

1. Introduction and welcome

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The Chair (MG) welcomed all to meeting and reviewed the agenda.

2. SUN Independent Comprehensive Evaluation

The Secretariat briefed on the independent comprehensive evaluation of the SUN Movement. Mokoro has been commissioned by the SUN Lead Group (LG) to conduct an independent comprehensive evaluation of the SUN Movement. Stephen Lister, the evaluation Team Leader, gave a brief overview of the inception report. Key issues mentioned include:

- The evaluation will be comprehensive and consultative.
- It will use the experiences observed in the Movement to determine the future direction to take.
- Timing is very tight and that puts a strain on the consultative nature of the process.
- The evaluation will seek to interview key stakeholders. In addition, all those interested in the Movement will be invited to make submissions. The evaluators will seek interviews with NFs in August.
- A survey will go out in November to a broader group of stakeholders. The evaluators will also participate in the 2014 Global Gathering to broaden their consultation.
- An interim report is expected in September and will be made public for comment.
- Case studies will be conducted in eight countries.
- A draft final report will be shared in early December.

Questions and Answers:

The final inception report will be available on the SUN website by the 05 August. It will also have information on who to contact to make submissions. Mokoro is to deliver the final report in three languages. The Secretariat will ensure interim documents; surveys, etc. are accessible to all in the Movement. The criteria for the selection of prospective pilot countries is laid out in the report (P.122) and includes the year of joining the SUN Movement, geographical balance, countries with a high burden of malnutrition, a balance of low and middle income countries, MPTF support and the level of decentralization within the country.

3. Updates

▪ SUN Progress Report

The Secretariat outlined the SUN monitoring exercise 2014, which began in February. A new approach involving national self-assessment of progress was piloted in SUN countries. Forty countries were asked to report their progress against the progress markers in the SUN M&E Framework. The Secretariat provided the tools and technical support for SUN Focal points to facilitate the in-country process. Thirty-seven countries undertook the exercise and reported on progress. The reports received from countries include an assessment of collective progress and the state of the networks in-country. These reports will be shared with Network Facilitators to support planning (Click [here](#) for the country self-assessment reports). The Secretariat will undertake further analysis in the coming months.

The information received from this process forms the basis for the 2014 SUN Movement Annual Progress Report. The Report focusses on progress in the countries, drawn mainly from the self-assessments information but also drawing on the Country Network Calls and other learning from the Movement. The report will include sections on the communities of practice and analysis of emerging patterns in the Movement. A draft version of the report will be delivered to the Lead Group in September.

Questions and Answers:

The Secretariat has worked with WHO, UNICEF and World Bank on the statistics information in the progress report. A technical note further explains the methodology used.

▪ SUN Logo and News Guidelines

The Secretariat presented new Logo guidelines developed to strengthen the identity of the Movement. These are based on the background of the Movement and the SUN Principles of Engagement. In order to ensure openness and freedom remain central to the Movement; there are no rigid guidelines on the use of the SUN products. Different types of logos have been developed to fit the needs of the different stakeholders e.g. the country, networks. Use of the logo is at the discretion of the individual Networks. News guidelines have also been developed to help guide Networks on which articles can be linked/ shared on the SUN website.

Questions and Answers:

The Secretariat said that in-country stakeholders should be encouraged to align their identities with the national identity of their SUN Movement. The meeting noted it was important not to impose an identity but to be able to accommodate in cases of a request. The UN Network noted its responsibility to respond to countries beyond the SUN Movement and would therefore consider how the logos could be used. Other networks were happy to explore using the logos. As the guidelines are a work in progress, any feedback is welcome.

4. Focus on capacity of SUN countries to deliver scaling up of nutrition

The Secretariat reminded the group of the background to the 'Capacity to Deliver' (C2D) approach, which aims to link the needs of countries to specific support from organizations within the Movement. The Secretariat has developed a web based C2D tracking tool to track requests from receipt to completion.

In order to respond to country requests that do not have a readily available response a 'communities of practice (COP)' approach is emerging. This approach aims to bring together the experience of different groups in the Movement with a focus on learning and action, in the form of tailored responses.

