

SUN Lead Group Meeting – 15th November 2021

Summary Note

- The **objectives** of the meeting were:
 - To reflect and give updates on previous **commitments by SUN Lead Group members**.
 - To discuss how best to support the **delivery of the new SUN strategy** by building on the UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS), Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and COP26.
 - To seek endorsement on the **mutual accountability framework (MAF)** and **definitions and indicators of success** for SUN 3.0 by the Operationalizations (Ops) group.
- The Lead Group Chair welcomed and introduced the **new Co-Chairs of the SUN Movement Executive Committee**, Mr. Connell Foley and Ms. Gladys Mugambi.
- The Lead Group delivered new (joint) **commitments** and reiterated commitments made this year, including at the UN FSS and N4G to continue their efforts **to combat all forms of malnutrition**:
 - Continued **financial and programme support** to SUN Countries, nutrition specific and nutrition relevant programs, and the SUN Movement Global Support System
 - Efforts to increase meaningful **youth engagement** and more liaison with **parliaments**
 - Political efforts to initiate an **African Year on Nutrition**
 - Global collaborations including the **Global Action Plan on Child Wasting** and the **Global Alliance for Children's diets**
 - Facilitation of **knowledge sharing, capacity building** and **advocacy** for nutrition
- The Lead Group members made suggestions to **deliver the SUN strategy** by building on the UN FSS and N4G and other political moments:
 - Recognition of the connection between **nutrition, food and climate**, including the importance of getting food in the negotiations for, and National Determined Contributions at **COP27**.
 - Building on the **Food Systems Dialogues** to support countries to implement their national pathways.
 - Leave no country behind, including those struggling with **COVID-19**, support **fragile and conflict affected states** and leverage the commitments by the **G7** in the crisis compact to reach people in crisis affected countries.
 - Adoption of **stronger evidence-based nutrition policies**, with improved alignment across sectors and increase (private) **financing** for nutrition and **costed** national plans.
 - Keep attention on thematic issues such as **gender** in food security and nutrition and the **root causes of vulnerability**, have specific attention to **maternal, infant** and **young child** nutrition as well as **obesity and overweight**.
 - Focus in Food Systems on **equitable consumption, safe diets** and **food fortification** to reduce **micronutrient deficiencies**.

- The members of the Lead Group **endorsed the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) and the definitions and indicators of success** for SUN 3.0:
 - The MAF poses additional **checks and balances** without posing additional bureaucracy.
 - The importance of the **360 degree accountability survey** was stressed.
 - The increase of **country ownership** through the MAF was praised.

- **The Chair of the Lead Group informed the Lead Group that this is her last meeting as chair.** The Lead Group members sincerely thanked ED Fore for her outstanding efforts as chair of the SUN Movement Lead Group and expressed their gratefulness.

- The Chair closed the Lead Group meeting with the following conclusions and next steps:
 - The **MAF and definitions and indicators of success have been endorsed**, which marks the beginning of an action plan for SUN 3.0 for country driven results, the implementation will be essential from here on.
 - Need to continue **encouraging new countries to join the SUN Movement**, particularly from Latin America to foster global exchange.
 - Essential to **link the nutrition agenda with the climate agenda** which should be a foundational point for SUN 3.0.
