

Scaling Up Nutrition Network Facilitators' Call
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SUMMARY NOTE

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Detail

1. Introduction

The SUN Coordinator welcomed participants and noted that many had been involved in the recent stream of meetings on nutrition through which he hoped to see increased commitments to nutrition from countries and Networks. The Coordinator said that the upcoming Nutrition for Growth event in London on 08 June could be regarded as a culmination of this recent build-up of political commitment around nutrition. The SUN Movement – through the SUN countries and Networks - has been instrumental in mobilising this commitment.

The UK updated the group on preparations for the Nutrition for Growth event being hosted by the UK Government, Government of Brazil and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF). The UK thanked all SUN Network colleagues for their efforts and support, and encouraged a continued focus on securing commitments up to the event. The UK agreed to provide background material to the SMS for distribution to colleagues.

2. Updates from Network Facilitators

Donor Network

The Donor Network said that it was working on a methodology on how to track resources and would ensure that June 08 commitments aligned with this, with a baseline agreed by the September SUN

Annual Report. Donor convenors have been reaching out to countries to encourage and support their participation, and a strong participants list is taking shape.

The Network underlined the importance of ensuring performance at country level, including nomination of Donor Convenors and supporters. The Network continued to work on this and highlighted the leadership of the Irish EU Presidency and the European Commission on this issue.

UN Network

The UN Network announced a lunch event for the Network in Nairobi on 27 – 29 August. The event will focus on the rollout of the UN Network at country level, harmonisation of policies and on nutrition-sensitive development, particularly nutrition-sensitive agriculture. The Network noted that work on nutrition sensitive agriculture had continued with the Meeting of the Minds (25-28 March) which discussed the nutritional impact of relevant policies shaping the food systems globally and in countries at different stages of the nutrition transition.

The UN Network said that it continues to respond to needs of SUN countries including directly responding to support needs expressed by SUN Focal Points in country calls in 10 REACH countries. REACH has undertaken support missions to 10 REACH Countries (Tanzania, Nepal, Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana, Mali, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Malawi, and Niger) and completed monitoring and evaluation data collection for a survey on nutrition governance in REACH countries. REACH is expanding to Burundi and Malawi on request of the government and UN teams. Gambia has also expressed an interest in REACH support.

The Network noted discussions on nutrition at the World Health Assembly, including during the discussion on the NCD action plan and monitoring framework and during a side event on Nutrition for Growth on 21 May organised by the delegations of Guatemala, Peru, Ethiopia and the UK in collaboration with the WHO Secretariat. The Network also noted that the final CAADP Nutrition Capacity Development Initiative workshop would take place from 09 – 13 September in Botswana and that *The State of Food and Agriculture* (SOFA) report would be launched on 04 June and will be available at <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/en/>.

Business Network

The Business Network said it has continued advocacy around the role that the private sector can play in support of countries in advance of the Nutrition for Growth event. The Network has been actively involved in identifying opportunities for the private sector to better engage, including the development of a pre-competitive platform for nutrition research and strengthening the SUN Business Network at country level. The Network is also examining how it can increase its ability to respond to requests from countries to broker dialogue with the private sector.

The Network has held ‘convenings’ in a number of countries with more planned in the coming months. The Network is also considering a request from Indonesia for support. The Network will continue to work with companies that attended its launch event in December and companies involved in other large partnerships (Amsterdam Initiative on Malnutrition, etc.) to bring them into the Network. The Network is in the final stages of recruiting a Network Manager.

CSO Network

The CSO Network said it had focussed its energies, since the last call, on ensuring that the Nutrition for Growth event was a success by advocating for strong donor commitments and a rapid scale up. The CSO Network has been working to support days of action in 20 SUN countries on 07 June. The Network encouraged all to continue to support the event in the final few weeks.

The CSO Network will hold a number of meetings on 10 & 11 June in Washington which will mark the public launch of the Network. The agenda for the 10 June meeting on *Sustaining Political Commitments to Scaling Up Nutrition* has been finalised and will feature addresses from USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah and Ireland's Development Minister, Joe Costello. The meeting will focus on taking stock and looking ahead through two panel discussions. Forty CSO representatives from SUN countries are being funded to attend.

The meeting on 11 June will mark the launch of the Network and will identify key priority areas for the Network, as well as seeking to share challenges and experiences in overcoming them. The SUN CSO Steering Committee will also use the opportunity to have its first face to face meeting. Looking forward the Network said that they would focus on building national level capacity on advocacy, accountability and delivery, national scale-up and building momentum through to the 2016 Brazilian World Cup Nutrition meeting.

Country Network Facilitators

Emorn Wasantwisut underlined the need for Networks to focus on countries' needs. All Networks are addressing capacity constraints; however, such support should be directed to clearly identified gaps. Emorn noted her conversations with Laos and Myanmar, where a lot of gaps have been identified and Network support would be welcome. Emorn said that commitments made on 08 June should be clearly identifiable in terms of which Network is planning to do what in which countries.

Discussion

The SUN Coordinator welcomed the efforts of all Networks to ensure meaningful commitments at the Nutrition for Growth event as well as Network plans to continue to support countries beyond 08 June. He noted the substantial meetings being planned by the SUN CSO Network on 10 & 11 June and the launch event being planned by the UN Network. The Coordinator encouraged more cross Network collaboration, noting recent contacts between the Business and CSO Networks on preparations for June 08. The SMS will work to ensure that follow-up from the 08 June event is fed into the Movement.

