presented to allow monitoring of the objectives, the means envisaged and employed, and of the budget details of the Action. The final report, narrative and financial, will cover the entire period of the Action implementation.

The following reports will be submitted by GIZ to the EU:

- Annual reports (narrative and financial), recapitulating on the progress made in the achievement of the results (outputs and outcomes); listing activities carried out during the reporting period, difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome problems and eventual changes introduced; providing information on the implementation of visibility and outreach activities; and outlining the work plan for the coming 12 months.
- The final report shall cover the entire period of the Action, providing information on achievements of the Action, including an outlook on measures undertaken to ensure sustainability of results and further dissemination/up-scaling.

8 Visibility

Visibility measures for this Action will adhere to Article 7 of Annex II and the “Communicating and raising EU visibility: Guidance for external action” (hereafter the Guidelines).

On equipment, vehicles or supplies used in or delivered under the Action, the German Cooperation logo and EU emblem shall be accompanied by the logo under a text stating “Implemented by”. The positioning of emblems will be determined in agreement with all the donors.

Where necessary, GIZ will adjust the standard disclaimers in the Guidelines to acknowledge the financial support of all donors to the Action and to clarify that products do not necessarily reflect their views but are the sole responsibility of GIZ.

9 Timing

The Action has a duration of 41 months (from 01 April 2026 to 31 August 2029). There will be no Inception Phase. The implementation of activities under this Action starts after the commissioning by BMZ.

During the first months of implementation, the project will organise planning workshops with its main partners and stakeholders to validate objectives and intervention logic, further operationalise the indicative activities, achieve agreements on approaches and establish detailed work plans. The first months of implementation are equally used to set-up the programme structures, finalise the quantification of the indicators, establish the ToR for the governance structure and carry out the first PSC meeting.

During the first year of implementation, detailed assessments of the mandate, capacities, needs, absorption capacity for each institutional partner will be carried out, as well as baseline studies for the monitoring system and readjustment of indicators, where necessary, and to establish cooperation structures at the operational level.

An updated and detailed workplan is sent in appendix to each annual progress report.

Appendix 1: Indicative Work Plan

Milestones and a concrete workplan are only developed in a planning workshop after the start of the implementation. The table below includes indicative activities for the first 12 months of the Action.

Activities	2026												2027											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Output 1																								
Examine the best mechanism to have regular exchanges between the EC, GER and other EUMS+																								
Develop a concept for coherent positioning																								
Identify existing global initiatives on the nexus to address emerging nutrition challenges																								
Identify relevant global and regional events on the nexus topics																								
Develop materials for political outreach on the nexus																								
Set up a grant for the development of an indicator																								
Output 2																								
Elaboration and finalisation of the 9th Progress Report of the EU Action Plan on Nutrition																								
Set up a global, regional, and country level technical advisory and expertise mechanism																								
Address identified TA needs via EC, EUDs																								

Appendix 2: Logframe Matrix

Meeting indicators at impact level will not be part of the responsibility of GIZ. Indicators will be monitored with regard to data availability. In the course of implementation, the Organisation may – in agreement with the Contracting Authority – change outputs, indicators and their related targets, baselines and sources of verification. Changes shall be agreed in writing (exchange of letters or emails). The Organisation will also highlight the respective changes in the next report.

The baseline and targets for the specific objective indicators 1, 2, 3 and 4 are provisional and will be reviewed in the first year of implementation and, if necessary, adjusted as part of the next report.

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Intervention logic	Indicators	Baseline (incl. 2026)	Targets (incl. 2029)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
Overall objective (Impact): Contribute to the transition to inclusive, climate-neutral, resilient and sustainable agri-aquatic food systems					
Specific objective (Outcome) Support the nutrition and gender sensitive transformation	Specific objective indicator 1 Number of global and regional events at which the EC, Germany and other EUMS+ presented a coherent position on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus to promote healthy and sustainable diets.	0 Events	12 Events	Count of events where the EC, Germany, and, if applicable, other EUMS+ have adopted a coherent position. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	Healthy diets and nutrition remain a political priority for the EC, Germany and other EUMS+. There is both the willingness and mandate

Intervention logic	Indicators	Baseline (incl. 2026)	Targets (incl. 2029)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
of agri-food systems.	<p>Specific objective indicator 2</p> <p>Number of global policy processes in which the EC, EUDs and Germany have enhanced nutrition integration - with a focus on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus – through TA or CD.</p>	0 Global policy processes	10 Global policy processes	<p>Reports with references to global policy processes.</p> <p>Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.</p>	<p>from them and relevant partners, e.g. SUN, civil society, think tanks and academia, to engage in the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus.</p> <p>There is sufficient commitment to mainstream gender and nutrition considerations into policies.</p> <p>The necessary resources for such engagement are available to the identified actors within global agendas and regional as well as national processes on nutrition, climate, and gender.</p>
	<p>Specific objective indicator 3</p> <p>Number of partner countries, with focus on SUN members and NIPNs, that have integrated outcomes of global agendas and regional processes on nutrition, climate, and gender on their way to transitioning to inclusive, climate-neutral, resilient, and sustainable agri-food systems.</p>	0 Countries	25 Countries	<p>Survey with government representatives, SUN Focal Points, staff of the SUN Regional Hubs, and representatives of the SUN networks.</p> <p>Analysis of the relevant supporting documents, such as meeting minutes, that show how declarations, recommendations, etc. have been taken into account in decision-making processes, strategic documents, and others. Primary data.</p>	
	<p>Specific objective indicator 4</p> <p>Number of published contributions by civil society organisations, think tanks and academia to promote healthy and sustainable diets in global agendas or regional processes on nutrition, climate, and gender.</p>	0 Contribution	6 Contributions	<p>Count of published documented contributions (e.g. research papers, discussion and position papers, meeting minutes, audio and video recordings, presentations, panel contributions, websites,</p>	

