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Mr. Nick Dyer
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Dear Mr. Dyer,

Since September 2012 concrete efforts have been made to improve the governance of the UN Network and strengthen collaboration on nutrition among UN agencies.

The UN System Network for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Work Plan for 2013, endorsed by the Heads FAO, WHO, IFAD, UNICEF and WFP, provides a harmonizing framework for the role and activities of the UN Network in support of SUN at both global and country levels. A copy of this Plan is enclosed.

To continue the good progress in strengthening the inter-agency coordination and furthering the support to SUN countries in scaling up nutrition, our agencies will continue to assist nutrition efforts at country level, while simultaneously enhancing and increasing UN global collaboration and coordination mechanisms. To this end our agencies are committed to supporting REACH as an effective means of building national nutrition governance and technical capacity while encouraging other UN agencies to join the global UN Network for SUN.

By this letter we commit to our joint engagement and support in achieving the goals of the SUN Movement. Later this year the UN Network for SUN will formally launch with a goal of providing the platform for improved and effective inter-agency cooperation.

Sincerely,

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