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Nourishing a Stronger Future

Impatient Optimists- 30 MAY 2013

Blog by: Ellen Piwoz, Senior Program Officer, Nutrition, Family Health Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

With less than two years until the end of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the health and development communities are looking back at what has been accomplished, and looking ahead to where we have opportunities to do more. After recently reflecting on lessons learned through our work in 2012, I had an opportunity join a global group of technical experts, political leaders, donors and advocates working to continue positive trends in an area with the potential to strengthen many aspects of the MDGs—nutrition. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Nutrition for Growth

Project Syndicate- 8 JUNE 2013

Blog by: Jay Naidoo, Chair, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

This week, British Prime Minister David Cameron, whose country holds this year's G-8 Presidency, is hosting a "Nutrition for Growth" summit in London. The issue could not be more urgent. We need the political will to tackle malnutrition now, with access to nutritious food recognized as a fundamental human right. Malnutrition kills an innocent child every five seconds, and is responsible for 11% of the global burden of disease. The summit rightly focuses on the direct links between nutrition and productivity, economic growth, and political stability. Investment in nutrition is investment in generations of children in poor communities, and the summit must place women and mothers at the center of proposed solutions. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Our Collective Failure to Address Malnutrition Is a Glaring Scandal of the 21st Century

Huffington Post UK- 8 JUNE 2013

Blog by: Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme

A century and a half ago, Charles Dickens wrote about stunting among children growing up in poverty in Victorian London. Dickens chronicled the phenomenon in his rich commentary of Victorian life. As the Industrial Revolution and social reforms swept Britain and standards of living improved, more people had access to healthy, nutritious food - and stunting was consigned to the pages of historical novels. As we gather in London this weekend for the Nutrition for Growth Summit, we should remind ourselves that while stunting was long ago banished from the streets of this city, it is still very much a reality in the developing world. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Building a More Nutritious Future for All

Global Food for Thought- 10 JUNE 2013

Blog by: Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development

A silent crisis is happening right now. It affects 165 million children globally, robbing them of the future they deserve and leading to more child deaths every year than any other disease. In a world of plentiful, nutritious foods and advanced science, this is unacceptable. We can do better. And we can do it together. At a landmark event in London this weekend, global government, business, and civil society leaders will join together to commit to a different future — one in which every child benefits from the nutrition needed to grow and thrive. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

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Food for All: Tackling Hunger and Malnutrition

Roll Call- 19 JUNE 2013

Blog by: Helene Gayle, President and CEO, CARE USA

On June 8, global leaders convened under the theme of Nutrition for Growth. During the summit, donors, businesses and foundations pledged to double spending on nutrition and deliver \$4.1 billion by 2020, and developing countries set targets for increasing their investments and improving nutrition outcomes. Benin, for example, committed to reduce chronic malnutrition from 43 percent to 30 percent by 2020. The United States pledged that U.S. agriculture and nutrition programs will lead to 2 million fewer stunted children globally. The time is ripe for the bold leadership we see in the administration's food aid reform proposal and commitment at Nutrition for Growth summit. It is now incumbent upon Congress to do its part to support efficient, effective action. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Nutrition Is On the Move

Reuters- 27 JUNE 2013

Blog by: Ellen Piwoz, Senior Program Officer, Nutrition, Family Health Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

In global health and development, the nature of change tends to be incremental. The way we do things, the way we approach challenges—even how we think about particular issues, rarely changes quickly. This is particularly true when the challenges are perceived to be entrenched, unavoidable—or just too complex to change. This is why I am inspired by the global progress in addressing malnutrition in just the past two years. We all realized that a new approach was needed —and that even one of the world's largest challenges could be less daunting when taken on collectively. In a short period of time, we've succeeded in creating a new nutrition paradigm. Now it is time to translate this new approach into measurable successes in reducing malnutrition and its lifelong consequences. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

NEWS ARTICLES

RADIO – BBC World Service Newsday Programme

BBC World Service- 6 JUNE 2012

Interview with David Nabarro, Coordinator, SUN Movement

At 45 minutes in, SUN Movement Coordinator, Dr. David Nabarro talks about the incredible return on investment and political commitment to nutrition. At 3.10 minutes in, Mark Doyle discussed The Lancet Series findings. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

London Conference Delivers New Hope for Children in the Battle against Stunting and Other Forms of Undernutrition – UNICEF

UNICEF- 8 JUNE 2013

Quotes Anthony Lake

The Nutrition for Growth event held in London today delivered a new opportunity to further reduce the crippling impact of stunting and other forms of undernutrition for millions of children, says UNICEF. “For children who face the unnecessary threat of stunting – something that not only deprives them of physical good health but dramatically weakens their potential to learn, to earn a decent income and to contribute to the prosperity and growth of their communities – today's gathering in London underlined a global determination to meet that threat,” said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake.

