

Scaling Up Nutrition Network Facilitators' Call
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SUMMARY NOTE

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Action Points

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Concluding Remarks

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Detail

1. Introduction

The first call of SUN Network Facilitators took place on 12 February 2013 by teleconference.

2. Briefing on purpose of Network Facilitators Calls

Regular SUN Inter-Network meetings were foreseen in the SUN Roadmap that accompanied the SUN Strategy agreed last September by the Lead Group. The SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) plans to convene calls of Network Facilitators every six weeks.

The objectives of the calls are to (i) increase Network's awareness of country actions and needs; (ii) to increase inter-network communication; and (iii) to update Networks on the work of the SMS and to inform Networks of areas where their action is required in response to requests from the SUN Lead Group.

In addition to these standing agenda items, Networks were asked to propose items of interest, such as major Network events or initiatives, for inclusion in the agenda of future calls. Networks were also asked to use the call to bring to the attention of the SMS areas where the Networks need further support.

3. Briefing on Sixth Round of SUN Country Network Calls, 17 – 21 January

(Background: Summary Reports of Fifth and Sixth Country Calls and Table of requests from Sixth Country Calls)

SMS updated the group on the latest round of SUN Country Network Calls, which took place from 17 – 21 January. These calls track progress and constraints in the four SUN processes around which tracking of progress at country level takes place. The SUN Country Network calls give SUN Focal Points an opportunity to indicate country expectations and needs. A summary document of each set of country calls was circulated to the SUN Networks Facilitators in

advance of the call in order to share country progress and requirements, and to encourage Networks to access how they can respond to country needs.

During the latest Country Network Call countries identified the following areas where support from the Movement, through the SUN Networks, was required.

| Area | Countries |
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| Development, updating or finalisation of National Nutrition Plans | Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ghana, Lao PDR, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia, Peru |
| Development of Common Results Frameworks on the basis of existing sectoral plans and policies | El Salvador, Ghana, Lao PDR, Mali, Mauritania |
| Development of Financial Tracking systems | Burkina Faso, Burundi, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guatemala, Mozambique, Senegal, Kenya |
| Development or finalisation of Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks | Benin, Burundi, Guatemala, Haiti, Madagascar, Malawi, Senegal, Zambia |
| Decentralisation of National Nutrition Plans | Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda |
| Implementation in remote areas | Nepal, Peru |
| Sharing experiences with other countries | Lao PDR, Mali, Peru, Sri Lanka |

SMS noted that the strong focus on tracking results underlined the commitment to implementation and monitoring of programmes. Networks were asked to consider how they could respond to country requests for support in the above areas.

Network Facilitators welcomed the briefing and the substantive exchanges of information taking place through the country calls. Participants noted the strong desire of countries to see delivery of action on the ground. The UN Network indicated that it planned to look at attitudes to nutrition sensitive development (including nutrition sensitive agriculture) and to share information sheets on gender and nutrition and social protection and nutrition with countries. UN Network also undertook to share material already being prepared for REACH Facilitators on integrating nutrition into sectors. CSO Network welcomed the report from Country Calls which it felt better enabled Networks understand what is happening at national level and to link this to global agendas. Business Network noted that many countries have similar problems but with national contexts and encouraged SUN to use the lessons of the 'know your epidemic' approach from HIV and Aids, ensuring that each country knows their undernutrition profile. The importance of linking with the work of the Global Nutrition Cluster at the country level was also underlined.

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4. **Briefing on Secretariat Priorities (25 minutes)**

a. Costing Scaling Up Nutrition (*Background – Investing in Nutrition and SUN PPT on Costing Circulated*)

Two streams of work on estimating the costs for scaling up nutrition are being taken forward led by the SUN Movement Secretariat: (i) Estimating the overall cost of scaling up nutrition in SUN Countries and (ii) Aggregating the cost of implementing national plans for scaling up nutrition.

