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

We have come up with a program, which is called the First 1,000 Most Critical Days Program, and this program is actually looking at addressing the issues of undernutrition. Now, we are now in the inception period, and I would like to have this program implemented fully in the next 12 months. The National Food and Nutrition Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 has just been endorsed by the government. And we are going to launch this strategy together with the special 1,000 Days Program. So those are the critical activities that we intend to do.

One of the critical elements within the SUN, is actually to bring about the multi-stakeholder platform. I think one of the most important things that has happened with the SUN is the nutrition partners coming together to support the National Food Strategy, they have aligned that support to that strategy, and that has never happened before.

*What will these efforts mean for the future of Zambia?*

The future looks great, because, one: we are supposed to show commitment, we are supposed to move resources, we are supposed to commit ourselves to ensure that, in the next five years, we should see malnutrition actually reducing from 45 percent to 30 percent. Now in the national development plan, the special development plan, we have met that commitment that we'd like to reduce malnutrition, chronic malnutrition, from 45 to 30 percent, and we only see that the SUN is the one going to help us reach that goal.

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