The UN Network underlined the work they are already doing with countries to identify gaps. The Donor Network suggested that a face to face meeting of Network Facilitators in the coming months would be a useful opportunity for more detailed discussion, information sharing and building cross-network contacts. Concluding the discussion Emorn noted that a number of countries are showing a strong interest in supporting the SUN Movement as *resource* countries. The Nutrition for Growth event will be critical to bring some of these countries on board.

3. Briefing on last round of SUN Country Network calls

The last round of SUN Country Network calls took place from 25 -30 April. The Secretariat will circulate a summary report and supporting materials to Network Facilitators. SMS agreed that reports should be attuned to SUN Networks.

4. Briefing on SUN Secretariat activities

M&E Baseline Development

SMS thanked Network Facilitators for the support for the development of a baseline for the SUN Movement. SMS said that the draft report would be completed by the end of the month and would be circulated to Network Facilitators for comments before being finalised. An M&E Manual to guide Network Facilitators on use of the Framework and how to gather data is also being prepared.

Conflict of Interest – GSO Process

SMS noted that the first consultation meeting under the GSO led process to examine Conflict of Interest in the context of the SUN Movement would take place on 13 June. SMS thanked Network Facilitators for their on-going support, in particular with the identification and nomination of participants for the consultation meetings

SUN Global Gathering

SMS said that a “SUN Global Gathering” is tentatively planned for Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 September.

The purpose of the event would be:

- Celebrating successes – contributing to the learning agenda by focusing on how results were achieved;
- Enabling countries to seek support to resolve bottlenecks in the run up to 2015 – with concrete commitments from the Networks to provide follow-up at country-level;
- Bolstering the spirit of mutual accountability (results) – with the Lead Group and the constituents giving an account of what they have done; and
- Envisioning the Movement beyond 2015 – including global governance of nutrition and the post-2015 development agenda.

SMS said that the event would seek to ensure as much horizontal interaction between countries and Networks as possible. The SMS would welcome the Networks views on themes around which the gathering could be organised and how the Networks –collectively and individually – could use this event to support countries. The event will be reliant on funding being secured and we would appreciate if all Networks could consider if they could support financially or through other support.

Emorn suggested that countries should help shape the Global Gathering agenda so that it can be a space for countries to share experiences and achievements. Emorn also suggested that the SMS should look at how to build greater advocacy and communications messaging around recent landmark reports on undernutrition (Lancet, UNICEF).

SUN Progress Report 2013

SMS said that it planned to produce the annual SUN Movement Progress Report for September. The report will focus predominately on the impact that the Movement is making in SUN countries, and the work being done by the SUN Networks in supporting them.

The progress markers developed for the M and E Framework will act as a base for the report. For Networks, the surveys circulated as part of the baseline exercise will provide data for this. These surveys sought to capture information from two data points – September 2012 and May 2013. For the report to accurately reflect progress, Networks were encouraged to ensure as comprehensive responses as possible.

The SMS will be in contact with Facilitators in early June for (a) any clarifications on the data received through the survey; and (b) specific case studies. A draft will be circulated to the Network facilitators around July 15th. There will be an opportunity to comment until the end of July- before the report goes to translation. The draft will then be presented to the Focal Points, Lead Group and Facilitators at the Global Gathering in September for discussion. It will be finalised based on discussion at this meeting. SMS agreed to send a short note immediately after the meeting on how Networks can contribute (*See email from Martin Gallagher of 28/05/2013*).

5. A.O.B.

SMS said that the launch of the 2013 Lancet series on undernutrition would take place on 06 June and asked that those who received expressions of interest from countries contact the SMS.

Updates not covered in the meeting due to time

Lead Group Meetings

The Lead Group met on 10 April for its six-monthly teleconference. The discussions allowed Lead Group Members to discuss progress and challenges for the Movement since September 2012.

Lead group members recognised that:

- Significant progress that has been made since the last Lead Group meeting in sustaining the political momentum for nutrition and in supporting countries achieve results in ensuring that all people can realize their right to adequate nutrition;
- Progress is uneven- and alongside reinforcing the support for those that are doing well, focus is needed on helping others surge forward.

The Lead Group identified three main challenges in achieving the Movement's strategic objectives:

- Increasing Resources for Nutrition
- Establishing best practice for improving capacity to scale up proven nutrition interventions
- Encouraging leadership around the alignment of actions

The Lead Group also met briefly on 10 May to discuss advocacy for scaling up nutrition, in particular in relation to the meetings on Nutrition in 2013.

The Lead Group focussed on how they can work together to:

- Increase the momentum of the Movement through intense and targeted advocacy.

- Stimulate the commitment – by leaders - to more ambitious results through increased investments and scaling up of effective action.
- Intensify advocacy in relation to upcoming high-level nutrition events, focusing particularly on how they can lead to scaling up of effective action in SUN countries.

Notes on both these meetings are being made available on the SUN Website.

Annex I – List of SUN Countries (with link to SUN website)

- [Bangladesh](#)
- [Benin](#)
- [Burkina Faso](#)
- [Burundi](#)
- [Cameroon](#)
- [Chad](#)
- [Congo, Democratic Republic of](#)
- [Côte d'Ivoire](#)
- [El Salvador](#)
- [Ethiopia](#)
- [Gambia](#)
- [Ghana](#)
- [Guatemala](#)
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