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Meeting of the SUN Movement Lead Group

26 September 2018

Overview

On 26 September 2018 the SUN Lead Group gathered for its annual meeting at UNICEF headquarters in New York City during the 73rd General Assembly of the United Nations. The meeting marked the Movement's eighth year and the mid-term period of its Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020.

The SUN Movement's ability to focus country-level attention and action on malnutrition and its devastating effects has helped drive a 40 per cent reduction in the percentage¹ of stunted children between 2000 and 2015. However, achieving a further 40 per cent reduction in stunting — or halting the increase in overweight, obesity and non-communicable diseases — will not be achievable with the *status quo*. Still too many countries are off-track for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SUN Movement's progress and growth over the last eight years has been inspiring but more must be done.

The meeting focused on the SUN Lead Group's guidance and commitments following a presentation of the preliminary results of the mid-term review of the SUN Movement. Lead Group members were also asked to bring guidance and commitments focusing on:

- ensuring the socio-economic empowerment of women and gender equality;
- transforming food systems to be sustainable and nutrition-sensitive in order to address multiple burdens of malnutrition.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair of the SUN Lead Group, Henrietta Fore, encouraged the Lead Group to consider the future strategic direction of the SUN Movement and for each member to champion a common vision. It was also noted that the tenure of the current SUN Lead Group concludes on the 31st of December 2018. At the request of the UN Secretary-General, the SUN Lead Group will be renewed with a new composition of people to be announced in January 2019 to help steer and support the Movement into its next phase.²

¹ Or "prevalence"

² Two thirds of presently serving members will be retained for continuity of leadership and preserving institutional knowledge.

Outcomes

1. The SUN Movement 2020 and beyond: reviewing progress and looking forward

Members of the SUN Lead Group reflected on the preliminary findings of the mid-term review of the SUN Movement, presented by Chair of the SUN Executive Committee, Shawn Baker. They focused on the way forward for the Movement and reflected on the Lead Group's responsibility for progress and impact at country level. The Chair and members of the Lead Group gave the SUN Executive Committee the mandate to take forward the findings of the mid-term review, due on 31 December 2018, and commission an Independent Comprehensive Evaluation of the Movement to be completed in 2020.

The SUN Lead Group commits to, and encourages all SUN Movement Countries and stakeholders in the SUN Support System (SUN Executive Committee, SUN Coordinator, SUN Networks and SUN Secretariat) to:

Protect, promote and strengthen the SUN Movement's focus on scaling up nutrition during the 1000-day window from a mother's pregnancy to her child's second birthday.

- A rights-based approach focusing on girls' and women's nutrition across the life cycle - including adolescence as the second window of opportunity - needs to be at the centre of all national nutrition strategies to break the inter-generational cycle of malnutrition.
- The first 1000-day period is key for a country's social and economic development, since it lays the foundation for children's health and their physical and cognitive development. It is the basis for the Movement to further evolve and ensure countries not only tackle undernutrition but also overweight, obesity and non-communicable diseases. 60 countries and 3 Indian States currently drive the SUN Movement, but over 40 developed countries could leverage the Movement to exchange successes, innovations and challenges in tackling multiple burdens of malnutrition. It should grow as a platform where members can interact and partner to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The SUN Movement has grown as a platform for learning, sharing and collaborating but this can be strengthened to support countries in applying innovations and learnings in practice. Additional focus should be directed to countries most at risk of falling behind.
- The Lead Group encourages greater emphasis on engaging youth as champions for nutrition across the SUN Movement, especially in SUN Countries. At the global level, platforms such as Generation Unlimited, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and Woman Deliver can be explored and leveraged.

Preserve and strengthen the SUN Movement's approach – as a multistakeholder, multisectoral, political movement for nutrition impact and results.

- The SUN Movement enjoys strong institutional support with all the initiating stakeholders still actively engaged 8 years after its inception. However, higher level commitment and greater institutional alignment is needed from each constituency.

- Further investment should be made to ensure collaboration between SUN Networks and the SUN Secretariat at global level and in member countries. All four Networks (SUN Civil Society Network, SUN Business Network, SUN Donor Network and the UN Network for SUN) are a strong base to build on and they now need to encourage members to fully commit to the Movement and demonstrate how they can advance its impact.
- Building on the [SUN principles of engagement](#), all stakeholders in the Movement need to fight against a silo mentality and foster stronger cross-network linkages in support of government ownership and leadership for nutrition. Stakeholders in the Movement need to focus further on building capacity to coordinate and implement actions that improve nutrition in SUN Countries.
- Lead Group members recommend that the mid-term review should clearly demonstrate the added value of the Movement in member countries.