The first stream of work involves estimations based on the unit costs of different interventions adjusted to the size of the target group based on demographic criteria and the level of nutritional need. A theoretical ‘price tag’ is then established which can be used both for national and global advocacy as it indicates the magnitude of funding required. The SUN Movement will use this information to help align support behind countries as they identify financial requirements needed to scale up nutrition. Initial estimates suggest that the total cost of implementing the same set of 10 interventions within 33 SUN countries is approximately US \$5.7 billion per year (0.3% per cent of the collective GDP of the 33 SUN countries). Based on this the total cost of specific actions needed to prevent chronic under-nutrition in this period is estimated at just under US\$100 for each newborn child. These calculations do not yet capture the costs associated with making development nutrition-sensitive. The SMS feels that this preliminary work has highlighted the need for a managed process to establish key parameters for nutrition-sensitive approaches within different settings, and to estimate their costs.

The second stream of work is based on estimates of actual costs developed by national authorities as they put together their country plans for scaling up nutrition. The SMS together with a pool of experts is working with countries that have developed and costed their plans to collate the costs across countries – both for specific nutrition interventions and for the implementation of nutrition-sensitive strategies. By working closely with countries that already have such plans; the SMS expects to assist with the process of identifying gaps in the finance available for implementation.

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b. Development of a SUN Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (*Background: Inception Report and Terms of Reference Circulated*)

In line with a request from the SUN Movement Lead Group the SMS has initiated the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework for the SUN Movement. This process will also establish a baseline for future monitoring. The objectives of this process are to ensure: mutual accountability of the Movement’s stakeholders for achievement of SUN objectives (as set out in SUN Strategy 2012-2015); oversight and decision making (e.g. taking corrective action where objectives are not met) by the SUN Lead Group; and (iii) monitoring of the SMS for accountability and learning; and advocacy and fundraising (for nutrition) for the SUN Movement. A Reference Group, which consists of representatives of the Network and Lead Group, has been constituted to support this process.

The M&E Framework will bring together into one document the expected results of the Movement and its stakeholders as foreseen in the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap and individual Network planning documents. The SMS is currently working with expert support on the development of a 'zero' draft of the M&E Framework.

The zero draft will be circulated to the Reference Group and Network Facilitators on 22 February 2013 and an approximate time-frame of one week for comments and input is envisioned. These comments will be integrated into a revised draft and a design workshop will be held in Geneva on Thursday, 7th – Friday, 8th March to finalise the document. Facilitators and Reference Group members will be invited and the importance of each Network being represented at this meeting was highlighted.

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c. SUN Conflict of Interest process

The SMS is planning to establish a consultation process on Conflict of Interest in the SUN Movement. This process will be facilitated by a neutral third party to ensure its independence from the SMS and other stakeholders within the Movement. The process will have three objectives (i) a mapping of issues regarding the Principles of Engagement and Conflict of Interest for the SUN Movement; (ii) to develop and agree guidance notes on the Principles of Engagement and Conflict of Interest through three consultation meetings; and (iii) Implementation of these agreed guidance frameworks through multi-stakeholder mediation exercises in relation to specific incidences or possible areas of conflict of interest.

The mapping process is expected to begin in March with the three multi-stakeholder consultation meetings taking place over the summer. An agreed Guidance Note on Conflict of Interest will be presented to the SUN Lead Group when they meet in September 2013.

The consultation will be wide-ranging and representative of all of the SUN Movement. Each SUN Network will be asked to nominate up to ten representatives of the network to participate in the meeting. All participants will be asked to affirm their commitment to the SUN Movement's goals and objectives as set out in the SUN Movement Strategy, and to participate in the consultation in an open and constructive manner. A small consultative reference group, chaired by a representative of the organisation convening the consultation, will be established to help guide the process. The importance of active participation by Networks in this process in order to ensure it is legitimate and representative of all of the Movement's stakeholders was underlined.

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d. SUN Website

SMS briefed on the re-launch of the SUN Website. The new site will feature dedicated spaces for the networks at both the global and country level. SMS would like to work closely with

Network Facilitators to further expand the SUN website to share information, lessons and materials with the public with a particular focus on communicating progress at the country level.

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e. April SUN Lead Group Meeting

The next SUN Lead Group meeting is scheduled for 10th April. The Lead Group will take stock of the progress since their last meeting. The Lead Group have asked the SMS for a candid assessment of the progress and challenges along with the work streams relating to resource mobilisation and accountability mechanisms.

