Civil Society and the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement:
Engaging to Drive Progress and Results

Friday, September 28, 2012 | New York

Purpose of the Meeting

Over the past year, there has been significant momentum and prioritization of nutrition at a global level, most recently through the World Health Assembly resolution outlining six concrete global nutrition targets, the Global Hunger and Nutrition Event convened by Prime Minister David Cameron at the close of the Olympics, and the G8 New Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security. Now, at the first face-to-face meeting of the SUN Lead Group taking place around the UN General Assembly, the SUN Movement Secretariat and Lead Group will put forward a strategy to guide and inform the Movement’s development towards 2015.

In this context, civil society will continue to play a critical role within SUN over the next several years by advocating for greater political and financial commitments to support the scaling up of nutrition, and by helping to drive the progress and results at country-level that the Movement seeks. The “Civil Society and Scaling Up Nutrition Movement: Engaging to Drive Progress and Results” meeting will serve to gather leaders and advocates from civil society, the 1,000 Days Partnership, and representatives of the SUN Movement Lead Group to discuss in more depth the revised SUN strategy as well as the opportunities and challenges for civil society to fully and optimally engage in helping to scale up nutrition.

The meeting will seek to identify keys steps to advance nutrition action through:

(a) Identifying top goals for G8, G20, EU, and CFS nutrition advocacy; and
(b) Enhancing the engagement and commitment of leading civil society organizations (CSOs) to collectively scale up nutrition on the basis of true accountability.

Time: Friday, September 28, 2012 from 08.00 – 09.30 am

Location: Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN
666 3rd Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Co-Chair: Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF
Co-Chair: Tom Arnold, CEO, Concern Worldwide
Rapporteur: David Nabarro, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Food Security and Nutrition and Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition Movement
Moderator: Lucy Sullivan, Executive Director, 1,000 Days

Proposed participants: 30 senior representatives from civil society organizations (senior management and policy staff), Foundations and Governments.

Format: Roundtable format to promote conversation and engagement after brief remarks.

Timetable

07.30 – Participants arrive for breakfast and are seated by 08.00

08.00 – Welcome and Opening Remarks:
Tony Lake, the Chair of the SUN Lead Group

• How we can collectively achieve SUN’s strategic objectives and deliver sustainable reductions in undernutrition?
• Reflection on the SUN movement’s engagement with civil society over the past two years and identification of ways to promote engagement between SUN and CSOs through the coming year.

Tom Arnold, CEO of Concern

• Concern’s experience engaging with SUN at country level.
• The role of civil society in accelerating progress on scaling up nutrition.

08.15 – Discussion One: Advocacy

*How can the role and engagement of civil society in the SUN Movement help realize progress and impact on addressing undernutrition?*

A short introduction to the SUN Civil Society Network will underline the significant contribution that CSOs have made to date in building and maintaining momentum for nutrition through their collective
action in support of SUN. The discussion will seek to identify clear entry points for continued efforts to strengthen nutrition advocacy at the global and national level over the next 12 months. The meeting discussion will aim to identify three **clear goals for collective action in the coming year** (e.g. G8, G20, CFS, EU Presidency, etc.). The objective of shared advocacy goals is to elevate global nutrition and the critical 1,000 day window from pregnancy to age 2 on the international agenda, work together to realize global and national nutrition targets, and “expand the pie” for public and private nutrition funding, ensuring sufficient resources to scale up nutrition.

08.45 – Discussion Two: **Accountability**

*How do CSOs participate in ensuring the Movement’s accountability to improve nutrition outcomes for individuals and communities locally and globally?*

In addition to advocating and mobilizing resources for undernutrition at the global and country level, civil society organizations are also significant front line providers of nutrition interventions. Civil society organizations have led the way in the development of effective and innovative nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions that are changing the way undernutrition is addressed at country level.

This session will explore how civil society organizations can strengthen and support collaborative planning to address undernutrition and move towards alignment and monitoring of strategies and programmes within the common results frameworks foreseen as part of the SUN. The discussion will examine how civil society can further explore and solve this complex issue.

09.15 – Synopsis and Action Points (Dr. David Nabarro, Rapporteur)

09.25 – Closing thank you (Tom Arnold)