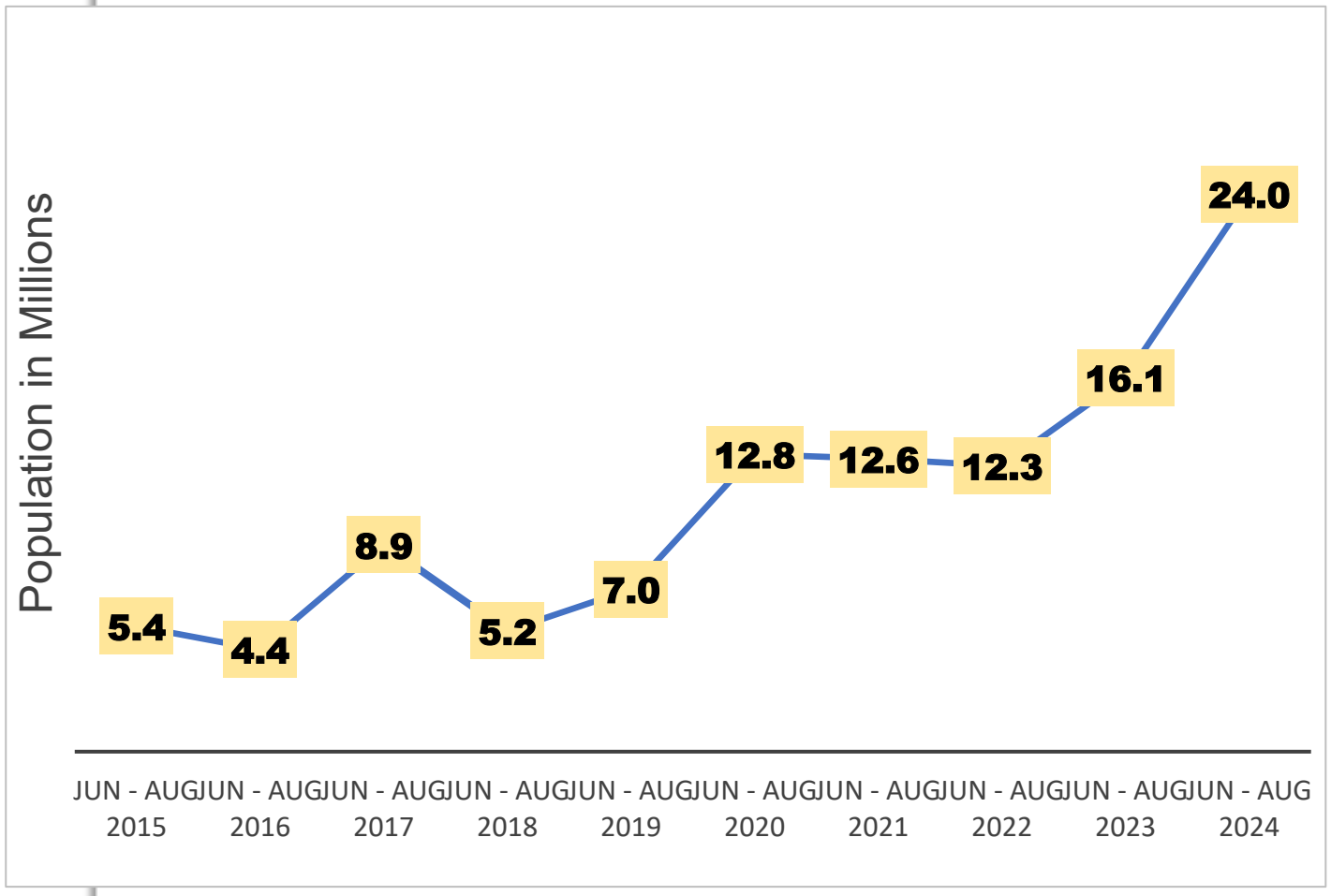
National Primary Health Care Development Agency

Department of Nutrition – Mandate and Activities.

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September 3rd, 2025.

