

**KEY DECISIONS AND SUMMARY**

**PARTICIPANTS**

**Management Committee:**

- **Contributing Partners (donors):** Marlene Heeb (Switzerland-SDC) and Ben Siddle (Ireland-IrishAid)
- **Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):** Francesco Branca (WHO); Perrine Geniez (WFP), Lori Issa (UNICEF)
- **MPTF Office, SUN MPTF Fund Administrator, ex- officio member:** Yannick Glemarec, Executive Coordinator MPTF Office, and Olga Aleshina;
- **Chair:** Tom Arnold (SUN Movement Coordinator a.i.)
- **SUN Movement Secretariat:** Florence Lasbennes, Patrizia Fracassi, Elena Gaino

**Observers:**

- Claire Blanchard, Cara Flowers and Marie Rumsby (SUN Civil Society Network – CSN – Secretariat)
- Tania Goossens-Allen (REACH - UN Network)

**Apologies:**

- Tanya Green (DFID), Martha Mai (UNOPS), Werner Schultink (UNICEF)

**KEY DECISIONS**

**Decision One:** The Management Committee agrees to use US\$ 320,000 of unallocated MPTF resources against Window I to support SUN countries with the project “Addressing gaps on multi-sectoral costing and financial tracking for nutrition” through the Community of Practice 1 on Planning, Costing, Implementing and Financing Multi-Sectoral Actions for Improved Nutrition. The Secretariat will submit a detailed project description with details of the first batch of countries joining this exercise by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Decision Two:** Under Window II the Management Committee approves the proposal “Mobilizing Civil Societies to Scale Up Nutrition in Nigeria” with the condition that the additional information requested in the Assessment Fiche is provided and that all Management Committee’s considerations are addressed. The revised proposal should be submitted to the SUN Movement Secretariat within the next 15 days (by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015).

**1. Update on the SUN Movement MPTF financial framework (MPTF Office)**

In its capacity as the Administrative Agent of the Fund, the MPTF Office prepared the Funding Framework dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, which was circulated to the Management Committee members ahead of this meeting. The Funding Framework provides information on the donor commitments (legally signed agreements), contributions and transfers to Participating UN Organizations. The Executive Coordinator of the MPTF Office advised the Management Committee that approximately US\$ 1,063,118 is available to commit (almost unchanged compared to the balance presented at the 8th Management Committee meeting in Rome – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014). This balance includes the Nigeria proposal that was initially approved in March 2014 and is today resubmitted to the Management Committee for review and approval.

No specific comments or points were raised by the Management Committee.

## **2. Review and decision regarding the Window I proposal for Community of Practice One (CoP 1) on “Planning, Costing, Implementing and Financing Multi-Sectoral Actions for Improved Nutrition”**

As highlighted by the Executive Coordinator of the MPTF Office, there is approximately US\$ 1,063,118 available for allocation. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SUN Movement MPTF Management Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014, it was agreed for the Secretariat to work closely with representatives from the four SUN Networks to develop concept notes and proposals for use of unallocated MPTF resource to support countries through the four Communities of Practice (CoPs).

A proposal to support CoP1 on “Planning, Costing, Implementing and Financing Multi-Sectoral Actions for Improved Nutrition” was circulated to the MPTF Management Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 and was opened for comments and inputs by members of the Management Committee. Written requests for clarification were received from DFID and Switzerland and constructive observations were sent by the Secretariat of the SUN Civil Society Network: they were mainly in relation to the timeline, the number of countries that will publish budget estimates and the methodology adopted. DFID and UNICEF wrote to confirm their support to the proposal.

At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Management Committee was asked to decide on its approval and way forward.

The Chair reminded the Management Committee that the Project “Addressing gaps on multi-sectoral costing and financial tracking for nutrition” is made to support countries to highlight historical trends of domestic resources invested in nutrition and to identify if there have been changes. The estimated amount of the project is US\$ 320,000.

SDC welcomed the proposal but asked for further clarification on how the proposed deliverables fit into the wider development of CoP 1 as a whole and where CoP1 stands in its own development. Ms Heeb also asked to what extent the proposal will contribute to further develop the existing tracking methodology for different purposes including planning.

WHO supported the proposal and especially welcomed the reference made to the National Health Accounts as part of the methodologies to track nutrition investments. Dr Branca also stressed that this type of proposal would benefit from the engagement of multiple partners and offered WHO sustained collaboration. WHO noted that there is a discrepancy in the calculation between the total budget presented to the Management Committee for approval (USD 320,000) and the breakdown of costs included in the concept note (USD 300,000).

