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In Peru, I don't know if you know, but our economy is growing fast and is one of the major economic results in the region. However, with this economic growth, we also have 600,000 children with stunting. The percentage of stunting in under five years olds is around 30 percent. And in 2008 we start this reform of resources budgeting and also linked to the resource allocation. We were reducing stunting from 2008 by 6.6 percentage points—which means from 30 percent to almost 23 percent.

*What is the main advantage of engagement with SUN?*

I think that one of the goals are to advance the commitment to reduce stunting and to help other countries in the way that we start reducing stunting with the link between the budget and the planning.

*What recommendations would you have for others countries to Scale Up Nutrition?*

Peru has made important progress in reducing stunting. And I can suggest to other countries three important recommendations: First of all, set the goal in results, and make targets, not just for a year, have targets for at least five years ahead. The second one, you have to build a framework. And the last one, you have to deal with the Ministry of Finance, because everybody needs finance. If you are able to link these results and these targets and these interventions to the way the budget system works, that's a key point.

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