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Kenya's SUN CSA holds first advocacy training

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) networks in Kenya have embarked on capacity building in nutrition advocacy to empower their members to promote nutrition agenda at national and county level.

The first SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) nutrition advocacy training was conducted in Nairobi from 28-30 April 2014. It was hosted by Kenya Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO) with support from ACTION Global Health Advocacy.

Twenty-two representatives of SUN networks, namely Government, Civil Society, UN and Business attended the training, which was facilitated by ACTION Global Health Advocacy team and members of SUN CSA who underwent a similar training in Zambia in November 2013. SUN CSA trainers were from KANCO, Action Against Hunger, World Vision Kenya and Total Lifestyle Change.

Participants were drawn from KANCO, Ministry of Health, Kenya Red Cross Society, World Vision Kenya, Total Lifestyle Change, World Health Organisation, UNICEF, VSF-Suisse, Global Alliance Nutrition, Feed the Hungry, Consumers Federation of Kenya, Grassroots Alliance for Community Education (G.R.A.CE) Africa, Association for the Physically Disabled, International Medical Corps, Save the Children International, National Organization of Peer Educators, Kenya Freedom from hunger Council and Uzima Aid.

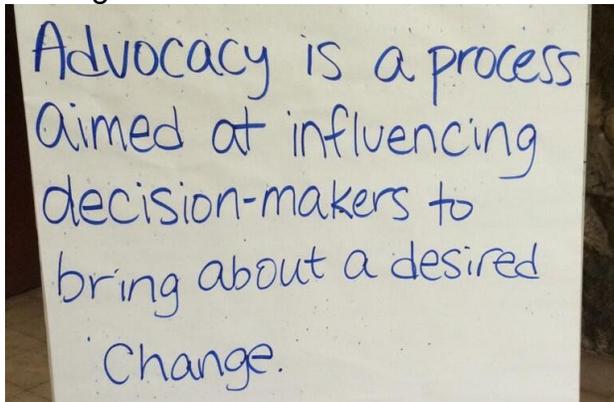
The goal of the training was to build the capacity of non-state and state actors supporting nutrition in Kenya, to be better equipped to advocate for nutrition in the country. It was also designed to support SUN CSA and other SUN networks to harmonise advocacy efforts in nutrition.

The highlight of the training was an advocacy café session where participants interacted with seasoned advocates in the health sector, who shared their advocacy experiences. Trainees learnt and developed a common understanding of advocacy, power mapping, nutrition landscape and use of media in advocacy.

After the training, a number of participants shared their experiences via social media and engaged more with the media, thereby improving coordination of nutrition activities.

James Adede thus tweeted: *"This workshop was very informative and an eye-opener on how to win war against malnutrition,"* said James Adede, a member of SUN CSA Executive Committee and staff of G.R.A.C.E. Africa.

Below is a tweet and photo posted by Alison Roots of ACTION tweeted on the first day of the Workshop: *Group definition of advocacy for our 3 day [#nutrition](#) advocacy training!*



SUN CSA will hold the second nutrition advocacy training later in July 2014 that will target staff from SUN networks at national level and senior county nutrition officers. The Alliance is working closely with US-based Population Reference Bureau (PRB) and FAO to conduct nutrition advocacy in six counties.

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Participants and facilitators of SUN CSA Nutrition Advocacy Training.



Different sessions of SUN CSA Nutrition Advocacy Training.