Secure the highest-possible level of national ownership and prioritisation for improving people's nutrition through Lead Group action.

- National governments must be in the driver's seat — fully committed to developing one vision, one plan and one budget to achieve their goals. The SUN Movement can be more direct in urging political leaders to make nutrition a sustainable development priority which will catalyse progress across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The political placement of SUN Government Focal Points is essential for ensuring nutrition isn't buried in the department of a given Ministry. SUN Government Focal Points need to have the mandate to convene sectors and stakeholders and ensure the issue is treated as a political priority.
- The engagement of national and regional parliaments in the SUN Movement should focus more on political commitment to building human capital. This will help ensure that nutrition transcends political transitions; ensure that laws and legislation empower women and girls and protect nutrition; and that budgets are scrutinised to ensure domestic resources are scaled up and used effectively.
- New nutrition financing is needed and the World Bank's Human Capital Project should help spur this recognition given that one of the five indicators focuses on stunting.
- Mechanisms such as the Global Financing Facility (GFF) can support in addressing financing gaps, given its country-led model.
- The Movement's continued success requires stakeholders from business, academia, UN agencies, donor institutions and civil society to leave their institutional agendas behind and strengthen government ownership of the nutrition agenda. Moving forward, the SUN Movement will focus on equipping governments to take the lead.
- Stronger stakeholder coherence is needed, particularly in fragile contexts where a coordinated, long-term approach to improving nutrition needs to be at the centre of humanitarian and development efforts.
- To support this, SUN Lead Group members agreed to leverage key moments. These include the launch of the World Bank's Human Capital Project and increased advocacy for a strong Nutrition

for Growth moment in Japan, coinciding with the 2020 Olympic games as existing nutrition commitments are set to expire then.

2. Scaling up gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the SUN Movement to fight malnutrition

The SUN Movement Lead Group will take charge and ensure that gender equality and the socio-economic empowerment of women and girls is mainstreamed in the SUN Movement approach and in SUN member countries. Eradicating hunger and malnutrition can only be done with women. Having a stronger focus on gender equality can help to slingshot the Movement forward. In support of the SUN Movement, the Government of Canada, Save the Children, and the SUN Secretariat are developing guidance to support SUN Countries as they translate gender equality and empowerment commitments into robust action and results. The Women Deliver conference in Vancouver in June 2019 will be an opportunity to share, learn and inspire stakeholders from SUN Countries.

The SUN Lead Group commits to, and encourages all SUN Movement Countries and stakeholders in the SUN Support System (SUN Executive Committee, SUN Coordinator, SUN Networks and SUN Secretariat) to:

Champion gender equality and make sure it's a top priority for nutrition across the SUN Movement and in their own constituencies.

- The Lead Group members will raise awareness – at all levels – of the linkages between good nutrition, child development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls. They will work within their constituencies to incorporate gender equality into policy, legislation and programs.
- Adolescent girls need to be empowered as agents of change, especially in SUN Countries, and young people should be represented more frequently in decision-making forums.
- Parliamentarians need to know how they can support laws to elevate the economic status of women. When women are economically empowered, nutrition will improve and poverty will decrease.
- It's relatively simple to make policies but implementing them is often a challenge. National Information Platforms for Nutrition can be utilised to hold governments to account for delivering, and to influence national nutrition action.

3. Addressing multiple forms of malnutrition in the SUN Movement through nutrition-sensitive and sustainable food systems

SUN Countries need to develop a “systems approach” to nutrition. This means shifting from a singular reliance on the health system of each country and bringing on board their food system and their social protection system. SUN countries under the leadership of their governments must drive a stronger multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach transforming agriculture and value chains into a food system - from farm to fork and vice versa. This transformation must be supported by

evidence. The EAT Lancet Commission Report on Food, Planet, Health, to be launched in January 2019, will set scientific targets for food systems and show that feeding everyone a healthy and sustainable diet is possible within planetary bounds. It will be crucial to translate this evidence into local context specific action.

The SUN Lead Group commits to, and encourages all SUN Movement Countries and stakeholders in the SUN Support System (SUN Executive Committee, SUN Coordinator, SUN Networks and SUN Secretariat) to:

Champion the transformation of food systems to be nutrition sensitive and sustainable involving key sectors and stakeholders.