IrishAid endorses as well the proposal and would send (if any) requests for detailed information separately to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat confirmed that the proposal participates in the development of CoP1 as financial tracking is one of its core components. CoP1 aims to help increasing the performance and efficiency of budget allocations, it helps with planning and with providing a better analysis of cost effectiveness of different interventions. In 2014 the Secretariat convened two calls of partners involved in CoP1 (such as WHO, UNICEF, ACF, Save the Children, European Commission, DFID, CIFF, CanadaAid) to share experience on financial tracking, building upon the strong experience of the Donor Network on financial tracking.

Within CoP1 discussion is ongoing with WHO on estimates for health related nutrition expenditures where countries have institutionalized their national health accounts. The 3 steps approach is seen as complementary to look at other sectoral contributions. It should be seen as an entry point that can be improved as countries become familiar with the methodology. The Secretariat also confirmed that it will continue collaborating with WHO.

The next steps of the project include the launching of a call for interest to SUN Countries (14<sup>th</sup> January 2015). It is expected that a first batch of countries will be constituted by end of January. Regional workshops will be held as soon as there are 3 to 4 countries engaged in the project per region.

The Secretariat also provided further details on the breakdown of the total budget (USD 320,000) which will cover the organization of workshops in Asia (USD 160,000), Africa (65,000) and Latin America (75,000). It acknowledged the mistake in the budget calculation and confirmed that once the total cap is approved it will provide the Management Committee with a project description including budget breakdown and more details on the outcomes of the first call for interest.

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Other proposals on the use of the remaining balance will be shared with the Management Committee. A concept note for a project to support the strengthening of functional capacity (CoP4) was expected to be shared with the SUN Movement MPTF by end of December 2014. However the Business Network in charge of developing the proposal is late in finalizing it. Depending on the size of the proposal the Secretariat will propose either a consultation by e-mail or short meeting of the Management Committee to review the proposal and decide upon its financing.

A portion of the unused balance will be allocated to an independent evaluation of the SUN MPTF if considered needed. This will be further assessed once the final recommendations of the Independent Comprehensive Evaluation of the SUN Movement are made available. Lastly it was agreed to report back to the Management Committee on future options for capitalizing on the learning route pilot project once this is fully completed.

### **3. Review and decision regarding the Window II proposal “Mobilizing Civil Societies to Scale Up Nutrition in Nigeria”**

During the 8<sup>th</sup> MPTF Management Committee Meeting, the Committee gave to UNICEF Nigeria until end of December 2014 to identify a new Implementing Partner and submit a final proposal to be considered under Window II. A revised proposal was submitted by UNICEF Nigeria on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with the Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria (as Implementing Partner). The Secretariat conducted a review of the proposal and has shared the assessment fiche and the profile of the Implementing Partner with the Management Committee.

At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Management Committee reviewed the concept note and was asked to make a decision on its approval and way forward.

SDC welcomes the assessment of the proposal conducted by the Secretariat and fully agrees with the recommendations set forward.

WHO considers the proposal solid. Dr Branca asked for details about the evolution of discussion among UN agencies on this proposal and asked if this will be taken on board in the context of this proposal.

IrishAid suggested to make budget revisions preferably from within the envelope for coordination. Mr Siddle also values support to civil society alliances but requested more clarity around actions to social mobilisation, advocacy and communication towards sustaining commitments. In this regard he pointed out the good practice in the Zambia CSO network.

The CSN Secretariat welcomed the proposal and took on board – especially in view of the project implementation phase - the points from IrishAid on the need for more clarity on social mobilisation and advocacy actions to sustain commitments and on the role by the CSN Network to foster learning between countries.

**Decision Two:** Under Window II the Management Committee approves the proposal “Mobilizing Civil Societies to Scale Up Nutrition in Nigeria” with the condition that the additional information requested in the Assessment Fiche is provided and that all Management Committee’s considerations are addressed. The revised proposal should be submitted to the SUN Movement Secretariat within the next 15 days (by 27th January 2015).

**4. AOB: Call for nominations for the Civil Society Consultative Group for Health, Nutrition and Population by the World Bank (shared by SDC)**

SDC presented the open call for nominations for the Civil Society Consultative Group for Health, Nutrition and Population by the World Bank. The Secretariat of the Civil Society Network thanked SDC and confirmed that this piece of information is included in the update to CSA and that CSA were encouraged to consider participating in this call. This information will be also shared with the whole CSO Network.