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SUN has brought a new vision of seeing that nutrition is not health or agriculture problem alone. SUN has created awareness among the top leadership in the country, and also that we are learning from our other colleagues in different countries who have the same problem. I am very pleased where we are today, because we have been struggling in the past—how to make nutrition multisectoral—because the problem of malnutrition is multisectoral and therefore it needs a multisectoral approach.

What is the key element to advancing progress on Scaling Up Nutrition?

We need the community to own, and they can only do that through nutrition education. People at all levels—at national level, at regional level, at the district level and the community level—people should own nutrition as their problem.

What would you say to other countries seeking to Scale Up Nutrition?

Scaling up means going beyond, because nutrition is a developmental issue. You cannot develop somebody who is undernourished, so scaling up of nutrition is very paramount to every country, particularly developing countries. If you have addressed the problem of malnutrition, then other developmental issues will come quite easily. In Tanzania, our president is one of the Lead Group of the SUN Movement, and we are very proud of that. Our president believes in nutrition because he says—whatever other efforts we have tried in the social sector have not succeeded, because we are not addressing the very basic, that is the nutrition.

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