

About the UN Network for SUN

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is active in over 50 countries, galvanizing the support of multiple stakeholder networks, including the UN Network for SUN, to reduce malnutrition. The UN Network for SUN serves to:

- 1 Strengthen the harmonization, coordination and effectiveness of UN agencies' activities in support of country nutrition efforts;
- 2 Align with and articulate UN nutrition efforts to those of national governments, other SUN Networks and nutrition stakeholders at global and country levels; and
- 3 Advance the aims of the SUN Movement.

The **UN Network for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)** was endorsed in June 2013 by the Principals of five UN Agencies, namely Margaret Chan, Director General of WHO; Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of WFP; José Graziano da Silva, Director General of FAO; Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF; and Kanayo Nwanze, President of IFAD. The network has since served as a harmonizing framework for the role and activities of the UN System in support of nutrition at both global and country levels. The UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) and REACH operated as co-facilitators of the UN Network, at global and country level respectively until November 2014 when the Principals of the five UN Agencies agreed that the UN Network for SUN Secretariat be joined together with REACH. The **UN Network for SUN Secretariat** works with UN Agencies in pursuit of the above aims in SUN countries. While the membership of the UN Network for SUN currently includes the above mentioned agencies, other UN agencies engaged in nutrition at country level are encouraged to join the Network.

REACH

The Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and undernutrition (REACH) partnership was initiated in 2008 by FAO, UNICEF, WHO and WFP. REACH is established under the UN Network for SUN (hosted by WFP in Rome) to support SUN processes at country level. It offers neutral facilitation, coordination and analytical services.

The role of and efficient function of the UN Nutrition Network in the 50-plus SUN countries is central to the Movement. At country level, the UN Network for SUN comprises **UN agency programme staff**, who are working towards an agreed UN nutrition agenda to support a national multi-sectoral strategy on nutrition. The country leadership of the UN Network for SUN builds on what is already present at the country level. The UN Network for SUN is **chaired by a senior UN staff** (for instance, one of the UN Representatives or Deputy Representatives on a rotational basis as appropriate) who is nominated by the UN Country Team (UNCT). The Chair serves as the link with the SUN country focal point and networks and the UN network for SUN Secretariat as appropriate, and represents the UN Network for SUN at relevant meetings, including global, regional and country meetings and events, reporting to the UNCT on a regular basis. In addition, the **UN Resident Coordinator** periodically tables nutrition at the UNCT meetings and monitors the progress of the UN Network for SUN vis-à-vis its commitments.

For additional information, please see <http://scalingupnutrition.org/the-sun-network/un-network> or contact UNNetworkforSUN@wfp.org or:

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