



LAUNCH OF THE BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND CHILD NUTRITION REPORT (27TH NOVEMBER 2013)

The Uganda Civil Society Coalition on Scaling Up Nutrition (UCCO-SUN) in collaboration with Save the Children launched the [Budget Transparency And Child Nutrition Report.](#)

The Accountability and Transparency for Human Rights Foundation with support from The International Budget Partnership and Child Rights Governance Global Initiative of Save the Children carried out the Budget Transparency and Child Nutrition research study in five countries including Uganda. Findings from the research showed that accountability, transparency and public participation are the cornerstones of effective and accountable governments. Without the access to information, it is difficult for the civil society and the public to participate in public spending decisions and to hold the government accountable. Lack of transparency, participation and accountability shrinks the resource envelope that is available for the government to spend on nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions. As a consequence, there is limited scale up of nutrition interventions resulting in high levels of child malnutrition and its related complications which negatively impacts on national development.

The budget transparency and the child nutrition report highlight key gaps that all players need to be aware of for effective nutrition advocacy.

To create awareness among the media a media dialogue was held on the 25th November 2013.

NUTRITION MARATHON (30th November 2013)

UCCO-SUN joined the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and other development partners in a nutrition marathon in Bushenyi District in Uganda. Bushenyi is one of the districts that produce the largest amount of food and as such is referred to as Uganda's food baskets. Unfortunately it is also among the districts with the highest percentages of stunted 42% higher than the national average of 33% according to the Uganda demographic Health survey 2011.

The marathon was held to create awareness on the importance of good nutrition to the population and also highlight the shortcomings for malnutrition with the theme "Run for good nutrition"

UCCO-SUN also took the opportunity and conducted a nutrition advocacy training in this district that targeted 30 CSO members to create awareness and empower them with the necessary nutrition advocacy information.

The chief runner at the marathon was the Olympics gold medallist in the 42 kilometre marathon Stephen Kiprotich. The day was also graced with the presence of the members of parliament and ministers from this district.

THE ANNUAL NATIONAL NUTRITION FORUM (2nd and 3rd December 2013)

The Office of the Prime Minister in Uganda brought together key stakeholders (both state and non-state actors) to the first annual nutrition forum. The major objective of the forum was to take stock of the status of the implementation of the Uganda Nutrition Action plan (UNAP) and improvement on the nutrition situation of Uganda.

The theme for nutrition forum was “Scaling up multi-sectoral efforts to reduce the prevalence of malnutrition in Uganda”

The two day event was characterised by exhibitions, speeches paper presentation, making of commitment and signing of an aide memoir the key stakeholders in scaling up nutrition in Uganda.

The chief guest was the Prime Minister of Uganda Right Honourable Amaama Mbabazi who is also a SUN champion in Uganda

LAUNCH OF THE SHARPENED MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN (26th November 2013)

UCCO-SUN in collaboration with the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Coalition, under the leadership of the Government of Uganda and the health four plus stakeholders (UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, World Bank and USAID), brought together civil society, private sector and other development partners to renew their commitments to end the preventable newborn and child deaths.