

Existing rates of: **Wasting: 4%** **Stunting: 15.9%** **Proportion of population underweight: 3.7%**

Source: Gov. of Algeria (MICS, 2005)

Strong Performance

- Algeria has devised a National Nutrition Policy/Strategy.
- Policymakers in Algeria benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2012.
- The Government has enshrined aspects of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.
- The Government of Algeria has achieved two high doses of vitamin A supplementation for 93% of children in 2005.
- Strong access to improved sanitation facilities (95.2% in 2012) drives better hunger and nutrition outcomes.
- In Algeria 92.9% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2012.
- In Algeria, constitutional protection of the right to social security is strong.
- Strong civil registration rates (99.4% in 2006) potentially enable children's access to critical public services such as health and education.





















Areas for improvement

- Spending on agriculture (3.54% of public spending in 2013), does not meet government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).
- Algeria's spending in its health sector (9.8% of public spending in 2012) does not fully meet (15%) commitments set out in the Abuja Declaration.
- In Algeria, the law gives women and men equal economic rights and equal legal access to agricultural land. However, these laws are not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.
- Relative to other HANCI countries, Algeria's medium/long term national development policy (Plan d'Action du Gouvernement Pour la Mise en Oeuvre du Programme du Président de la République) places weak importance to nutrition.
- Algeria does not have a separate budget line for nutrition; this prevents transparency and accountability for spending.
- Even though Algeria has developed a National Nutrition Policy/Strategy, clear time-bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism are still lacking.
- The Government of Algeria does not promote complementary feeding practices.
- In Algeria, constitutional protection of the right to food is weak.



Key data for Algeria

Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

























Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
 Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	 3.54%	2013	24th
 Public spending on health as share of total public spending ¹	 9.8%	2012	26th
Policies			
 Access to land (security of tenure) ²	 Moderate	2005	29th
 Access to agricultural research and extension services ²	 Moderate	2004	Joint 37th
 Civil registration system — coverage of live births	 99.4%	2006	1st
 Functioning of social protection systems ²	 Moderate	2014	Joint 2nd
Laws			
 Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ²	 Weak	2011	Joint 18th
 Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) ³	 In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 1st
 Equality of women's economic rights ³	 In Law, not in Practice	2011	Joint 7th
 Constitution recognises the right to social security (yes/no)	 Yes	2006	Joint 1st

¹ Possible scores are:  <75% of agriculture (Maputo) and health (Abuja) spending pledges  >=75 % and <100%  >=100%




² Possible scores are:  Weak  Moderate  Strong

⁴ Possible scores are:  Not in Law  In Law Not in Practice  In Law & Practice

Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
 Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	 No	2014	Joint 28th
Policies			
 Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	 93%	2005	Joint 18th
 Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	 No	2014	Joint 40th
 Population with access to an improved water source	 83.9%	2012	13rd
 Population with access to improved sanitation	 95.2%	2012	2nd
 Health care visits for pregnant women	 92.9%	2012	19th
 Nutrition features in national development policy ¹	 Weak	2012-2014	Joint 36th
 National Nutrition Policy/Strategy (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
 Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	 No	2000	Joint 34th
 Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	 No	2011	Joint 32nd
 National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	 Yes	2012	Joint 1st
Laws			
 ICMSB [^] Enshrined in domestic law ²	 Aspects Enshrined	2014	Joint 26th

¹ Possible scores are:  Weak  Moderate  Strong (Note: Performance relative to other countries).

² Possible scores are:  Not Enshrined in Law  Voluntary Adoption  Fully enshrined.

[^] International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes