

# SUM Movement Executive Committee Call

26 April 2021, 15:30-17:30 CEST, Zoom

## Summary note

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### Participation

**Participants:** Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Nancy Aburto, Rob Bertram, Azucena Dayanghirang, Connell Foley, Cecilia Gamboa, Lawrence Haddad, Abdoulaye Ka, Jo Moir, Allison Oman, Felix Phiri, Kiran Rupakhetee, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker (ex-officio), Gerda Verburg (ex-officio), Helena Guarin (representing Marjeta Jager), Victor Aguayo (UNICEF), Mathews Mhuru (OPS Group)

**Apologies:** Marjeta Jager, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Moin Karim (ex-officio),

**Observers:** Kyoko Okamura (WB), Marie Durling (WFP), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), Abigail Perry (FCDO), Mike Reddaway (FCDO), Emily Henegan (SBN), Ritta Shine (SBN), Christopher Twiss, Sabine Kiefer (SDN), SMS Strategic Management Team, SMS Country Liaison Team

### Agenda

- 1) Opening, welcome and AOB
  - UN DSG guidance for SUN Movement
- 2) SUN Country Updates
- 3) SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy Updates
  - SUN Ops Group update
  - Functional review update (*closed agenda item*)
- 4) Closing of the meeting

### Decisions and follow up

- The ExCom OPS Group members noted the guidance from UN DSG Amina Mohammed as expressed in the official joint communications shared by the Lead Group Chair and SUN Movement Coordinator. This will be duly considered in the development of the Ops Group recommendations to the Lead Group to be shared and endorsed in June 2021.
- The SUN Movement Secretariat will work with Dr Kiran and ED Azucena to share the connection details for the central Asia regional launch of the SUN 3.0 strategy, (31 May 2021), the summary report of the high-level launch in Nepal and details of the launches in the South-East Asia and Pacific region.
- Abdoulaye Ka will share the Francophone countries' roadmap on SUN 3.0 with the ExCom in due course.
- The Chair will share a blog related to a World Bank closed meeting related to SDG2.

### Notes

#### Opening and welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

*UN DSG guidance for SUN Movement*

Victor Aguayo (UNICEF) joined the ExCom meeting on behalf of the Lead Group Chair and briefly presented an overview of recent bilateral discussions between the UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed and (1) the Lead Group Chair, UNICEF ED Fore and (2) the SUN Movement Coordinator. In the discussion between the UN DSG and the Lead Group Chair it was agreed that the SUN Movement is a unique initiative that should be independently led by a Coordinator with UN Assistant Secretary General status rather than 'brought back to the agency'. The Lead Group Chair and the SUN Movement Coordinator fully agreed with the steer of the UN DSG that *'SUN Movement must retain a lean governance architecture at global level that allows the Movement to focus its collective expertise and resources on the delivery of results at country level, while strengthening the links with other global initiatives to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals'*. The Lead Group Chair and Coordinator proposed to the UN DSG that the *'Lead Group maintain its Terms of Reference, as they reflect the dual role of the Lead Group: strategic direction and advocacy'*. They agreed *'to reduce progressively the number of members of the Lead Group and ensure that SUN member countries are increasingly represented.'* This has been communicated in joint letters from the Lead Group Chair and SUN Movement Coordinator to the UN DSG (1 April) and to the chairs of the SUN Ops Group -Jo Moir, Alison Oman, Asma Lateef and Tumaini Mikindo (8 April). The ExCom Ops Group members noted the guidance which will be duly considered in the development of the Ops Group recommendations to the Lead Group to be shared and endorsed in June 2021.

### **SUN Country Updates**

Dr. Kiran Rupakethee provided an update on behalf of the central Asian region about the high-level launch of the SUN 3.0 strategy which involved members of the National Planning Commission, the National UNICEF office, and the head of EU delegation in Nepal. The launch helped build government commitment and initiated a dialogue related to implementation and required support. A smart framework for implementation which will reflect the recommendations of the OPS group will be developed. The full summary report of the launch will be shared with the ExCom. The central Asia regional launch of SUN 3.0 strategy will take place on 31 May 2021, 14:00 (Nepal time).

ED Azucena Dayanghirang from the Philippines provided an update on behalf of the south-east Asian and Pacific region. She flagged the importance of recognising the impact of COVID-19 and the related challenges. In response, the Philippines' National Nutrition Council (NNC) took several actions including: provision of two advisories to stress the importance of continuous nutrition services to vulnerable populations; a rapid nutrition assessment survey and a pilot training on nutrition in emergencies and information. The NNC also launched a focused dietary supplementation program for pregnant women and used social media and innovative platforms to disseminate nutrition advisories. The Philippines MSP has designated Cabinet Secretary Nograles from the Office of the President as an advisor for SUN Philippines and a collaboration focal point. A partnership with the World Bank for a 200 million USD project will start next year. Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have been invited as members of the SBN in the Philippines. ED Dayanghirang also participated in the Philippines delegation in the UN Commission on Population and Development's 54<sup>th</sup> session where she delivered a statement related to the burden of malnutrition. A SUN 3.0 launch for the southeast Asia and Pacific region and a national launch for the Philippines will take place in May 2021.

In addition, on behalf of the Francophone Africa region, Abdoulaye Ka shared that the roadmap for the implementation of SUN 3.0 is nearly finished and will be shared with the ExCom. The Chair shared that there was a productive, high-level closed-door meeting about SDG2 with ministers of finance at the World Bank spring meeting and that they will share a blog.

## **SUN Movement 3.0 strategy update**

### *OPS Group update*

Jo Moir, Mathews Mhuru and Mike Reddaway [presented](#) an update on behalf of the OPS group including the current direction of the recommendations and deliverables in each of the four working groups. The OPS Group proposed an extension of the ExCom membership for a period of three months to ensure a successful nomination and transition process for the new ExCom according to the revised Terms of Reference. A zero draft of the Ops Group report is provisionally expected to be agreed by the Ops Groups on 10 May after which a wider consultation will be organised within the Movement. The draft report will be presented and discussed in the ExCom meeting planned for 27 May along with the main outcomes of the parallel consultation. In early June the report will be sent to the Lead Group in preparation for their meeting on 24 June 2021.

During the discussion ExCom members emphasized the importance of using data and the connection between governance and accountability. The OPS group was also requested to focus on the who and the how of the operationalisation of SUN 3.0 as well as the indicators to measure success and the baseline to measure progress. In relation to accountability, clear recommendations on how to establish a 360-degree accountability system is needed to operationalise what is proposed in the strategy for SUN 3.0.

In response to questions of the ExCom members, the OPS group members confirmed that they will not revise the Lead Group Terms of Reference which is not their mandate. The timeline is short, and transition time for the ExCom will be necessary. Concerns were shared about the optics of the same Ex Com remaining in place nine months after the strategy was endorsed by the Lead Group. ExCom Ops Group members shared these concerns but felt that the short extension of the ExCom seems to be the most suitable solution (versus having no ExCom in place during the transition period). Should anyone have alternative solutions to ensure a smooth transition of the ExCom they are invited to contact the Ops Group. They are working to develop SMART recommendations backed with a sound methodology to help ensure all voice are heard.

### *Functional Review update (closed session)*

Notes are confidential.

### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.