- Encourage national food, agriculture and nutrition actors to integrate a food systems approach into national nutrition plans and focus more on the “good food” message as it expands partnerships and promotes positive collaboration.
- Broaden the policy and legislative focus in SUN Countries to those that will impact the availability, diversity, affordability and desirability of foods, for example food safety and quality; regulation of food marketing; food loss and waste; food trade; agricultural and natural resource management policies; social protection and food subsidies.
- It is critical to engage more pro-actively and substantially with the private sector. Malnutrition cannot be solved without their engagement, including smallholder farmers, producer cooperatives, small and medium enterprises as well as (multi) national companies, and actors driving innovation on food production and consumption. Leveraging the progress made by the SUN Business Network, in constructive collaboration with all SUN Networks, is essential.

Annex 1 - Attendance and photographs

Lead Group members in attendance

1. Tom ARNOLD, Chair, European Union Commission Task Force Rural Africa
2. David BEASLEY, Executive Director, World Food Programme
3. Mushtaque CHOWDHURY, Vice Chair, BRAC
4. Martin CHUNGONG, Secretary General, the Inter-Parliamentary Union
5. Shenggen FAN, Director General, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
6. Henrietta FORE, Executive Director, UNICEF
7. Diane JACOVELLA, Deputy Minister of International Development, Government of Canada (representing Marie-Claude BIBEAU, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, Government of Canada)
8. HE Jakaya KIKWETE, Former President of Tanzania
9. Stefano MANSERVISI, Director General, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (representing Neven MIMICA, Commissioner for International Cooperation & Development, European Commission)
10. Ibrahim Assane MAYAKI, CEO, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
11. Carolyn MILES, CEO, Save the Children US (representing Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT, CEO, Save the Children International)
12. David NABARRO, Sustainable Development Facilitator, 4SD
13. Sania NISHTAR, Founder and President, Heartfile Foundation
14. Joy PHUMAPHI, Founder and Executive Secretary, African Leaders Malaria Alliance
15. Mary ROBINSON, President, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice
16. Feijke SIJBESMA, CEO, Royal Dutch DSM
17. Dhananjayan SRISKANDARAJAH, Secretary General, CIVICUS
18. Gunhild Anker STORDALEN, Founder & Executive Chair, EAT
19. Gerda VERBURG, Coordinator, the SUN Movement and Assistant UN Secretary-General

Special guests

20. The Rt Honorable Alistair BURT, Minister of State for International Development, Minister of State for the Middle East, The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom
21. Beth DUNFORD, Assistant to the Administrator, Deputy Coordinator for Development for Feed the Future, USAID (representing Ambassador Mark GREEN, Administrator, USAID)
22. Tim EVANS, Senior Director for the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank Group (representing Annette DIXON, Vice-President, Human Development, World Bank Group)

Apologies

23. Akinwumi ADESINA, President, African Development Bank
24. Nahas ANGULA, Chairperson, Namibian Alliance for Improved Nutrition
25. Chris ELIAS, President, Global Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
26. Rebeca GRYNSPAN, Secretary General, Ibero-American General Secretariat
27. HE Jimmy MORALES, President of Guatemala

28. Monica MUSONDA, Founder and CEO, Java Foods

29. Nina SARDJUNANI, Team Leader of SDGs National Secretariat, Bappenas, Government of Indonesia

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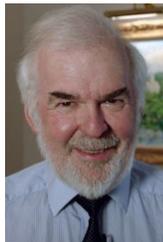
Annex 2 – Commitments Raised During the Meeting

Cross cutting commitments:

- ✓ Lead Group members committed to encourage more countries to join the Movement given that every country faces a nutrition challenge, be it undernutrition, overweight or obesity. In the SDG era, high-income and low-income countries must share, learn and partner to achieve greater coherence across government sectors and tackle multiple burdens of malnutrition simultaneously.
- ✓ Visit 1-2 SUN Countries per year to rally political commitment for improved nutrition and encourage results-oriented collaboration between SUN Networks.
- ✓ Champion and implement criteria for gender equality and women’s socio-economic empowerment as a cross-cutting priority through global, regional and country engagements.
- ✓ Champion and encourage countries to transform agriculture into nutrition-sensitive and sustainable food systems involving key sectors and stakeholders.
- ✓ SUN Lead Group members agreed to leverage key opportunities, including World Bank’s Human Capital Project, the FAO-IFPRI Accelerating Progress Toward Ending Hunger and Malnutrition Conference (November 28-30) in Bangkok, the 2019 SUN Global Gathering and working toward a strong Nutrition for Growth moment in Japan, coinciding with the 2020 Olympic games.

