

Ethiopia plans National Policy for food and nutrition

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The policy will focus on complimentary feeding for children under five as these periods are crucial for children's healthy growth.

The policy will be effective after two months. The policy will provide a legal framework that supports the works that the country has been engaging to improve food and nutrition system in Ethiopia.

It will also help to coordinate bodies that are engaged in the implementation of the food strategy and program; and accountable in promoting food safety and quality in the country.

The policy will also help to effectively coordinate efforts of non-governmental organizations engaged in the promotion of nutrition down to the lowest administrative levels.

According to the Ethiopian Demographic Health Survey (EDHS), the country has managed to reduce child malnutrition from 58 percent in 2000 to 38 percent in 2016.