

Commitments made by SUN Movement Lead Group Members in support of the SUN Movement, its member countries and objectives

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Chief Executive Officer,
Save the Children
International

“ I will champion the principle of being child and youth led, to improve the SUN Movement’s focus on children’s voices and rights, and support young leaders to advocate on nutrition. This is in line with Save the Children’s strategic ambition to support children to influence change and hold decision-makers to account to deliver on their obligations.

I will use my own platform to advocate for the prioritisation of adolescent and maternal nutrition with focus on equity and leaving no one behind. Prioritizing the most marginalized and deprived groups of children is at the core of Save the Children’s global strategy. We have the ambition to catalyze positive change for children left behind, including girls, and contribute to achieving the SDGs and the pledge to leave no one behind.

As Save the Children International, we will strengthen research, advocacy and programmatic efforts on health and nutrition, with a focus on the most deprived and marginalised.

I will continue to champion and help strengthen the SUN Civil Society Network, which we host at Save the Children UK.



Cherrie Atilano

Founder & Chief
Executive Officer,
AGREA Agricultural
Systems International Inc.

“ Women in the food systems

Support the GrowHer initiative and help share best practices of the Women Food Producers Associations to empower more women agripreneurs and community leaders to be agents of creating sustainable livelihoods and build better nutrition on a household level.

Smallholder Farmers Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the food and agriculture sector

Work with the government to support the success of Agrea Farm School to graduate an additional 5,000 smallholder farmers across the Philippines over the next 3 years, building knowledge on sustainable agriculture, better nutrition, mindset change from farmers to entrepreneurs and more importantly to help develop their farms towards regenerative agriculture.

Support smallholder farmers to have access to the market by working together with more SMEs and the SUN Business Network, boosting local production. Nourishing the Workforce sourced from Well-nourished Farmers.

Youth in agriculture

Engage with youth - the future of agribusiness - developing products that contribute to better the nutrition of our people and protect our planet. Support Association of Colleges in Agriculture in the Philippines to influence students to do community and extension work in different farming and fishing communities. Encourage out-of-school youth to grow their own food, act as local champions and food heroes to establish food gardens and help youth in the farming communities to have opportunities and access to training on sustainable agriculture practices and better nutrition.



David Beasley

Executive Director,
World Food Programme

“ To respond to the unprecedented food and nutrition needs, WFP commits to scale up its efforts this year by aiming to assist a record number of 152 million people, including 35 million women and children – across many SUN countries – with lifesaving malnutrition prevention and treatment activities.

In line with SUN’s country-led and multisectoral approach, WFP also commits to increase its support to governments in delivering long-term solutions aimed at strengthening national systems – health, education, social protection, agriculture and food systems – striving for long-lasting nutrition gains. This includes, among others, leveraging national social protection systems to enable access to nutritious foods for vulnerable groups and working with over 40 governments to improve availability of fortified staples to help fill critical nutrient gaps.

WFP re-commits to the principles of SUN and will work towards the successful implementation of the SUN Movement Strategy for 2021-2025, by coordinating action and working closely with other SUN networks in support of governments’ policy and programming processes, particularly through UN Nutrition and in support of the SUN Business Network.



Martin Chungong

Secretary-General,
Inter-Parliamentary Union

“ During my new term as SUN Movement Lead Group member, I will mobilize the Inter-Parliamentary Union to promote regional and global parliamentary debates on the inter-linkages between health and climate change and continue rolling out and popularizing the handbook for parliamentarians on food systems and nutrition to foster holistic approaches to nutrition at the country level. I will endeavor to mainstream nutrition in the deliberations of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.



Gabriela Rodríguez de Bukele

First Lady, the Republic of
El Salvador

“ Continue to strengthen sustainable public policies and build a solid platform that aligns multisectoral efforts, to eliminate all forms of malnutrition in El Salvador and regionally.

Continue to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding. Good nutrition and health grow stronger when it is prioritized from the first thousand days of life, and starts by providing proper preparation, education, and accurate information to mothers, families, communities, and all other stakeholders involved. Breastfeeding is “love turned into food”.

Develop good practices in El Salvador to share our experiences and lessons learned to inspire others to join the SUN Movement.



Dr Githinji Gitahi

Group Chief
Executive Officer,
Amref Health Africa

“ To galvanize civil society and relevant stakeholder voices, to curate solutions and scale up coordinated action on the national nutrition agenda with the view to addressing malnutrition as one of the most pressing health challenges, as well as hold leaders to account to implementing nutrition policies and commitments in their countries. Ostensibly, Amref commits to promoting the SUN Movement approach as an effective way of working collaboratively to end malnutrition in high-burden countries and globally.