Individual commitments:

Tom ARNOLD,
Chair, Task
Force Rural
Africa



- Will champion the SUN Movement through roles on the GAIN Board, the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition, the AU-EU Rural Africa Task Force and the Montpellier Panel.
- Will focus on re-energising around the importance of the first 1000 days and will be a core advocate for gender equality and the need for a food systems approach.

David BEASLEY,
Executive
Director,
World Food
Programme



- Will champion engagement with the private sector through partnerships with DSM and via programmes in Rwanda, Tanzania, El Salvador, Sudan among others.
- Will continue to host the UN Network for SUN and actively contribute on the SUN Business Networks Advisory Group.
- Will collaborate with Lead Group members to further leverage the potential of the SUN Business Network across SUN Countries.

**The Rt Hon
Alistair BURT
MP, Minister
of State for
International
Development
and Minister
of State for the Middle East
at the Foreign and
Commonwealth Office,
United Kingdom**



- The United Kingdom remains committed to the 1000-day agenda and to improving gender equality.
- Will launch a new fund to improve nutrition-sensitive food systems and nutrition improvements.
- Will look toward new commitments at Nutrition for Growth in 2020 and support continued momentum for nutrition.
- Will encourage each stakeholder to leave their institutions behind in the SUN Movement and focus on supporting alignment and government ownership, particularly in fragile contexts.

**Mushtaque
CHOWDHURY
Vice-Chair,
BRAC**



- Will champion the importance of having political focal points for the Movement to maintain high level commitment and will encourage this agenda.
- Will organise a domestic workshop on the findings of the SUN Movement's mid-term review.
- Will champion women's empowerment and gender equality through BRAC, in Bangladesh and across the Movement.

**Martin
CHUNGONG,
Secretary
General of the
Inter-
Parliamentary
Union**



- Will champion the SUN Movement through the IPU Assemblies and through continued engagement with Speakers of Parliament to make nutrition a political priority.
- Will support the SUN Movement to be more active in engaging with parliaments and utilising key evidence – such as the Human Capital Index.

**Beth
DUNFORD,
Assistant to the
Administrator,
Deputy
Coordinator for
Development
for Feed the Future
representing Ambassador
Mark Green, Administrator,
USAID**



- Will elevate nutrition to the highest levels of USAID and has recently assembled a new leadership council on nutrition.

Tim EVANS,
Senior
Director of
Health,
Nutrition and
Population,
World Bank



Group representing Annette
Dixon, Vice-President,
Human Development,
World Bank Group

- Will better connect the SUN Movement with ongoing efforts around the Human Capital Project.
- Will help the World Bank to align and collaborate with SUN multi-stakeholder platforms in SUN member countries.

Shenggen
FAN, Director
General, the
International
Food Policy
Research
Institute
(IFPRI)



- Will bring African and Asian stakeholders together, along with the private sector and academia to use data to inform a food systems approach to improve nutrition.
- Will host the IFPRI-FAO Conference Accelerating Action Toward Ending Hunger and Malnutrition in Bangkok, November 28-30, 2018.

Henrietta
FORE, Chair
of the SUN
Lead Group
and Executive
Director,
UNICEF



- Will ensure that UNICEF's 2019 flagship publication — *State of the World's Children Report* — focuses on children, food and nutrition.
- Will issue an updated UNICEF strategy on nutrition to steer the agency's work towards scaled-up results between now and 2030.
- Will support the Lead Group with a messaging sheet for members to champion the Movement in a common voice.

Diane JACOVELLA, Deputy
Minister for International
Development, Canada
representing
Marie-Claude
Bibeau,
Minister for
International
Development
and la
Francophonie, Canada



- Will champion higher level commitment and stronger institutional alignment from each constituency in the Movement.
- Will work with all Lead Group members and push to promote the importance of a gender-sensitive approach to nutrition.
- Will drive forward work on women's empowerment and gender equality in the SUN Movement with Helle Thorning-Schmidt and other interested Lead Group members.

HE Jakaya
KIKWETE,
Former
President of
Tanzania



- Will represent the SUN Lead Group at the Nutrition Africa Investors Forum, 16-17 October 2018, in Kenya.
- Will champion the first 1000 days with the nutrition community in Tanzania and beyond with a focus on mobilising further domestic resources for nutrition.

