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## Making sure a world with no malnutrition is within reach together

### THE WAY FORWARD



and we should share these successes more systematically. The Movement has great potential to grow further as a platform for country-to-country cooperation, and for learning and sharing what works, as almost every country is sorting out how to address the multiple burdens of malnutrition.

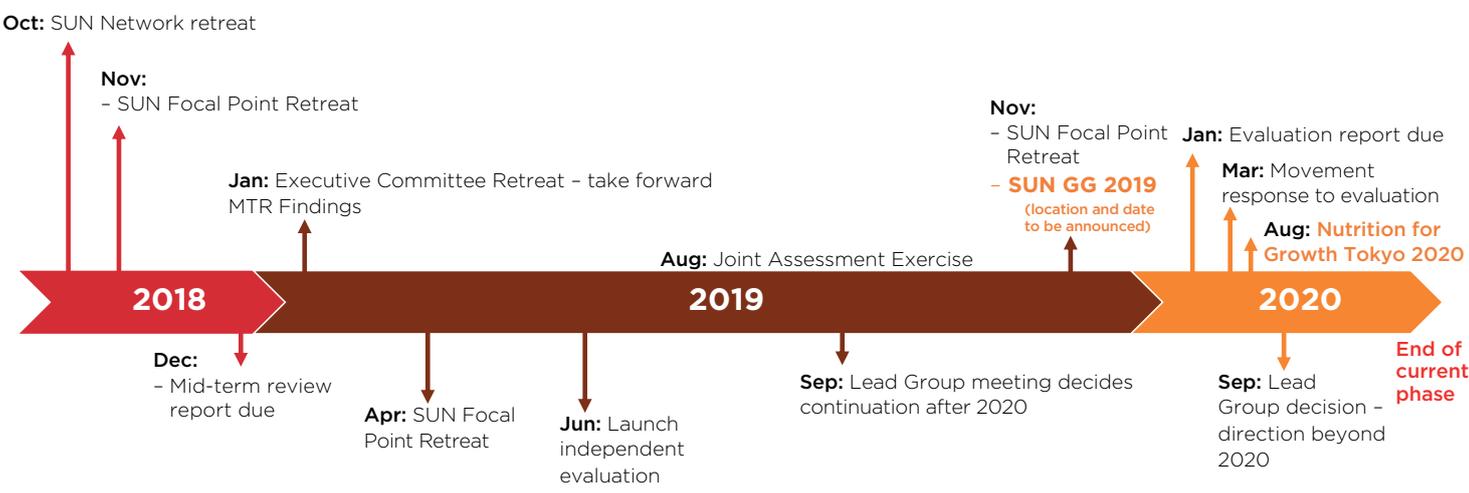
The SUN Movement will focus on its ability to not only create momentum but achieve sustainable impact for women, men and children, everywhere. I invite all our actors and partners to make their strategies and behaviours ‘SDG-proof’, meaning being able to effectively collaborate towards joint and crosscutting goals, leaving silos behind and keeping a clear focus on country-level structural and institutional impact on nutrition.

This progress report demonstrates the unique character of the SUN Movement. It is a country-owned and country-led, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder initiative that puts Governments in the driver’s seat, which must be consolidated and strengthened. For this to happen, each nutrition actor is invited to see where their contributions best fit to bring pieces of the nutrition jigsaw together at national and sub-national levels in an impactful and structural way.

Tremendous gains have been made,



# Milestones: end 2018-2020



At the end of December 2018, the mid-term review of the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap (2016-2020) will be available for all stakeholders to reflect on. In January 2019, the SUN Executive Committee – mandated by the Lead Group – will gather for their retreat to set the direction for the SUN support system to strengthen member country impact in addressing malnutrition. In June 2019, an Independent and Comprehensive Evaluation of the SUN Movement will be launched, to be completed in January 2020. SUN Movement members will all come together to discuss progress, challenges and chart a bold new direction at the next SUN Global Gathering which will take place at the end of 2019 or in early 2020.

This is a key opportunity to determine the scope and ambition of the SUN Movement, moving toward strong policy and financial commitments at the Nutrition for Growth event in Tokyo in 2020, and to guide the way forward for the SUN Movement beyond 2020 – when our SUN Movement celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## LOOKING TO 2019

Several priority areas have been singled out by the SUN Lead Group at their annual meeting held in the margins of the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the United Nations. This gives the [SUN support system](#) its focus and provides further impetus and ambition for SUN member countries to:

### **PROTECT, PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN THE FOCUS ON SCALING UP NUTRITION DURING THE 1,000-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 lifecycle – including a focus on adolescence as the second window of opportunity – needs to be at the centre of national nutrition strategies. Adolescent girls should be empowered as agents of change for improved nutrition and young people engaged as nutrition champions.

### **PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE SUN MOVEMENT'S APPROACH – AS A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER, MULTI-SECTORAL, POLITICAL MOVEMENT FOR NUTRITION IMPACT AND RESULTS**

It is essential that the Movement is supported by the highest-level of commitment and strong institutional alignment from its membership, including SUN Networks. All stakeholders in the Movement need to prevent or overcome a silo mentality. Embracing strong cross-network linkages in support of government leadership for nutrition, including coordinating development and humanitarian plans and programmes in fragile contexts is what is needed. All actors need to build capacity to coordinate and implement nutrition plans in SUN countries that have structural impact, supported by domestic funding and institutional change.





**SECURE THE HIGHEST-POSSIBLE LEVEL OF NATIONAL OWNERSHIP AND PRIORITISATION FOR IMPROVING NUTRITION**

The SUN Movement will support governments as they develop one vision, one plan and one budget to achieve their goals. The political placement of SUN Government Focal Points is essential in supporting this, as they need the mandate to convene sectors and stakeholders and ensure nutrition is prioritised as a key enabler for sustainable development. The engagement of parliamentarians needs to become stronger and focus more on political commitment to build human capital, by investing in the nutrition, health and education of all.

**ENSURE GENDER EQUALITY AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IS MADE A TOP PRIORITY AND IS MAINSTREAMED IN THE SUN MOVEMENT APPROACH AND IN SUN COUNTRIES**

The gap between rhetoric and impact by ensuring gender equality and empowerment of women and girls must be closed and is key across the SUN Movement and in SUN member countries. All stakeholders in the Movement must work with their constituencies to incorporate socio-economic equality into policy, legislation and programmes.

**TRANSFORM AGRICULTURE INTO A FOOD SYSTEMS APPROACH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN, FROM FARM TO PLATE, AND DEVELOP A SYSTEMS APPROACH TO NUTRITION - ENCOMPASSING HEALTH, FOOD, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

The SUN Movement will encourage food, agriculture and nutrition actors to integrate a sustainable and nutrition sensitive food systems approach into national nutrition plans. This might broaden the policy and legislative focus in SUN countries to those that will impact the availability, diversity, affordability and desirability of nutritious foods. All actors, including the private sector, need to be accountable to make this transformation happen.

The progress report shows that our 8-year-old Movement is making progress in fighting malnutrition, year after year - thanks to the thousands of people dedicated to make malnutrition a thing of the past. A quite challenging opportunity. In 2020 we will celebrate our 10th anniversary, and, at the same time, decide the future direction of our Scaling Up Nutrition approach and Movement. Standing on the shoulders of these who laid the foundations and learning from successes and failures of our SUN member countries, we will continue to collaborate, share, learn, and inspire each other to engage, inspire and invest in a prosperous future, leaving no one behind.

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