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UN Network for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)

Dear Resident Coordinators,

The SUN Movement has been instrumental in fostering high level political commitment and renewing international efforts on nutrition. Progress has been exciting. We must not lose momentum if we want to transform and sustain the way the world tackles malnutrition.

At the Nutrition for Growth event in London last year the heads of FAO, WHO, IFAD, UNICEF and I committed on behalf of the UN system to joint engagement and support in achieving the goals of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. In my capacity as the UN System Network Representative to the SUN Movement I would like to share our commitment letter and ask for your help in disseminating it to all Country Representatives.

In August 2013, 140 participants from 18 countries met in Nairobi to formally launch the UN System Network. One of five networks of the SUN Movement, the UN System Network represents the collective effort of the UN to support national governments in scaling up nutrition actions. We invite all UN agencies working on nutrition to join the Network with the aim of harmonizing and mainstreaming nutrition activities and supporting national, multi-sector nutrition strategies and programmes.

The UN has always played an active role in nutrition. But we must strengthen our collaboration at all levels to achieve the transformation needed. Your role in ensuring that the UN delivers a more coherent and effective response at country level is vital. We need to give nutrition the prominence it deserves. We need to mainstream it into the different sectors within the UNDAF.

I attach some Frequently Asked Questions. I encourage all of you to embrace this opportunity and promote regular dialogue and action on nutrition. The UN System Network is co-facilitated by REACH and the UN Standing Committee for Nutrition (SCN). The Global REACH Coordinator, Nancy Walters, will be very happy to provide further country-specific guidance and support as needed. She can be reached at nancy.walters@wfp.org

You can count on my support and unwavering commitment. I am confident that together we can achieve the impact the world expects of us as we strive for better nutrition and a secure future for millions of children, women and men around the world.

Sincerely,

Ertharin

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