

Nutrition at the 2012 Olympics

UK Prime Minister David Cameron co-hosted a [Global Hunger Event during the 2012 Olympic Games](#) in London together with Brazilian Vice President, Michel Temer. High-level representatives from government, civil society organisations, businesses and Olympic athletes – including double gold medalist Mo Farah – attended the event to call attention to the pressing challenges of global hunger and malnutrition.

Measures were announced to reduce the number of stunted children worldwide by as many as 25 million by 2016 when the Olympic Games will be held in Brazil. The UK Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell said: “As we focus on the legacy of these wonderful London Olympics, we have a chance to give millions of the world’s poorest children a better start to life. Government, businesses and NGOs must now work in partnership to improve nutrition for the world’s poorest people. I am determined that the UK will help lead and galvanise global efforts to tackle malnutrition. That would be a great Olympic legacy from London 2012.”



Save the Children youth ambassador, Frank Kapeta, 15, from Tanzania meets UK Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell, ahead of the Global Hunger Event during the 2012 London Olympics

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Country Updates

Peru announces new fund for child malnutrition

On 27th August, [President Ollanta Humala of Peru announced a new Fund for Child Malnutrition](#) of about Peruvian Sols 2.7 billion per year equivalent to around US \$1 billion. The funds will come from national and regional budgets and promote shared leadership for combating malnutrition. “*Children do not vote but this is not what matters,*” the President said. “*What matters is the future of our country.*” He noted that it was a question of equality and that all children should have the same advantages. The First Lady of Peru, Heredia Humala is a member of the SUN Lead Group.

India prioritizes nutrition

[Speaking at the Global Hunger Event in London](#) on 12th August, the [Indian Minister for Women and Child Development \(WCD\), Krishna Tirath](#) said that nutrition is being given the highest attention and priority by the Government of India, and highlighted the nation’s commitment to reducing the burden of undernutrition. She noted that the Prime Minister’s Nutrition Council has taken several key decisions to address under-nutrition and that the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, which reaches about 80 million children under six years and 20 million pregnant and breastfeeding mothers is being strengthened and restructured with enhanced financial commitment from an annual average of US\$ 3.5 billion to over US\$ 6.5 billion. India will now consider taking a lead role in the SUN Movement.

Marking Progress in SUN Countries

Demonstrating measurable results and progress lies at the core of the SUN Movement's mission. The Movement aims to achieve measurable impact on nutrition outcomes including:

- Improved child growth such as reductions in stunting and wasting;
- Reduced micro-nutrient deficiencies;
- Improved good practices such as increased breastfeeding; and
- Increased access to nutritious food.

Key to reaching these results is building national systems – capacity and mechanisms - to scale up nutrition policies and programmes. SUN countries are measuring progress using four indicators:

1. **Establishing a shared platform** that allows stakeholders to come together to take effective action to scale up nutrition. This includes forming a high level government convening body for nutrition, identifying key individuals to take responsibility for SUN - Government Focal Points and Donor Conveners, and establishing a multi-sector, multi-stakeholder platform.
2. **Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework** including nutrition friendly laws, and multi-sectoral nutrition policies and strategies.
3. **Aligning programmes** around shared nutrition goals using a common results framework.
4. **Mobilizing and tracking investments** for nutrition by both government and external funding mechanisms.

The SUN Progress Report for 2012 will highlight progress of countries using the four indicators. The report is due to be released in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese in September.

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