Setting the Stage: Trend of population in Food Security and Nutrition crisis since 2014 during the lean season (projection)



In less than 10 years, important degradation

The number of people in FS crisis increase along with demographic curve.

→ Failure in addressing the root causes of food insecurity.

This trend is for 16 northern Nigeria states

NUTRITION DEPT: OVERVIEW, VISION, AND MISSION

Background

With the endorsement of the 5-year National Strategic Plan of Action for Nutrition (NSPAN 2021 – 2025), by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) and National Council on Nutrition, to guide the implementation of interventions and programmes addressing the problem of hunger and malnutrition across all sectors in Nigeria, it became necessary to establish Departments of Nutrition in Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to demonstrate strong political commitment at the highest level towards embedding governance platforms for nutrition activities in the country.

Overview (contd..)

- In March 2022, a Presidential directive was given for the establishment of Nutrition Departments in all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government.
- Subsequently, in a virtual meeting of the National Council on Nutrition (NCN) on February 21, 2023, the former Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osibanjo, further mandated relevant public service officials to follow up on the issue for implementation of the directive.

BACKGROUND, VISION, AND MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

- March 13th, 2023 - an Acting Director appointed to head the Department.
- A Deputy Director deployed to support in setting up the Department.

Vision

A pre-eminent provider of comprehensive information and resources required by all individuals, families and communities in Nigeria to make healthy choices about their diets.

OVERVIEW, VISION, AND MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

Overview (contd..)

Mission

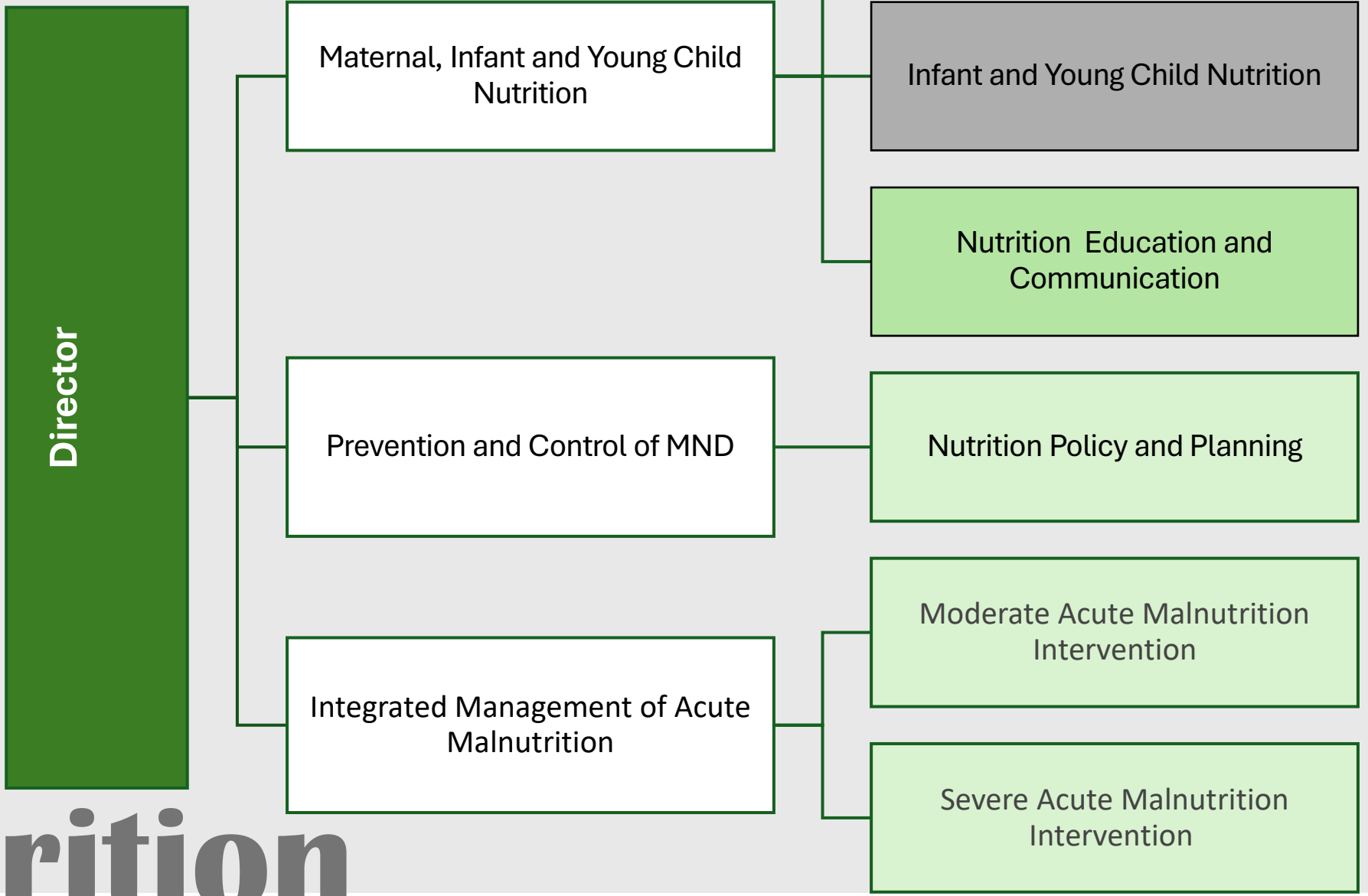
- To provide technical support to the subnational levels in the implementation of national nutrition policies and programmes at the primary health care level for improved nutritional well-being of all individuals, families and communities in Nigeria.

