

## CALL TO ACTION: THE SUN MOVEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15 February 2018

**Overview:** The retreat of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Executive Committee took place from 16-17 January 2018, in the SUN Secretariat Office in Geneva, Switzerland and reviewed input from the SUN Global Gathering, face-to-face meetings with the constituent networks, documentation provided by the Secretariat and presentations by members of the committee. Noting the progress to date and the opportunities and challenges ahead, the Executive Committee urges the SUN Movement **to strengthen the focus on investment, implementation and scalable results, ensuring impact for all**. The Executive Committee has issued this **call to action** for all stakeholders to strengthen their contributions and rally behind the Movement's vision of eradicating all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

- 1. A call to Governments of all SUN Member Countries:** Leading the Movement, Governments have a coordinating and enabling role. High level political commitment is critical for effective multi-sectoral coordination. In line with commitments made in joining the SUN Movement, efforts should be accelerated to ensure heads of state and heads of government are aware of the long-term benefits of investing in nutrition, including through domestic resources, and to ensure they institute effective mechanisms for convening the multiple sectors and multiple stakeholders required to define and implement the needed strategies to tackle malnutrition in all its forms.
- 2. A call to Governments and the Support System of the SUN Movement to put women's empowerment and gender equality at the heart of our approach:** Fighting to end discrimination against women and improving gender equality and women's empowerment are critical factors for ensuring good nutrition. Moving forward, it is critical to involve Ministries of Women's Affairs in the multisectoral approach to nutrition and ensure that equity and equality are enshrined in national nutrition plans and policies and monitoring and evaluation.
- 3. A call to the SUN Donor Network and United Nations Network for SUN for strengthened in-country coordination:** Donor and United Nations agency coordination, alignment and support behind national nutrition objectives must be strengthened in-country to catalyse greater results at scale. This requires that UN Country Directors, UN Resident Coordinators and heads of donor missions take the lead in agency coordination in SUN member countries.
- 4. A call to Donors for continued support to the SUN support system:** The SUN Secretariat and SUN Networks play an integral role in supporting country needs, priorities and progress. The Executive Committee stresses the importance of a strong and stable SUN support system, and a working group will be established to guide and support fundraising for its continued operation.
- 5. A call to SUN Networks and Secretariat for a strengthened focus on improving nutrition in fragile and conflict-affected countries:** The SUN support system should intensify its attention to member countries in fragile and conflict-affected settings, across all sectors, especially during humanitarian responses with a focus on preventing malnutrition. A more cohesive and nutrition-sensitive approach to development and humanitarian assistance will supporting ending malnutrition by 2030.
- 6. A call to the SUN Business Network:** The Executive Committee welcomes the development of Business Network membership criteria and enforcement of Principles of Engagement, and calls on the Business Network to revise the Principles, in light of the double burden of malnutrition. The Business Network should provide further definition of what workforce nutrition commitments entail, and the consequences if commitments are not fulfilled.

The Executive Committee encourages relevant stakeholders to address this **call to action** and will review progress with all stakeholders in September 2018.