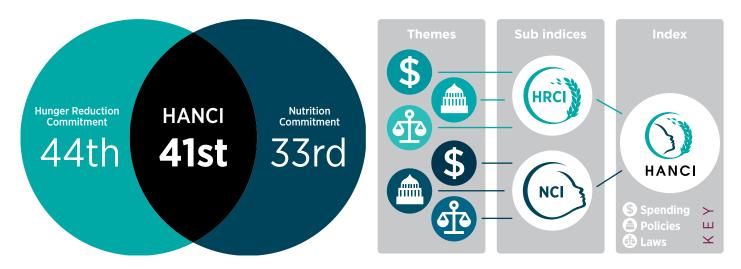


Key data for Guinea-Bissau





Existing rates of: Wasting: 6% Stunting: 27.6% Proportion of population underweight: 17%

Source: Government of Guinea-Bissau (MICS, 2014)

Strong Performance

- The National Nutrition Policy/Strategy identifies time bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism has been set up.
- Policymakers in Guinea-Bissau benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2014.
- The Government of Guinea-Bissau promotes complementary feeding practices.
- In Guinea-Bissau 92.4% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2014.

Areas for improvement

- Spending on agriculture (0.9% of public spending in 2013), does not meet government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).
- Guinea-Bissau's spending in its health sector (9.5% of public spending in 2015) does not fully meet (15%) commitments set out in the Abuja Declaration.
- The Government of Guinea-Bissau has not ensured tenure security for rural populations. Land titling is weak and land markets do not function well.
- In Guinea-Bissau, the law does not give women economic rights equal to men. Men and women have equal legal access to agricultural land, but this is not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.
- Relative to other HANCI countries, Guinea-Bissau's medium/ long term national development policy (Plano Estratégico e Operacional 2015-2020 Terra Ranka Documento II Relatorio Final) places weak importance to nutrition.
- Guinea-Bissau does not have a separate budget line for nutrition; this prevents transparency and accountability for spending.
- Weak access to improved sanitation facilities (21.5% in 2015) obstructs better hunger and nutrition outcomes.
- In Guinea-Bissau, constitutional protection of the right to social security is weak.
- The Government of Guinea-Bissau does not provide social safety nets.



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Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
\$ Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	0.9%	2013	44th
\$ Public spending on health as share of total public spending ²	9.5%	2015	13th
Policies			
♠ Access to land (security of tenure) ³	Weak	2016	Joint 44th
Access to agricultural research and extension services ³	Moderate	2013	Joint 37th
Civil registration system — coverage of live births	23.7%	2014	42nd
Functioning of social protection systems ³	Very Weak	2010	Joint 43rd
Laws			
Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ³	Moderate	2014	Joint 8th
Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) 4	In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 1st
Equality of women's economic rights ⁴	Not in Law	2014	Joint 26th
① Constitutional right to social security (yes/no)	No	2017	Joint 29th
¹ Possible scores are: ● <75% of agri. spending pledges (AU commitments set ² Possible scores are: ● <75% of health spending pledges (AU commitments set ³ Possible scores are: ● Very Weak/Weak ● Moderate ● Strong/Very Strong	et out in the Abuja Declaration		_

Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

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

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
\$ Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	No	2017	Joint 33rd
Policies			
Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	87%	2015	Joint 16th
Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	Yes	2010	Joint 1st
Population with access to an improved water source	74.6%	2015	31st
Population with access to improved sanitation	21.5%	2015	32nd
Health care visits for pregnant women	92.4%	2014	22nd
Mutrition features in national development policy 1	Weak	2015-2020	32nd
National nutrition policy/strategy (yes/no)	Yes	2017	Joint 1st
Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	Yes	2017	Joint 1st
Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	Yes	2017	Joint 1st
Mational nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Laws			
(£) ICMBS^ Enshrined in domestic law ²	Few Aspects Enshrined	2016	Joint 28th

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





² Possible scores are: Not Enshrined in Law Few/Many Aspects Enshrined Fully enshrined.

[^] International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes