

SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

30 August 2021, 15:30-16:30 CEST, Zoom

Summary note

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Nancy Aburto, Azucena Dayanghirang, Connell Foley, Cecilia Gamboa, Lawrence Haddad, Marjeta Jager, Abdoulaye Ka, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Allison Oman, Felix Phiri, Kiran Rupakhetee, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker (ex-officio), Gerda Verburg (ex-officio), Yngvil Foss (on behalf of Moin Karim)

Apologies: Rob Bertram, Paula Chalinder, Moin Karim (ex-officio),

Observers: Stineke Oenema (UN Nutrition), Emily Heneghan (SBN), Rory Moylan (CSN), Capucine Musard (SDN), Helena Guarin (EC), Teresa Fasig (EC), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), SMS Strategic Management Team and SMS Country Liaison Team (CLT), Ann-Marie (Pooled Fund), Ellen Barclay (Chief of Staff)

Agenda

- 1) Opening and welcome
- 2) SUN Country Updates
- 3) SMS and Pooled Fund
- 4) SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy Updates
- 5) AOB and closing of the meeting

Decisions and follow up

- *The ExCom endorsed the proposal for a review of the Pooled Fund mechanism on the future of grant support in the new phase of the SUN Movement, a no-cost extension of the project until 30 June 2022, and permission to issue small grants to in-country actors if additional funding is made available through the use of interest gained and new contributions.*
- *The ExCom approved the new UNOPS Joint Hosting Agreement (JHA) for the SUN Movement Secretariat Phase 3.*
- *ExCom members are invited to observe the meetings of the ExCom Transition Committee*
- *An additional exceptional ExCom meeting will be organised by the SMS in consultation with the ETC on the composition of the new ExCom*
- *The next official ExCom meeting will include an agenda item on N4G commitments, and Connell Foley will provide an update on civil society engagement*
- *The Coordinator will discuss the possible date of the next Lead Group meeting with ED Fore*

Summary note

1) Opening and welcome

The chair welcomed all participants and opened the meeting. It was decided to add an additional agenda item on N4G commitments to AOB.

2) SUN Country Updates

Dr. Kiran Rupakhetee presented an update on the Asian Regional Launch of SUN 3.0 (22 August 2021). It was attended by the Focal Points from Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Yemen, as well as UN, CSO, networks and a youth leader for nutrition, Dr. Dil Bahadur Gurung of the National planning committee and the convenor of the UN Food Systems Dialogues and the SUN Movement Coordinator. Major highlights included the focus on a country driven and owned approach, participation of the private sector and civil society and the implementation of innovative finance. The role of the private sector, humanitarian nexus and peace were emphasised. Youth participation was welcomed and recognised. In addition, it was mentioned that for the implementation of SUN 3.0, the role of the SMS needs to be strengthened to support evidence generation and to provide technical assistance for countries. Regional agencies play an important role for cross-learning and for the mobilisation of resources. There is a need for a focus on fragile and conflict affected states, on resource mobilisation and the multi-sectoral platform. Private sector must be fit for purpose and accountability is important for multi-national companies. In follow up of the meeting, countries shared that they are working on their national launches, and they plan to make the strategy public as soon as possible to localise its contents within the multi-sectoral nutrition plan and beyond. The final report is available [here](#).

3) SMS and Pooled Fund

Review of SMS Updated workplan priorities for 2021

Ellen Barclay (Chief of Staff) provided an update based on the workplan shared in March 2021. She flagged that the SMS is now engaged in the transition towards SUN 3.0 and has transformed its workplan. Despite several empty positions and a 35% reduction of staff in the first half of this year, the SMS is continuing support to countries. The Global Support System (SMS and networks) is working on a collective workplan from January 2022 onwards. Based on the current commitment of donor funding, the full outcome of the functional review might not be manageable, and a request was shared for secondment of staff. It was clarified that the staff turnover has been due to individual choices.

Endorsement of SUN Movement Pooled Fund Consultative Group Proposal for review and extension

The SUN Movement Coordinator shared that the continuation of the Pooled Fund had been discussed in a previous ExCom meeting and that the presented proposal was approved by the Pooled Fund Consultative Group by silent procedure on 18 August 2022. The three steps in the proposal include: 1) no-cost extension of the Pooled Fund until 30 June 2022, 2) a review of the Pooled Fund and its future direction starting in the last quarter of 2021, and 3) the opportunity to offer small grants to in-country civil society alliances and other in-country actors that may be at risk of being left behind without Pooled Fund support. It was clarified that the Pooled Fund review is planned to start in October 2021 and would examine how grant-making could support the Ops Group recommendations and the new SUN strategy after July 2022. It was emphasised that there would be high administrative costs and a major loss of institutional memory if the Pooled Fund were to close at the end of this year, only to reopen months later. The Pooled Fund has budget available to engage in a review, and the SMS will be able to engage in fundraising to sustain small grants and administrative support to operations until 30 June 2022.

Decision: The ExCom endorsed the proposal for a review of the Pooled Fund mechanism on the future of grant support in the new phase of the SUN Movement, a no-cost extension of the project until 30 June 2022, and opportunity to issue small grants to in-country actors if additional funding is made available through the use of interest gained and new contributions.

4) SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy Updates

Task Team on SMS 3.0 Arrangements update

Fokko Wientjes shared that the Task Team worked with UNOPS as well as with other hosting entities in the development and finalization of new UNOPS Operational Instruction (OI) for Hosting Engagements. Aligned with this new Operational Instruction, the Task Team has engaged with UNOPS in the development of the new Joint Hosting Agreement (JHA) for the SMS in its phase 3. The JHA draft has now reached its final stage and requires approval from the ExCom.

Yngvil Foss (UNOPS, representing Moin Karim) explained that the new UNOPS Operating Instruction (OI) is to provide instructions and consistency regarding the acceptance, governance and management of Hosting Engagements, such as the SUN Movement Secretariat, by UNOPS. This instruction was promulgated in January 2021. The Joint Hosting Agreement is meant to provide the legal framework upon which donors will enter into bilateral agreements with UNOPS for funding the SMS and it will be attached to bilateral donor agreements. For SMS 3.0 there will be an operational framework to implement the Joint Hosting Agreement.

During the discussion it was clarified that the UN Nutrition nominated Excom member is referred to in the JHA, and approved by UNOPS legal, as the legitimate UN representative on the ExCom, together with UNOPS, with the intention to treat all UN agencies as equal, avoiding a UN agency having any comparative advantage vis-a-vis the rest of the UN system or the rest of the ExCom. It was also clarified that due diligence on new donors wanting to fund the SMS is conducted by UNOPS and SMS and the results of this will be presented to the ExCom for final validation. With the approval of the new Joint Hosting Agreement for the SMS, the mandate of the Task Team on SMS 3.0 Arrangements is concluded, and the Task Team is dissolved.

Decision: The ExCom approved the new UNOPS Joint Hosting Agreement (JHA) for the SUN Movement Secretariat phase 3.

SUN Ops Group update

Allison Oman presented an update on behalf of the Operationalization (Ops) Group ([presentation](#)). The feedback from the Lead Group Chair, UNICEF ED Fore, in relation to the ExCom renewal and the ExCom Transition Committee ToR were shared, including her request to involve the current ExCom co-chairs in the renewal/ETC. The four-decision making Lead Group members on the ETC are Martin Chungong, Inger Ashing, Cherrie Atilano and Sophie Healy-Thow will be supported in the preparatory work by the four co-chairs of the SUN Ops Group- Tumaini, Allison, Asma, and Paula & Mike (sharing the role). The SMS is playing an administrative support role and the external governance expert, Dr Michaela Told is providing guidance. All members of the ExCom committee were welcomed to observe ETC preparatory discussions. It was stressed that ED Fore asked to have the new ExCom in place by the first of October 2021. Additionally, an update was provided on the MEAL/KM work, including the development of draft terms of reference for the ExCom Finance task force, the finance capacity building platform, the accountability framework and the indicators of success for phase three. The Lead group will be informed with two final packages from the Ops Group. The first package will include the recommendation of new ExCom members between the 22-25 September 2021 (just after the full ETC meets and decides on its recommendations for ExCom composition). The second package will be a closing report that will provide an update on the implementation of all 13 Ops Group recommendations by the end of September.

Building on the decision by ED Fore, the term of the current ExCom will finish at the end of September 2021 and the new term of incoming ExCom members will begin on 1 October 2021. The ExCom Chair asked for an additional meeting to discuss the ExCom composition and to discuss a contingency plan if needed. It was clarified that the selection of the next ExCom chair will be done following the new Rules of Procedures by the new ExCom at their first meeting. The Coordinator will discuss the date of the next Lead Group meeting with ED Fore and report back.

5) AOB and closing of the meeting

Connell Foley raised concerns about the ambition for Nutrition for Growth. The Chair raised that a commitment guide has been put together which will be consolidated and asked for an update on Civil Society engagement. The Coordinator suggested to put this item on the agenda for the next official ExCom meeting.

The chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.