

Where are we now?

2015 represents a critical threshold for the Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement as it winds down on the 2012-2015 Strategy. The Independent Comprehensive Evaluation of the Movement has identified key points which will inform the strategic direction beyond 2015. The new strategy and approach, while building on the successes and addressing the identified challenges, will further fine-tune accountability and improve support for country scaling up nutrition efforts.

Why assess progress?

With recognition to the different monitoring requirement and cycles for countries within the Movement, the 2015 self-assessment exercise is to give a snapshot of progress and current state of institutional transformations for scaling up nutrition in countries. The essence of these key institutional transformations are embodied in the four strategic objectives set out in the 2012-2015 SUN Movement Strategy. Having used the same assessment methodology in 2014, the reporting for this year will ensure consistency in demonstrating progress and at the same time offer an opportunity for all actors to come together, confirm priorities, assess progress, and revitalize working methods and relations while identifying existing key constraints.

Who will be involved?

Reporting of progress in the SUN Movement is country-led with the support of the SUN Movement Secretariat and Networks. Assessing of progress in countries will be led by the SUN Government Focal Points with the continuous support of all in-country stakeholders (Government, UN, Civil Society, Business, Donor and Academic participants where available).

When is it happening?

February - March	April	15 May	June	July - August
- Distribution of assessment guides (SMS) - Individual Country Support Calls (SMS)	- Country self-assessment of progress (led by Focal Points with support from Country stakeholders) - Global Networks self-assessment (led by Network Facilitators)	- Reporting (15 May)	- Compilation and Analysis of reports by SMS	- Verification by countries and Network Facilitators - Final Reporting

The Methodology

The SUN Movement Progress reporting draws heavily on the Monitoring of Outcomes to present the state of institutional transformations happening in countries. This is structured around the four processes (in pursuit of the four strategic objectives) reflected in the SUN Movement Strategy 2012 – 2015:

- **Process One:** Bringing people into a shared space for action
- **Process Two:** Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
- **Process Three:** Aligning around a Common Results Framework
- **Process Four:** Financial Tracking and Resource Mobilisation

Outcome mapping recognizes that actors (people, organisations, networks) are driving change processes. Using self-assessments by the diverse actors as a mutual accountability framework, with the purpose of enabling future steering of and learning across the Movement within the SUN Movement, it looks at how the behaviour of institutional actors (i.e. government and the various constituencies involved in the Movement) is changing within the context of the four processes which are considered as key towards scaling-up nutrition.

i. Progress Markers (PM) – Understanding the behavioural outcomes that underpin the four SUN Processes

At the centre of this outcome mapping approach is a set of progress markers (PM) that illustrate behavioural outcomes that are expected to be displayed by the various actors in the efforts to scale up nutrition.

The assessment offers an opportunity to observe these behavioural changes in the four processes. For this purpose, a number of progress markers for each process are identified which helps to reveal the evolving behaviours – relationships, actions, activities, policies and or practices – over a period of time. The observations in relation to each progress marker are assessed using the following criteria:

N/A	0	1	2	3	4
Not applicable	Not started	Started	On-going	Nearly completed	Completed
Progress Marker not applicable to current context	Nothing in place	Planning begun	Planning completed and implementation initiated	Implementation complete with gradual steps to processes becoming operational	Fully operational /Target achieved/ On-going with continued monitoring

Facilitation Guide

Self-Assessment by National Multi-Stakeholder Platform

- What?** ■ A meeting of the national multistakeholder platform to assess progress in the efforts to scale up nutrition
- Who?** ■ Participants: 2 to 4 relevant representatives of stakeholder networks (Donors, Civil Society, UN, Business, Academic) and Government
- Result** ■ Validated assessment of progress (April 2014-April 2015) of the national platform on all 4 SUN processes

i. Proposed format for Self-Assessment meeting

1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants welcome and registration
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Self-assessment of progress of in SUN in 2015 (April 2014 – April 2015) in relation to the four processes that underpin the SUN Movement Identify challenges and suggestions to improve performance In June, the SUN Movement Secretariat will compile inputs from all countries, supplemented with global data on impact, into a comprehensive review of progress of the SUN Movement for 2014-2015
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief presentation on assessing progress in SUN (Review of country assessment for 2014 & progress markers)
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of progress by multi-stakeholder platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1 - Assess progress of the platform AS A WHOLE (Using REF. 2) Two (2) mixed groups, with each as representative of the different stakeholders as much as possible (Group 1 and 2) Each group will assess TWO processes using the criteria table Appoint facilitators for each group to record scores and suggestions Group 1 scores process 1&2 (REF. 3a & 3b); Group 2 scores process 3&4 (REF 3c & 3d). Important to provide explanation/evidence for each score Group discussion of all assessment
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 2 – Description of the contribution of Networks (Using REF. 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Network groups: (1) donors, (2) civil society (3) UN, (4) business, (5) Government Each Network describes the contributions made to each process Group discussion of all assessment
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final assessment to be recorded in final reporting format (REF. 4) and shared with all stakeholders for validation. Final national report (REF. 4) will be shared with SMS (in May) for inclusion in Annual Progress Report of the SUN Movement for 2015

ii. Criteria for Assessment

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iii. Processes and Progress Markers for Country Self-Assessments 2015

Process 1: Bringing people in the same space	
Progress Marker 1	Select/develop coordinating mechanisms at country level
Progress Marker 2	Coordinate internally and broaden membership/ engage with other actors for broader influence
Progress Marker 3	Engage within / contribute to MSP
Progress Marker 4	Track and report on own contribution to MSP
Progress Marker 5	Sustain Impact of the MSP
Process 2: Coherent policy and legal framework	
Progress Marker 1	Analyse existing nutrition-relevant policies and programmes
Progress Marker 2	Mainstream nutrition in own policies and strategies
Progress Marker 3	Coordinate / harmonise member inputs in policy / legal framework development
Progress Marker 4	Influence policy/legal framework development through advocacy/contribution
Progress Marker 5	Disseminate policy and operationalize / Enforce legal framework
Progress Marker 6	Track and report results for steering and learning / Sustain policy impact
Process 3: Common Results Framework for National Nutrition Plan (aligned programming)	
Progress Marker 1	Align own programmes to national nutrition-relevant policies
Progress Marker 2	Translate policy / legal framework in Common Results Framework (CRF) for SUN
Progress Marker 3	Organise implementation of CRF
Progress Marker 4	Manage implementation of CRF
Progress Marker 5	Track and report implementation results for steering and learning/evaluate to sustain impact
Process 4: Financial tracking and resource mobilisation	
Progress Marker 1	Assess financial feasibility
Progress Marker 2	Track and (transparently) accounting of spending
Progress Marker 3	Scale up and align resources (incl. filling the gaps)
Progress Marker 4	Honour commitments (turn pledges into disbursements)
Progress Marker 5	Ensure predictability / sustain impact / multi-year funding