

Commitment to National Progress

*The SUN Movement continues to grow – tripling in size from 9 to 28 countries in the past year. **Haiti** is the latest country to commit to scaling up nutrition.*

On June 11, the First Lady of the Republic of Haiti, Ms. Sophia Martelly, affirmed that nutrition is at the top of the Government's agenda. The President's vision is to ensure that all Haitians attain their fundamental right to quality food and all children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential. Nutrition is at the core of the national flagship program against hunger and undernutrition, 'Aba Grangou,' launched by the President on January 24, 2012. The government hopes to rally financial and technical partners to achieve shared, concrete results.



SUN Lead Group

The UN Secretary General appointed a high-level, multi-stakeholder SUN Lead Group made up of 27 influential leaders committed to advancing progress in nations by scaling up nutrition. One of the first tasks of the Lead Group is to develop a strategy for the SUN Movement, which will revise the SUN Road Map developed in 2010. The new strategy, which will be shared at the Lead Group meeting in September 2012, is being developed in consultation with SUN Country Focal Points, stakeholder networks and the SUN Movement Secretariat. The strategy will outline ways in which the Movement can support countries as they scale up nutrition.

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Nutrition on the Global Stage

Over the last two months, nutrition has been prominent on the international agenda—signaling continued political commitment and growing momentum behind the issue.

Copenhagen Consensus: After a year-long assessment, on May 14, the [Copenhagen Consensus 2012 Expert Panel](#)—which included four Nobel Laureates—announced that alleviating malnutrition is the most important investment leaders can make to combat pressing global challenges.

G8 Summit: During the May summit, G8 leaders committed to “actively support the Scaling Up Nutrition movement and welcome the commitment of African partners to improve the nutritional well-being of their populations, especially during the critical 1,000 day window from pregnancy to a child’s second birthday.”

On May 17, a “[Scaling Up Nutrition: Calling all Champions](#)” event was held in Washington, D.C. to call on leaders to prioritize investment in nutrition. Convened by 1,000 Days, The Alliance to End Hunger, Bread for the World, CARE, ChildFund International, Concern Worldwide, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Helen Keller International, Save the Children, World Food Program USA and World Vision, the event also included participation from six SUN Lead Group members, NEPAD and various U.S. Government officials.

At an event hosted by the [Chicago Council for Global Affairs](#) on May 18, U.S. President Barack Obama acknowledged the leadership of four African nations: Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania and Benin – all of whom are working to scale up nutrition. [President Obama](#) announced the [New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition](#), saying, “We can unleash the change that reduces hunger and malnutrition. We can spark the kind of economic growth that lifts people and nations out of poverty. This is the new commitment that we’re making.”

At the same event, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton [highlighted SUN](#) as a way forward, saying, “Twenty-seven countries have committed to taking action through the SUN Movement, and I urge more countries to join because we have proven solutions to the problem of under- and malnutrition.”

G20 Summit: In June, leaders from the G20 recognized “chronic malnutrition is an enormous drain on a country’s human resources,” and [pledged support for the SUN Movement](#), while also encouraging members to increase participation in the Movement.

Rio+20 Summit: On June 21, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the [Zero Hunger Challenge](#) as a vision to be realized “within his lifetime.” The Secretary-General said, “Food and nutrition are among my top priorities. In a world of plenty, no one - not a single person - should go hungry. I want to see an end to hunger everywhere ... I invite all of you to join me in working for a future without hunger.” One objective of the challenge is to eliminate stunting in children under the age of two.

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