To engage in research and sharing of lessons and best practices to highlight the impact of climate changes on food systems. Communities can then use this evidence to introduce or scale up actions which will economically empower them to address malnutrition.

Engage with SUN stakeholders during visits to any of the 65 SUN Countries and four Indian States to accelerate action towards SUN Movement strategic objectives through facilitating technical assistance to national MSPs and SUN networks through Lead Group member's organisations/institutions/companies.



Honorable Harjit S. Sajjan

Minister of International
Development & Minister
responsible for the Pacific
Economic Development
Agency of Canada

“ Commit to supporting countries with their own nutrition plans and priorities through Canada's international assistance. This includes strengthening both health systems and food systems to integrate nutrition priorities and services. Health systems and food systems will be more effective with the integration of nutrition, and nutrition programming will have greater lasting impact as part of broader systems.

Commit to championing women's empowerment as a critical link to improved nutrition. Canada will prioritize nutrition projects that integrate gender equality considerations to prevent malnutrition in all its forms, and commit to promoting gender equality at all convening opportunities. Dismantling gender barriers is a critical step and recently Canada extended support to the Standing Together for Nutrition consortium to continue research on the impact of various crises on nutrition and provide gender-sensitive recommendations on mitigating this impact on women and children.

Commit to increased inclusion of nutrition in high level discussions at global, regional and national levels with decision makers across a range of sectors. Canada will work with other SUN stakeholders to coordinate messaging in advance of events to maximize impact. We will also provide feedback when possible to other Lead Group members and the SUN Coordinator on key discussions.



Dr. Mansur Muhtar

Vice President,
Sector Operations,
Islamic Development Bank

“ As a SUN Lead Group Member and Vice President Operations of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), I commit to ensuring that: *ISDB systematically explores a nutrition sensitive programming to its agriculture and health projects in an integrated and multisectoral approach. This strategy will be deployed by breaking down the silos between sectors and type of resources, developing synergies internally and with external partners as well as widening horizons and perspectives to program design.*

ISDB works with the WFP, TPoN and potential new partners to bring the 1,000 Days initiative to fruition.

ISDB makes its fora available to foster multilateral dialogue, but also advocate on bilateral basis with its interlocutors - the ministers of finance - to sensitize them on the importance of nutrition.

ISDB explores supporting specific areas of capacity strengthening to nutrition related topics and programming, by providing platforms to share knowledge, perspectives and experience among OIC countries under its existing programs for south-south cooperation and through new initiatives.



Ndidi Nwuneli

Managing Partner,
Sahel Consulting
Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd

“ My commitment is to actively incorporate nutrition awareness into the training curriculum for African small and medium-sized enterprises agripreneurs via the African Food Changemakers Hub which supports businesses in 37 African countries.



Alfredo Rimoch

Chief Executive Officer,
Laboratorios Liomont

“ Supporting optimal breastfeeding is one of the most important interventions to reduce mortality and prevent all forms of malnutrition, especially obesity! Businesses have a key role to play here!

Firstly, by promoting and protecting breastfeeding in the workplace, companies will benefit working mothers, who are the ones who breastfeed their children less.

Companies can provide adequate spaces for breastfeeding at the work environment and support the working mothers with information on the benefits of breastfeeding, extended maternity leave, and support teleworking when possible. Supporting working mothers will also contribute to retain their talents: it is very clear today how companies greatly benefit from increasing employment and leadership opportunities for women.

Secondly, businesses should be a loud voice in support of breastfeeding policies. Regulating the marketing of milk substitutes is crucial, as misleading advertising pushes families to choose milk formula when this is not needed, and this can have very serious consequences for their babies.

Today, I renew my commitment to support breastfeeding in Mexico and globally: only through a joint effort between Government, civil society, and the private sector, we can succeed!



Catherine M. Russell

Executive Director,
UNICEF

“ To implement UNICEF’s Acceleration Plan for the prevention and treatment of child wasting. Through the newly established Child Nutrition Fund, we will deliver lifesaving nutrition programmes to prevent, detect and treat child wasting in the 15 countries worst affected by the global food and nutrition crisis.

To improve the diets of all children through a Global Alliance for Children’s Diets. The Alliance will work with public and private-sector partners to transform food systems to better meet children’s nutrition rights and needs.

To promote proper nutrition for girls and women. UNICEF will launch in the first quarter of 2023 a flagship report to advocate for better nutrition policies, programmes and actions for women over the course of their lives.