Below is a diagram summarizing the different steps of the NAP formulation process. The steps are shown as a sequence in the diagram but it may be different in practice. For instance, it is possible that the national survey does not take place before the NAP implementation.

All the different steps in the NAP formulation process should be implemented in a way to build ownership and **ensure effective implementation of the NAP strategy**. Inclusiveness, openness, clear guidance and leadership constitute essential ingredients in the process. See section 4 of the Guidance Manual for more details on each step.