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5. **Updates from Network Facilitators on priorities of each Network (1 hour)**

a. Civil Society Network

The CSO Network said that nutrition was moving up the agenda at both national and global level. The Network would like to work with other Networks to seize the significant opportunities for action on nutrition at national and country level that currently exist. The CSO Network's immediate priorities focus on building the Network through expanding membership and putting in place the necessary institutional support. The Network is also supporting advocacy at national level and supporting the harmonisation of civil society advocacy at global level for events such as the G8. The Network is working on key performance indicators (KPIs) for each of its objectives.

The CSO Network is focusing its efforts on the country level and linking national and local actions with global processes. Individual members of the Network Steering Committee will take on a tracking function for individual SUN Countries, ensuring that the Network is aware of actions at the country level. A mapping of CSOs at country level will take place. The Network has actively encouraged the representation of national and local NGOs and will continue to reach out to key countries and regions to ensure representation. The Network will also reach out to other sectors; however, the Network underlined the importance of being able to provide evidence of the benefits of engaging with common results frameworks (e.g. farmers and nutrition sensitive agriculture). The Network is also looking at technical solutions to ensure better engagement (e.g. innovative communication platforms and technologies). In addition to advocacy, the Network will also focus on ensuring that civil society is aligning programmes with national plans.

b. Business Network

The Business Network was launched in London on 10 December. A draft strategy has been completed. The Network is in the process of developing a public register of commitments by members of the Network which allows them to state publically how they will support the SUN Movement. The Network is actively reaching out to expand its membership. The Network is

also putting in place institutional arrangements, including recruitment of a Coordinator. The Network noted that a number of events had already taken place at country level, including roundtable meetings in Kenya and Nigeria. The Network also noted the strong focus on the role of business in scaling up nutrition at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

The role of business in ensuring appropriate support for maternity leave was raised as an interesting entry point for business. The Network noted that the public register of commitments was a way in which businesses, including those not in the nutrition sector, could be encouraged to make commitments that will help to improve nutrition, including better maternity leave policies.. The Network also noted that the Business Network could work with national governments who regulate this issue.

c. Donor Network

The Donor Network outlined a number of on-going work streams.. These included a working group on tracking donor resources for nutrition. This work aims to create a common platform for donors to track spending on nutrition specific interventions and on nutrition sensitive development across sectors. The Donor Network has also established a system to track donor behaviour at country level. The primary purpose of this process is to identify challenges and problems, as well as capture progress in donor efforts to support SUN at the country level. The Donor Network also highlighted the next SUN Donor Network meeting being organised by the European Commission on 14 – 15 March.

d. UN Network

The UN Network has finalised a concept note for the Network, which is awaiting approval. The Network is also looking at the development of a business plan that is expected to focus on two areas (i) Country support including support to non-REACH countries. This would include a mapping of current capacities to identify gaps and; (ii) Global level support with a focus on harmonisation and guidance. The UN Network expects to have a launch event in Africa later this year, which will focus on good practice in nutrition-sensitive agriculture. The Network is identifying resources and would like to build synergies with other Networks and the SMS.

6. **Concluding Remarks**

The SUN Network Facilitators emphasised that the SUN Networks are a means to an end. The Networks primary focus should be on aligning behind national programmes of action and channelling resources in support of those programmes.

The Facilitators also floated the idea of expanding SUN countries beyond high-burden countries with a view to learning from the experience of countries that have already reduced levels of under-nutrition thereby encouraging south-south cooperation and sharing and learning. The importance of ensuring nutrition remains high on the agenda of the post-2015 development agenda was also raised.

Concluding the meeting the SUN Coordinator noted the following points:

- Countries are giving clear indication of where support from Networks is required.
- Support from Networks is needed now. Timely responses are needed to ensure countries can scale up their efforts nationally.

- The Networks have made significant progress over the last year.
- The Movement is delivering on its pledge to put countries at the centre; now that Networks are organised we must focus on structured response.

Action Point

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SUN Movement Secretariat

21 February 2013