Intervention logic	Indicators	Baseline (incl. 2026)	Targets (incl. 2029)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
				press releases, side events, documented verbal contributions, etc.). Primary data. Data collection: 06/2027, 06/2028, 06/2029.	
Output 1 Positioning - Coherent and evidence-based positions on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus are developed to promote healthy and sustainable diets in a Team Europe+ approach.	Output indicator 1.1 Number of briefing materials and policy documents produced for the EC, Germany, and other EUMS+ on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus, based on data, evidence, or indicators.	0 Briefing materials and policy documents	30 Briefing materials and policy documents	Count of developed and submitted briefing materials and policy documents, such as speaking points, presentations, and position papers that document coherent positions. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	The EC's, Germany's as well as other EUMS+ political interest in the nexus continues. They are willing to jointly strengthen the global agenda-setting around the nexus topics by developing coherent positions.
	Output indicator 1.2 The technical development of an indicator for healthy and sustainable diets is supported with the aim of validation for formal inclusion in global agendas.	0 Indicator	1 Indicators	Assessment of whether the indicator is developed. Qualitative data analysis. Primary data. 06/2029	
Output 2 Advisory - Increased technical capacities of INTPA, EUDs and BMZ to scale	Output indicator 2.1 Average satisfaction survey score of ≥ 3 (on a 1-4 scale) from INTPA and BMZ on the technical advisory received from C4N.	N/A	Quality rating of 3	Annual survey among INTPA and BMZ Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	INTPA's, EUD's and BMZ's political interest in the nexus continues. CD is targeted at the right audience.

Intervention logic	Indicators	Baseline (incl. 2026)	Targets (incl. 2029)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
up effective, equitable, sustainable, and resilient nutrition policy responses and outreach at global, regional, and national levels, benefitting DAC/SUN countries.	Output indicator 2.2 Number of TA and CD measures carried out by C4N 2.0 to enhance INTPA's and EUDs' capacity in relation to programmes (especially investments under Global Gateway, incl. M&E systems) or policy processes in food and nutrition security.	0 TA and CD measures	160 TA and CD measures	Documentation of TA and CD measures (list of all measures, de-scription of measures, products, reports, etc.) 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029	INTPA's need for TA and CD on nutrition and food security remains as high as expected.
	Output indicator 2.3 Six reports related to accountability are produced.	0	6	Four annual internal Resource Tracking reports submitted to F3 and two official public reports (in 2026 - 9th Progress Report of the EU Action Plan on Nutrition - and 2028) published online and in hard copy.	INTPA will retain the current frequency of reporting throughout the duration of the project.
Output 3 Country support - Improved technical and institutional capacities to implement evidence-based recommendations for integrated climate- and gender-	Output indicator 3.1 Number of partner countries, with focus on SUN members and NIPNs, that have received advice on the implementation of recommendations from global agendas and regional processes for integrated climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition action.	0 Partner countries	22 Partner countries	Documentation of the TA and CD measures. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029	Partner countries will be committed to adapting policies/ regulatory frameworks and to draw on related evidence.
	Output indicator 3.2 Number of technical contributions and implementation experiences on climate- and gender-sensitive nutrition integration introduced	0 Contributions and implementation experiences	9 Contributions and implementation experiences	Count of documented contributions and implementation experiences, such as technical solutions, successful	

Intervention logic	Indicators	Baseline (incl. 2026)	Targets (incl. 2029)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
sensitive nutrition action in (SUN) partner countries.	by (SUN-) partner countries into global, regional and national processes.			country examples, and lessons learned on the nexus. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	
	Output indicator 3.3 Number of individuals in partner countries reached by C4N supported TA or CD measures related to the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus or data value-chains.	0 individuals reached	500 individuals in partner countries reached	Documentation of TA and CD measures, incl. trainings, peer-to-peer formats, and workshops. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029	
Output 4 Stakeholder Engagement - Nutrition integration will be supported through civil society organisations, think tanks and academia.	Output indicator 4.1 Number of events organised by civil society organisations, think tanks or academic institutions at the European level to engage decision-makers and experts on the Nutrition-climate-gender nexus.	0 Event	4 Events	Count of events, such as technical exchange formats, conferences, and networking meetings. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	Civil society, think tanks and academia are interested in supporting and inspiring regional and global agenda-setting, shaping policy and strategy processes, thereby promoting a better understanding of a holistic approach to agri-food systems that delivers healthy and sustainable diets for all.
	Output indicator 4.2 Number of peer-to-peer exchange events among civil society, think tanks or academia to promote healthy and sustainable diets within global or regional policy processes on nutrition, climate, and gender.	0 Peer-to-peer exchanges	5 Peer-to-peer exchanges	Count of peer-to-peer exchange events. Primary data. Data collection: 12/2026, 12/2027, 12/2028, 06/2029.	