Stefano
MANSERVISI
Director-
General,
European
Commission
Directorate for International
Cooperation and
Development representing
Neven MIMICA (Croatia),
Commissioner for
International Cooperation &
Development, European
Commission



- Will ensure the EU Commission initiative *National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN)* supports SUN Countries to strengthen their information systems for nutrition, and will mobilise civil society and women organisations to hold governments to account, report transparently and foster open national nutrition debates.
- The EU will continue its commitment for nutrition and the SUN Movement.

Ibrahim
MAYAKI, CEO,
the New
Partnership
for Africa's
Development
(NEPAD)



- Will, through NEPAD, help solve the challenge of working multi-sectorally, committing to implement [the 7 Dakar Principles for Multisectoral Coordination for Effective Delivery on Nutrition](#) - which was developed with the SUN Countries participating in the NEPAD hosted Initiative for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa (IFNA) – and mainstream those throughout national development plans in 39 African countries.
- Will co-organise a high-level event during the Global Citizen Festival in Johannesburg focusing on political commitment for food and nutrition.
- Will co-organise with the SUN Movement a joint side event at the 2019 African Union Summit to ensure political commitment for nutrition translates into effective multisectoral delivery and domestic investment.

**Carolyn
MILES, CEO,
Save the
Children USA,**
representing
Helle



**THORNING-SCHMIDT, CEO,
Save the Children
International**

- Will drive forward work on women’s empowerment and gender equality in the SUN Movement with Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and other interested Lead Group members.
- Will support the Movement to focus on nutrition while bridging the humanitarian and development divide in key countries (60% are fragile).
- Will shape the Movement’s approach to engage youth in SUN Countries and connect to global initiatives such as Women Deliver and the Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Child Health.

**David
NABARRO,
Sustainable
Development
Facilitator**



- Will continue to be a champion for preserving the SUN Movement’s character as a Movement and strengthening multisectorality.
- Will involve national stakeholders in Food Systems Dialogues and support SUN Countries in adopting a sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems approach.

**Sania
NISHTAR,
Founder and
President,
Heartfile
Foundation**



- Will step up advocacy on the interlinkages between undernutrition and obesity – focusing on the centrality of the critical 1000-day window of opportunity in her role as Co-Chair of WHO Independent High-level Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases.
- Will continue to represent the SUN Movement at high levels and push for greater institutionalisation of the Movement’s approach in Pakistan.
- Will continue to develop Heartfile’s access to nutrition programme in Pakistan.

**Joy
PHUMAPHI,
Founder and
Executive
Secretary,
African
Leaders
Malaria Alliance**



- Will continue the African Alliance for Improved Nutrition’s (ALMA) work on a scorecard for nutrition in Africa.
- Will strengthen links between education and the empowerment of adolescents and women for improved nutrition.
- Will champion nutrition in the Universal Health Coverage agenda as an essential pillar for human capital and development.
- Will emphasise nutrition in the MoU’s being developed with sub regional economic communities focusing on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health.
- Will encourage non-SUN Countries to join the Movement.

Mary ROBINSON,
President,
Mary
Robinson
Foundation –
Climate
Justice



- Will be a continuing champion for the SUN Movement and nutrition justice emphasising the critical 1000-day window, focusing on the centrality of woman for ending hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

Feike SIJBESMA,
CEO, Royal
Dutch DSM



- Will work in member countries and with the SUN Business Network to make best use of the private sectors contribution to improving nutrition.
- Will utilise the SUN Business Networks renewed criteria for businesses to guide engagement with the private sector in SUN Countries.
- Will expand partnerships in Africa supporting local smallholders.
- Will be an advocate for nutrition sensitive and sustainable food systems.

Dhananjayan “Danny” SRISKANDARAJAH, Secretary
General,
CIVICUS



- Will support the SUN Civil Society Network in driving more effective collaboration with governments in SUN Countries.
- Will collaborate with the Civil Society Network to re-focus on the institutional commitments of NGOs to the SUN Movement.
- Will involve the SUN Movement in a new programme to support youth tackling major social issues (SDGs 1-6) through data collection.

Gunhild Anker STORDALEN,
Founder &
Executive
Chair, EAT



- Will open the EAT platform for showcasing SUN progress and challenges and bring more allies into the Movement.
- Will ensure Food System Dialogues address local challenges.
- Will support the launch of the EAT Lancet Commission Report on Food, Planet, Health and collaborate with SUN to ensure it instigates country level action.