

**Scaling Up Nutrition Network Facilitators' Call**  
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**SUMMARY NOTE**

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**Detail**

**1. Introduction**

SMS welcomed feedback received on the previous call which will help the group to develop the Network Facilitator Calls into a forum for exchange on key issues between facilitators.

**2. Discussion on upcoming events**

Noting the heavy agenda of significant nutrition related events to the end of the year, the SMS asked Networks for their view on how best to maximise the gains for nutrition from these opportunities.

The **Donor Network** underlined the importance of ensuring that nutrition was adequately reflected in the post-2015 development agenda and that support should be given to the development of multi-sectoral approaches by countries and their development partners.

The **CSO Network** said that the nutrition a development priority was approaching a tipping point; however, clear priorities were necessary to ensure that the opportunity for gains was not missed. The Network will be focussing on influencing the post-2015 agenda and maximising the outcome of the June 08 summit on hunger and nutrition being hosted by the UK government. The latter event should be a priority for all SUN stakeholders between now and June. The Network encouraged more joint action to mobilise support behind national plans in order to achieve the necessary breakthrough. SMS encouraged the Network to continue to engage with the group on this issue.

The **Business Network** said that it would seek to maximise the synergies between the June 08 summit and the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (due to be discussed later the same day). The Business Network will hold a number of in-country meetings aimed at bringing together business and the public sector in advance of June 08. The private sector has a key role to play in reaching those not reached by the public sector; however, the opportunities and challenges for all sides need to be carefully assessed.

The **UN Network** noted that governments were mobilised and motivated around nutrition. Countries are now in need of concrete support. The UN Network is mapping needs and examining ways of delivering support. Intra-network cooperation at country level is important in this regard. The Business Network noted the importance of all networks having the capacity to respond.

**SUN Country Network Facilitators** confirmed the enthusiasm from countries; and underlined the importance of leaders having clear messages on what to expect and how to prepare. They noted the need for SUN countries to collaborate with complementary initiatives such as CAADP. The role of resource countries, including through the development of Resource Hubs, was discussed with an expectation that several new countries may join the SUN Movement in this capacity and share their experience with other. Finally, the SUN Movement Facilitators underlined the need for clear follow-up mechanisms for upcoming events to ensure individual countries' contributions are maximised.

**SUN- ACT** (Advocacy and Communications Group) said that the group would bring together representatives of all the Networks to develop common messages. SUN-ACT will be targeting key moments this year. SMS underlined the important of coherent and consistent messaging across the Movement.

Concluding the discussion, SMS reiterated the importance of the series of meetings to take place this year. SMS noted that the Lead Group could contribute to building support in advance of the June 08 meeting. SMS underlined the need for the whole Movement to work together to maximise the outcomes for nutrition at the June 08 meeting, in the post-2015 discussion and beyond September's UN General Assembly meeting.

### **3. Briefing on seventh round of SUN Country Network Calls**

SMS briefed on the latest round of SUN Country Network calls which took place between 28 February and 05 March. Ten main points for action and follow-up arising from the calls were identified. These are:

- Planning multi-sectoral strategies
- Incorporating nutrition sensitive approaches
- Negotiating a single set of expected results
- Costing national plans
- Review of strategies and plans by peers
- Advocating and communicating
- Tailored monitoring and evaluation systems
- Implementation through decentralisation
- Synergy of actions by stakeholders
- Tracking national and donor spending

- Building capacities in terms of coordination

SMS noted that request for support for these areas were consistent across the SUN countries. The SMS will work to ensure more clarity for networks on exact needs where possible. The SMS will also track requests and responses. SMS highlighted a number of specific needs identified by countries (Haiti, Ghana, Madagascar and Burundi) and highlighted in the background document circulated before the call.

The Network Facilitators welcomed the briefing. The Donor Network underlined the importance of networks being clear on which areas they can support. The Business Network noted the need for additional resources to scale up its ability to respond to requests from countries; this is an issue it will raise with the Lead Group. The CSO Network said that they are mappings capacity at country level. The Network will consider the specific requests for support at its next meeting in mid-April.

#### **4. Briefing by Secretariat**

- **Update on issues for SUN Lead Group Meeting on April 10**

The SUN Lead Group will hold its third meeting on 10 April by teleconference. The meeting will be an opportunity to take stock of the progress and challenges that the Movement has encountered since the last Lead Group meeting in September 2012. A report which summaries progress and challenges has been prepared by the SMS. The meeting will also draw Lead Group members' attention to upcoming nutrition events and encourage their engagement in their individual and collective spheres of influence, nationally, regionally and globally.

- **SUN-ACT Update**

A SUN communications consultation meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February in Geneva. A small group of active advocacy and communication specialists from across the SUN Movement took part. The purpose was to outline a SUN advocacy and communication implementation plan for 2013 – setting out clear objectives and deliverables. A SUN-Advocacy and Communication Team (SUN ACT) is being formed to advise and support implementation of the plan. SUN ACT will include representation from across the Movement and will be convened by Micronutrient Initiative (Chris Dendys as lead). Chris will be contacting each of the facilitators soon with TORs and to ask for their suggestions for representatives from networks.

- **M&E Update**

The group was reminded that 26 March was the final day for comments on the pre-Final M&E Framework circulated to Networks the previous week. SMS thanked all the Networks for making individuals available to participate in the Design Workshop. The Consultants will finalise the document which will be shared with the Lead Group at their meeting on 10 April.

#### **5. SUN Movement Costing Exercise**

SMS updated the group on the costing exercise being coordinated by the Secretariat. The Secretariat is facilitating two processes – the first, a “theoretical” exercise using the World Bank methodology to estimate the cost of 10 nutrition specific interventions. This exercise has yielded a figure of USD 5.7

billion per year as the total cost for the 10 nutrition specific interventions in 33 SUN countries. The second process involves the examination of national costed plans from a subset of SUN countries. The plans include costs for nutrition specific interventions and some nutrition sensitive approaches in addition to costs for strengthening governance. The objectives of the process are:

- To understand the elements of the plans and the financing gap for a set of government-approved national nutrition plans
- To identify the elements of the plans which are not receiving adequate funding.

To date sixteen plans have been reviewed. SMS believes that more plans will be shared with the SMS in the coming months. The SMS hopes that the outcome of this exercise will serve as a basis for resource mobilisation for SUN countries. Two page summaries for each country are being produced to help with this. In addition an overview paper is being developed which will take note of important contextual issues, including capacity constraints.

Through a thorough analysis and modelling, the SMS expects to be able to extrapolate robust estimates of total spending requirements and gaps for all SUN countries. SMS noted that a working estimate was that countries would require and could absorb in the region of USD 1 billion per year in additional resources.

Network Facilitators welcomed the exercise, which they said was useful for networks to understand countries' objectives and how they can best support them. Countries will also need to look at where they can increase their own resources. Facilitators underlined the importance of ensuring nutrition sensitive interventions were adequately and appropriately reflected in the exercise. Agriculture should be seen as a special sector as it is the only one producing food. SMS agreed on the importance of ensuring that nutrition sensitive development is included. Facilitators also underlined the importance of learning from regional processes and partners such as CAADP and the Asian Development Banks. Regional hubs may have an important role here.

The Business Network underlined the importance of ensuring that interventions not being delivered through the public sector were also captured. The CSO Network underlined the importance of this work as part of the process of preparing for the June 08 meeting.

## **6. Conclusion**

The SUN Coordinator thanked all Network Facilitators for their active participation in the meeting. SMS will follow-up individually with Networks for updates on their current priorities and activities (as this item was not covered due lack of time).