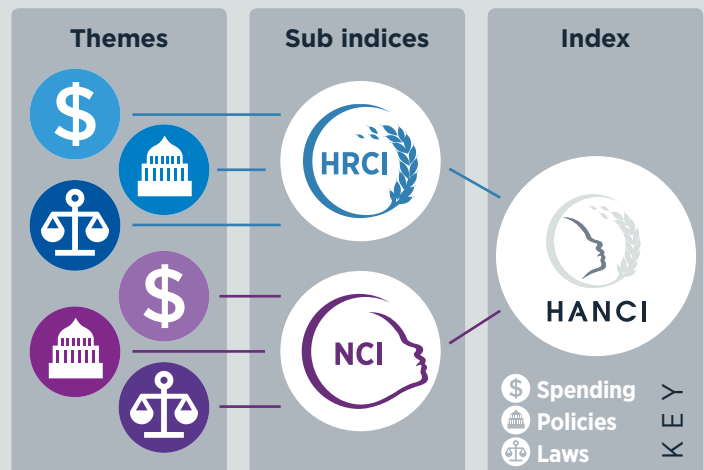
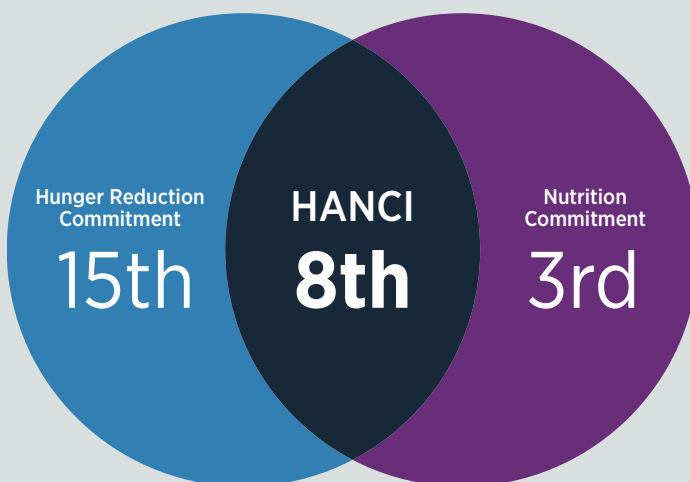



Key data for Nepal


Existing rates of: **Wasting:** 11.2% **Stunting:** 40.5% **Proportion of population underweight:** 29.1%

Source: Gov. of Nepal (DHS, 2011)

Strong Performance

Government investment in the health sector is comparatively high at 10.4% of total public spending in 2012.

Nepal instituted a separate budget line for nutrition, enabling transparency and accountability for spending.

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

Policymakers in Nepal benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2014.

The Government has fully enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.

The Government of Nepal promotes complementary feeding practices and has achieved two high doses of vitamin A supplementation for 99% of children in 2013.

In Nepal, constitutional protection of the right to food and the right to social security is strong.

Areas for improvement

In Nepal, 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.

Weak access to improved sanitation facilities (36.7% in 2012) obstructs better hunger and nutrition outcomes.

In Nepal only 58.3% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2011.

Social safety nets in Nepal are basic and only cover few risks for a limited number of beneficiaries.

Civil registration rates are weak (42.3% in 2011) and potentially hold back children's access to critical public services such as health and education.


Key data for Nepal
Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	6.85%	2013	13rd
Public spending on health as share of total public spending ¹	10.4%	2012	20th
Policies			
Access to land (security of tenure) ²	Moderate	2013	Joint 25th
Access to agricultural research and extension services ²	Moderate	2013	Joint 35th
Civil registration system — coverage of live births	42.3%	2011	32nd
Functioning of social protection systems ²	Weak	2014	Joint 36th
Laws			
Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ³	Strong	2011	Joint 1st
Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) ⁴	In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 4th
Equality of women's economic rights ⁴	In Law, not in Practice	2011	Joint 5th
Constitution recognises the right to social security (yes/no)	Yes	2006	Joint 1st

¹ No benchmark² Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong³ Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong⁴ 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)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Policies			
Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	99%	2013	Joint 1st
Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Population with access to an improved water source	88.1%	2012	10th
Population with access to improved sanitation	36.7%	2012	22nd
Health care visits for pregnant women	58.3%	2011	42nd
Nutrition features in national development policy ¹	Moderate	2013-2016	19th
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	2012	Joint 1st
National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Laws			
ICMBS [^] Enshrined in domestic law ²	Fully enshrined	2014	Joint 1st

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