The four COPs reflect the areas previously identified under C2D:

- COP 1: Planning costing, implementing and finance multi-sectoral actions for improved nutrition
- COP 2: Social mobilization, advocacy and communication for scaling up nutrition
- COP 3: Reliable monitoring of progress, evaluation of outcomes and demonstration of results
- COP 4: Functional capacities for effective and coordinated scaling up nutrition action

Questions and Answers:

The SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) noted that it would like to compare CSN requests and SUN requests to help avoid duplication. CSN would also like to explore the possibility of building a sub-site of the tracking tool to manage similar information for its members

- ***COP 1 - Planning costing, implementing and finance multi-sectoral actions for improved nutrition***



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COP1 focusses on the efforts being made by government and supporting partners in the SUN Movement to cost national plans for nutrition in order to guide coordinated efforts by stakeholders and to mobilise the required resources to address gaps and sustain results. To achieve this, the COP, using the C2D tools, aims to identify and link providers willing to respond to the requests from countries. The COP hopes to create a shared space (online) to disseminate national plans and budgets, as well as guidelines and tools from providers. The COP is working on the development of a methodology to help countries track government resources for nutrition.

A workshop for francophone countries, in Benin, is being planned while it is hoped a workshop in the Asian region will take place next year.

Questions and Answers:

In general, requests under the COPs are received on an ad-hoc basis hence there are no plans to regionalize. The UN systems' regional representatives have been heavily involved in the development of the COP. The COPs are open for contributions from all stakeholders. For COP 1, it will be good to have the involvement of the SCN e.g. with the identification of suppliers. It will also be useful to know how FAO and CAADP can contribute. FAO is already keen to contribute on mapping of policies. REACH, with the support of BCG, is already undertaking a stakeholder mapping. REACH will continue to support the initiative, which where possible, could include financial tracking.

- ***COP 2 – Social mobilization, advocacy and communication for scaling up nutrition***

COP2 is at an earlier stage of development than COP1. The COP represents a turning point for the future approach to communication and advocacy within the Movement. There has been a change in focus from mobilizing political support and commitments to implementing these commitments and achieving tangible results. The results of the COP will affect, influence and support the work of the other three COPs. A meeting is currently being organized in Tanzania on 25 September to bring together interested stakeholders and to help provide clarity on the way forward on this COP.

Questions and Answers:

At this stage, defining key terminologies with respect to advocating for behavioural changes at the global and country levels is important. It will be useful to agree on the kind of advocacy needed at both the

country and global levels. There are expectations that the convening in Tanzania will also be a way to start collecting tools and resources, list experts from various countries and start to pool into a toolkit. Country requests for support are currently being received; however, these are sometimes vague and need to be further developed with the country. Individual network advocacy and communications plans should be aligned with national plans in order to maximise the effectiveness; nonetheless, there may be a sequence during which CSO advocacy can help stimulate national attention for nutrition.

The UN Network noted that there are resources already developed at country level which can be leveraged (rather than build a new resource). REACH is already involved in some of these activities in terms of bringing together different actors and making links. REACH is happy to bring its knowledge to support the COP.

- ***COP 3 - Reliable monitoring of progress, evaluation of outcomes and demonstration of results***



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COP3 aims to support the establishment and use of information platforms at national and sub-national level that can monitor progress, support decision making, help determine cost effectiveness of interventions, and strengthen mutual accountability of all stakeholders. The COP, still at an early stage, envisions a synchronized nutrition information system that brings together data from different sources for countries. The COP aims to agree ‘core minimum information’ that can support harmonised stakeholder mapping and monitoring tools (led by UN REACH). The COP aims to provide timely and coordinated support to countries as they request support for monitoring and evaluation as part of their efforts to scale up nutrition, including through an information portal of existing tools and resources. The COP will support the strengthening of national information systems through the ongoing work led by the EU, UK-Aid and Canada with support from other Networks.

A Global Nutrition report, which details the existing data gaps, will be launched in November.