Terms of Reference

- Broadly, the Department of Nutrition provides leadership and coordination for programmes designated for NPHCDA in the National Policy on Food and Nutrition and National Multisectoral Plan of Action for Food and Nutrition (NMPFAN 2021 - 2025).

Mandate

- To initiate, coordinate, and lead on Nutrition and Nutrition related activities in Primary Health Care in all the 36 states and the FCT.
- To develop, disseminate, and regularly update relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Protocols, and Guidelines for Food and Nutrition.
- To enhance Maternal and Child Nutrition through Vitamin A, Iron/Folate, and Maternal Micro-nutrient supplementation (MMS), Deworming, screening for Malnutrition, and promote positive behavioural change and lifestyle modification.


Director
Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition
Prevention and Control of MND
Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition
Adolesent/Maternal Nutrition
Infant and Young Child Nutrition
Nutrition Education and Communication
Nutrition Policy and Planning
Moderate Acute Malnutrition Intervention
Severe Acute Malnutrition Intervention

Nutrition

Key Activities of the Department.

1. Support the development and implementation nutrition policies and programs that promote healthy food consumption/diet.
2. Promote appropriate maternal and child nutrition practices.
3. Promote regular growth monitoring and healthy development of Children under 5 in health facilities and communities.
4. Facilitate the training of HCWs and communities on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition, Prevention and Control of Micronutrient Deficiencies, and Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition.
5. Collaborate with other divisions and departments to achieve the NPHCDA goals and objectives.
6. Collaborate with relevant MDAs (FMOH, FMBEP, FMA&FS, FME, FMWAs, FMWR, NAFDAC, NEMA, FMHA&PA) & Development Partners especially UNICEF, NI, HKI, Vitamin Angels, CS SUN, WHO, on Nutrition interventions.

Key Projects in Nutrition Department.

1. Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) – World Bank
2. Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Week – Vitamin Angels, Nutrition International, HKI, UNICEF.
3. Vit. A supplementation in children 6 – 59 months – Vitamin Angels, Nutrition International, HKI, UNICEF.
4. Integrating of Nutrition and NCDs into PHC services.
5. Deworming in children – Vitamin Angels, HKI,

Key Activities in the Department's Work Plan.

1. Establishment/Revitalization of food demonstration corners in 370 primary health facilities across the 36+1 States.
2. Promotion of regular growth monitoring and healthy development of Children under 5 in health facilities and communities.
3. Strengthening of routine delivery and integration of MMS and Vitamin A Supplementation in PHCs.
4. Integration of Nutrition and NCDs into Routine PHC services.
5. Training of communities on Infant and Young Child Nutrition.


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