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The main advantage for Indonesia to be engaged in the SUN Movement is to enforce our commitment to reduce the stunting prevalence in Indonesia. The reduction of stunting prevalence is a new target that we included in our five-year development plan (2010-2014). So it is completely in line with the national priority of the nation.

Since joining the SUN Movement, what progress has been made in Scaling Up Nutrition in Indonesia?

The first step we learned by engaging Indonesia in the SUN Movement is to be able to formulate what we call the policy framework for the first 1,000 days of life. We focus not only on the specific intervention, but more importantly, on the sensitive interventions. Since Indonesia is a highly decentralized country, we cannot only have a policy framework document, we have to translate that into what we call the guidelines of food planners, as well as the implementers. It's not only for the central level government but, more importantly, it's for the local government.

What is the main advantage of your engagement with SUN?

What I learned from joining the SUN is to force, actually, the internal resources, not only in terms of financial resources, but more importantly, it's the brain resources. What we really believe is that if we are able to rescue our children from not being stunted, then we will get healthier children, smarter children, and by the time they will become more productive citizens, that will eventually improve, of course, the competitiveness of the nation.

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