Questions and Answers:

In support of the COP, the SBN would like to bring in dynamic ICT companies. In this direction, it will follow-up on an offer from Infosys to having a convening in London around the gaps identified in the Global Nutrition Report (GNR). It also noted that Orange Communications have just joined the SBN, with a track record of having carried out work on birth registrations, this presents another unique opportunity. There is also the possibility of having a separate gathering for the GSM community. These can be done along two streams – Data Collection and Data Management. SBN will be happy to convene with some support from SMS on the detail. This can as well include potential suppliers from within the countries.

Looking forward to harmonising data collection/mapping exercises from different agencies, the group agrees that the ideal situation is to have countries embed the processes. With respect to this, a session in the Global Gathering can be dedicated to the results of the mapping exercise undertaken by REACH.

- ***COP 4 - Functional capacities for effective and coordinated scaling up nutrition action***



The COP4 focusses on developing the soft skills that allow stakeholders to work together effectively for nutrition. It is still in the embryonic phase and the objective is to maximize the effectiveness of the MSPs by expanding individual skills and institutional capabilities

Questions and Answers:

Participants expressed the timeliness and relevance of the COP given the need for more skills and capacity development of nutrition actors to understand and manoeuvre the complex terrain. As an example, the UN Network cited the increasing need for lawyers in nutrition to help address conflicts of interest and issues around trade agreements. UNSCN is currently preparing a paper on the latter. It again recognized the essence of better skilled nutritionists and ethics perspective from the start. SBN noted an N4G commitment by a legal firm to offer pro bono support. Whilst a nutrition global gap analysis might be necessary, REACH reiterated its inherent capacity development initiative and an M&E framework which include a capacity gap analysis.

The group recognised the increasing interest and need to engage more with science and academics in the Movement. At the moment, some countries have created academic networks. The Secretariat has also received requests on the establishment of a scientific/research community for nutrition, which has triggered further discussions. The Donor Network proposed the development and dissemination of a concept note on the subject. They also emphasised the potential to link up with other groups with similar interests, especially in the private sector. The SMS plans to prepare a concept note for the round table discussion in the Global Gathering.

5. Preparations for the SUN Global Gathering

The concept note is still in draft and will be shared again before the end of August for suggestions. This year, a proposal will be made to countries to exhibit materials at a “market place”. Guidelines and further information on presentations for the market place will be provided by the Secretariat.

There will be sessions on visioning through interaction with some member of the Lead Group and presentations of the communities of practice. Outlines for the COP sessions have been shared and suggestions of potential resource persons are welcome.

Final nomination of participants from the Networks to the Global Gathering 2014 are expected by the 31st of August.

Comments

Given the interest shared by member of the Business network to exhibit materials, SMS will consider and respond shortly. The SBN plans to host a dinner for 150 persons on the Tuesday evening. A Save-the-Date will be issued soon. Invitations will be extended to Country Focal Points and members of other networks. The Donor Network will also host the Senior Officials meeting on the Tuesday afternoon whiles the CSN steering group is at the moment exploring possibility of having a meeting elsewhere.

ICN2

The Joint Working Group (JWG) has been working since the beginning of the year to develop a Political Outcome Document (POD). A final draft of this declaration is expected to be produced in the 27th August meeting. A website for the ICN 2 has also been set-up and the Framework of Action will be posted online for comments. An informal/informal meeting is also planned on the 22nd August to discuss modalities of Open Ended Working Group (OEWG).

Updates from Networks /AOB

Milo Stanojevich and Marie Rumsby have been appointed Chair and Vice-Chair of the CSN Steering Committee respectively.

The SBN is developing a business engagement model for countries and will host pilots in Pakistan and Nigeria later this year. Regional summits, focusing on the role of business in the MSPs, are also planned over the next nine-months.

The UN Network is finalising Nutrition Action Guide series with various UN agencies, SMS and others. There are plans to have this issued and distributed in the GG and ICN2. The Network is also developing a UN Global Nutrition Agenda to shape the vision for the next few years.

The Donor Network will also launch a series of country case studies from the convenors' perspective. Findings from the study will be shared at the Senior Officials meeting in September and on the SUN website.