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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SCALING UP NUTRITION MOVEMENT LEAD GROUP

FIRST MEETING

TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012: 1200 – 1330 GMT

Participants:

Dr. Anthony Lake, SUN Lead Group Chair  
President Jakaya Kikwete, Tanzania  
Prime Minister Nahas Angula, Namibia  
Ms. Nina Sardjunani, Deputy Minister of Development Planning, Indonesia  
Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD  
Minister Bruno Le Maire, Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rural development and Land Planning, France  
Minister Beverley Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, Canada  
Dr. Marie Pierre Allié, President, Médecins Sans Frontières  
Mr. Tom Arnold, CEO, Concern Worldwide  
Dr. Helene Gayle, President and CEO, CARE USA  
Ms. Alessandra da Costa Lunas, General Secretary, COPROFAM  
Ms. Vinita Bali, Managing Director, Britannia Industries  
Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, WFP  
Ms. Tamar Manuelyan Atinc, Vice-President, The World Bank  
Dr. Chris Elias, President, Global Development, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Ms. Mary Robinson, President, the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice  
Mr. Jay Naidoo, Chair of the Board, GAIN  
Dr. David Nabarro, SUN Movement Coordinator

Observers<sup>1</sup>

Minister A.F. Ruhul Haque, Minister of Health, on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh  
Ms. Maude Arnould, on behalf of Mr. Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development, EC  
Mr. Paul Weisenfeld, on behalf of Mr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator, USAID  
Ms. Anne Heughan, on behalf of Mr. Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever  
Dr. Kaosar Afsana, on behalf of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairman, BRAC

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<sup>1</sup> Normally only Lead Group members will take part in the discussions and decision making. Given that this meeting was arranged at short notice, the Chair indicated that Observers could speak if the principals had asked them to do so.

## **Summary of Action Points**

Participants in the first meeting of the SUN Lead Group agreed to:

- 1. Work together to determine a realistic, prioritized, results-driven strategy (revised Road Map) for their contribution to the overall Movement, specifying time-bound objectives and indicators against which progress can be assessed**
- 2. Form sub-Groups to work – with support from the SUN Movement networks and secretariat - on key elements of the strategy including:**
  - **Documenting and sharing best practices especially between countries and stakeholders;**
  - **Establishing evidence for the cost-effectiveness of nutrition;**
  - **Tracking of financing and investments;**
  - **Building a robust results and accountability framework;**
  - **Advocating for the mobilization of national and international resources for nutrition;**
  - **Ensuring an emphasis on a) the gender dimension and b) women's empowerment in policies and actions to Scale Up Nutrition**
- 3. Support SUN countries' access to coherent coordinated support through nurturing the growth of Networks within the Movement.**
- 4. Champion Scaling Up Nutrition and the SUN Movement through advocacy opportunities at national and global levels.**

The following provides a summary of the discussions:

### **Agenda Item 1: Introductions of the Lead Group**

- 1) The Chair welcomed the setting up of this Lead Group by the UN Secretary-General and thanked all participants for finding the time to join. He indicated his commitment to Scaling Up Nutrition, stressed the extent of the challenge and reminded all of the benefits of Scaling Up Nutrition for individuals, households, communities and nations.
- 2) He emphasized that SUN is not a new bureaucracy, programme, or global fund but a political Movement being led by Governments to encourage increased commitment for accelerating reductions in levels of under-nutrition. It seeks to ensure that existing initiatives – such as the UN system's REACH process – work together as effectively as possible.
- 3) The Chair asked Members of the Lead Group to outline their motivation for accepting the Secretary-General's invitation. Members indicated their commitment to:
  - Enabling greater political appreciation of the issue of under-nutrition and its significance;
  - Focusing on obtaining measurable results – and communicating them;
  - Sharing experiences across countries and sectors;
  - Improving accountability for actions undertaken, and delivering on commitments;

- Emphasizing a) the gender dimension of policies and actions to scale up nutrition by analysing the differential impacts on men and women, and b) the importance of the empowerment of women as agents of change to tackle problems relating to nutrition;
- Identifying and promoting the best methods for preventing – and, if necessary, treating, undernutrition, especially among women and children;
- Ensuring that consideration is given to both specific nutrition interventions and nutrition sensitive policies;
- Enabling those working on nutrition in SUN countries to better link with international stakeholders;
- Facilitating the engagement of existing national networks so as to ensure that SUN develops into a broad, participatory Movement;
- Underlining that nutrition can only be improved through actions that enable people to realize their rights – especially their right to food; and
- Encouraging increased financial investment in nutrition through demonstrating that cost-effective actions are available, tested and ready for scaling up.

