



Existing rates of: **Wasting: 6.1%** **Stunting: 57.5%** **Proportion of population underweight: 29.1%**

Source: Gov. of Burundi (DHS, 2010)

### Strong Performance

**The National** Nutrition Policy/Strategy identifies time bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism has been set up.

**The Government** of Burundi promotes complementary feeding practices.

**In Burundi** 98.9% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2010.

### Areas for improvement

**Spending** on agriculture (4.75% of public spending in 2013), does not meet government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).

**Burundi's spending** in its health sector (13.7% of public spending in 2012) is close to, yet not fully meeting government commitments set out in the African Union's Abuja Declaration (15% of public spending).

**In Burundi**, 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, Burundi's medium/long term national development policy (Vision Burundi 2025) places weak importance to nutrition.

**Burundi does** not have a separate budget line for nutrition; this prevents transparency and accountability for spending.

**Policymakers** in Burundi do not benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2010.

**The Government** of Burundi has not enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.

**Weak access** to improved sanitation facilities (47.5% in 2012) obstructs better hunger and nutrition outcomes.

**In Burundi**, constitutional protection of the right to social security is weak.

## Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
 Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending <sup>1</sup>	 4.75%	2013	22nd
 Public spending on health as share of total public spending <sup>1</sup>	 13.7%	2012	9th
<b>Policies</b>			
 Access to land (security of tenure) <sup>2</sup>	 Moderate	2013	Joint 17th
 Access to agricultural research and extension services <sup>2</sup>	 Moderate	2013	Joint 35th
 Civil registration system — coverage of live births	 75.2%	2010	15th
 Functioning of social protection systems <sup>2</sup>	 Weak	2014	Joint 22nd
<b>Laws</b>			
 Level of constitutional protection of the right to food <sup>3</sup>	 Moderate	2011	Joint 8th
 Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) <sup>4</sup>	 In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 4th
 Equality of women's economic rights <sup>4</sup>	 Not in Law	2011	Joint 30th
 Constitution recognises the right to social security (yes/no)	 No	2006	Joint 31st

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

<sup>2</sup> Possible scores are:  Weak  Moderate  Strong

<sup>3</sup> Possible scores are:  Weak  Moderate  Strong

<sup>4</sup> 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
<b>Policies</b>			
 Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	 75%	2013	31st
 Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
 Population with access to an improved water source	 75.3%	2012	21st
 Population with access to improved sanitation	 47.5%	2012	18th
 Health care visits for pregnant women	 98.9%	2010	1st
 Nutrition features in national development policy <sup>1</sup>	 Weak	2011-2015	38th
 National Nutrition Policy/Strategy (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
 Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
 Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
 National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	 No	2010	Joint 34th
<b>Laws</b>			
 ICMSB <sup>^</sup> Enshrined in domestic law <sup>2</sup>	 Not Enshrined in Law	2014	Joint 38th

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

<sup>2</sup> Possible scores are:  Not Enshrined in Law  Voluntary Adoption  Fully enshrined.

<sup>^</sup> International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes