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Since joining the SUN Movement, what progress has been made on Scaling Up Nutrition in Sierra Leone?
This is very, very important for us. We have been struggling with this, how are we going to get our policymakers to listen and know that this is important? But with SUN and all of the advocacy going on and the technical support we’ve been getting, it’s kind of made it a little easier. So if they’re wondering—you have to get on board if you want to make sure you scale up nutrition and reduce malnutrition rates in your country, SUN is a very, very good initiative that you should get on board. It will only help you move your agenda forward.

We now have a national food and nutrition security steering/coordinating committee which is being chaired by the vice president, that’s been approved. And we have since, at this point, finalizing our National Food and Nutrition Security Implementation Plan, and this will help us to reduce the malnutrition rates in our country. Right now, we have like 320,000 children under five that are stunted, and we want to make sure that is reduced. So that is going to be a very bright future for children in Sierra Leone.

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