### **Agenda Item 2: Overview of the SUN Movement<sup>2</sup>**

- 4) The SUN Movement Secretariat reported that the SUN Movement was established in September 2010 to support countries as they advance their plans for enabling their people to enjoy better nutrition. The focus is on undernutrition, especially between pregnancy and a child's second birthday. Improved nutrition in this period has proven to have an effective impact on the intellectual, physical and social progress of children, and this contributes to the economic development of nations. Many countries are demonstrating extraordinary reductions in levels of stunting by combining specific nutrition interventions with nutrition-sensitive development policies (such as in social welfare, agriculture, food, education, employment, climate change, health and gender policies). This combination of approaches works if empowered women are at their centre.
- 5) Three countries joined the Movement within the first three months; 18 months on, 27 countries have elected to join the Movement, as have hundreds of partner organizations who are supporting them. Each country in the Movement has a Government focal point working across ministries, engages a full range of sectors, civil society, researchers, businesses and international organizations in a national platform, seeks to bring different nutrition programs together in synergy, establishes an agreed results framework and encourages all partners in the SUN Movement to align their technical, political and financial support behind national programs. The overarching objective is to secure results within the next 2-3 years (i.e. by 2015-16) with emphasis on reductions in stunting, anaemia and other forms of undernutrition.

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<sup>2</sup> This agenda item was based on two documents circulated to Lead Group Members – a Background Paper and a Table with an overview of progress by countries

- 6) The last two reviews of the Movement (September 2011 and April 2012) concluded that the Secretariat and its stakeholder networks focus on (a) mobilizing generous, flexible and well-aligned support so that SUN countries can stimulate sustained improvements in people's nutrition, with specific attention to pregnant women and children under 24 months old, (b) ensuring supportive actions focus on national policy priorities and (c) that (wherever possible), donors and other external partners align their support. These needs are being incorporated in the updated Strategy (revised Road Map) for the SUN Movement, by focusing on the realization of results, analyzing factors that encourage success and communicating this information between countries.

### **Agenda Item 3: Terms of Reference of the Lead Group**

- 7) The UN Secretary-General decided to create the SUN Movement Lead Group to provide the Movement with direction and support. Until now the SUN Movement has been guided by a highly committed but informal Transition Team and supported by a temporary Secretariat.
- 8) The proposed Terms of Reference of the Lead Group, which had been shared with the participants in advance, were discussed. Participants particularly appreciated the emphasis on results, accountability, advocacy and resource mobilization. They indicated the need for the SUN Lead Group to ensure an emphasis on: a) the gender dimension of policies and actions to scale up nutrition by analysing the differential impacts on men and women, and b) the importance of the empowerment of women.
- 9) The SUN Movement Coordinator explained that the Lead Group is not yet complete: a small number of individuals are still to be nominated by the UN Secretary-General. One will be from a non-traditional donor.

### **Agenda Item 4: From Mobilization to Results: Priorities for the Movement and future areas of focus for the Lead Group**

- 10) The Chair invited Members to focus on work to be undertaken before the next meeting of the Lead Group (in late September 2012). The conclusion of this discussion was that Members would like to take part in the development of an updated Strategy (revised Road Map) for the SUN Movement. These will include ways to ensure that results are monitored and analyzed, that advocacy around the results is intensified, and that the Lead Group continues to facilitate the growth of the Movement driven by SUN countries. Lead Group Members will be invited to form sub-groups to work on six key areas:

- Best practices, and which interventions have greatest potential to leverage results;
- Gathering evidence of the cost-effectiveness of scaling up nutrition;
- Tracking financing and investments in nutrition to identify key resource gaps;
- Building a robust results and accountability framework, based on clear indicators and targets (e.g. MDGs, post-2015 goals and the World Health Assembly);
- Improved advocacy and mobilization of national and international resources for nutrition;

- Articulating the importance of empowering women to be at the centre of policies and actions to Scale Up Nutrition.
- 11) Under the guidance of the SUN Movement Lead Group Chair, the Secretariat and its Networks will support Lead Group members as they establish the elements of a SUN Movement Strategy (revised Road Map). The Strategy will be debated and finalized in the next Lead Group meeting in New York over a half-day in the week starting 24 September. The meeting will focus on substantive issues, on action items and on measuring the impact of the Movement
  - 12) Coordinated advocacy to maintain the focus on scaling up nutrition across political processes remains a priority in order that traction is gained to deliver results. To help sustain this momentum, and to showcase the impact of the Movement, Canada has offered to co-host a SUN side event at the UN General Assembly in September 2012.

SUN Movement Secretariat

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