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Outcome of Global Hunger Summit Major Step towards Ending 'Injustice of Malnutrition' – UN Officials

UN News Centre- 8 JUNE 2013

Quotes David Nabarro

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement today hailed world leaders signing the Compact. Since launching in 2010, the SUN Movement has expanded to 40 countries that together are home to 80 million stunted children equivalent to about half of all stunted children in the world. “Good nutrition is essential for the growth of individuals, nations and economies,” said Dr. David Nabarro, Coordinator of the SUN Movement. “All in the Movement are excited by this event in London, which should be remembered as the day when the world started to turn a corner and start to see an end to the scandal of child malnutrition in today's world,” he said in a press release on the event. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

A Historic Moment for Nutrition - Nutrition for Growth Summit in London

All Africa- 8 JUNE 2013

Mentions David Nabarro, Paul Polman and Mary Robinson

The Scaling Up Nutrition Movement hailed the signing the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact and the commitments as an indication of unprecedented determination to end the injustice of malnutrition. The closing panel at the Nutrition for Growth event: Bill Gates (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), Chris Hohn (Cliff), Justine Greening (UK Government), Paul Polman (Unilever), Vice-President Michel Temer (Government of Brazil), Commissioner Andris Piebalgs (EU) Dr. David Nabarro, SUN Movement Coordinator and Dr. Mary Robinson, SUN Lead Group member at the Nutrition for Growth summit.

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Remarks by Ertharin Cousin at the Nutrition for Growth High Level Event, London

World Food Programme- 8 JUNE 2013

Speech by: Ertharin Cousin

Today, we are here, on the brink of a new opportunity. Together we, as a global community, have come to understand the importance of nutrition in the first 1000 days of life. But if we are honest, we must admit that we have not paid enough attention to nourishing the mothers who are carrying these babies. It is obvious: Well-nourished women give birth to healthier babies. Furthermore, we all recognize the value of exclusive breastfeeding in the first six months. However, supporting exclusive breastfeeding requires providing mothers access to sufficient nutritious foods. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Mary Robinson Attends Nutrition for Growth Summit

Mary Robinson Foundation- 8 JUNE 2013

Mary Robinson was in London on Saturday, June 8, to take part in a high-level summit dealing with global nutrition and food security. At ‘Nutrition for Growth: Beating Hunger through Business and Science’, a ‘Global Nutrition for Growth Compact’ was signed by participants – among them leaders of developing and developed nations, businesses, scientific bodies and civil society groups. Mrs Robinson, who spoke at the closing event: ‘Promoting African Agriculture – The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition’, said the world cannot treat nutrition as a stand-alone issue, adding that we must address impacts of climate change on food and nutrition security. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

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U.S. Support for Global Nutrition at Nutrition for Growth Summit

Kaiser Family Foundation- 10 JUNE 2013

Mentions Rajiv Shah

As the head of USAID — and as a parent of young children — I am privileged to show the United States’ support for global nutrition at the Nutrition for Growth event,” USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah writes in the State Department’s “DipNote” blog. “On June 8, I was pleased to announce that the U.S. Government is providing more than \$1 billion for nutrition-specific interventions and nearly \$9 billion on nutrition-sensitive activities over 2012-2014,” he states, adding, “These investments support and accelerate trends in stunting reduction; ultimately to reduce stunting by 20 percent over five years in the areas where we work through Feed the Future, translating into two million fewer stunted children.” He notes, “We also signed on to the global Nutrition for Growth Compact, endorsing high-level goals for improving nutrition.” [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Remarks by Administrator Rajiv Shah at the Bread for the World and Concern Worldwide Event on “Sustaining Political Commitments to Scaling Up Nutrition”

USAID- 10 JUNE 2013

Speech by Rajiv Shah

Good morning. This past weekend, I attended the Nutrition for Growth Summit in London, where you could literally feel the energy that exists for accelerated action on nutrition. For perhaps the first time, it was clear that the prevailing question was not whether we can end hunger or even whether we will. It was how fast we can achieve it. I had the opportunity to hear Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny deliver a great speech on the urgency of this mission. He spoke about leading a country once stalked by famine—and how the memory of that misery stirred the nation’s actions abroad today. [\[LINK TO SOURCE\]](#)

Scaling Up Nutrition

Storify- JUNE 2013

Please click the link below to read the Storify collection around the Nutrition for Growth Summit.

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