2019 CALL TO ACTION – FROM THE SUN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE MOVEMENT’S STAKEHOLDERS

The Executive Committee of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement met on 28-29 January 2019 in Geneva for their annual retreat to review the outcomes of the SUN Movement Mid-Term Review (MTR) and to act on guidance from the SUN Lead Group. Reflecting on achievements to date and the opportunities and challenges ahead, the Executive Committee offers guidance on the way forward and urges the SUN Movement stakeholders to further align support to all SUN Countries to strengthen implementation efforts and scale up results to ensure good nutrition for all people. Building on the Call to Action the Executive Committee issued last year, the ‘2019 Call to Action’ calls upon all stakeholders to respond to and consider recommendations of the Mid-Term Review and further strengthen and coordinate their contributions behind the Movement’s vision of eradicating all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

1. The Executive Committee committed to step up and increase its role in governance and accountability for the Movement. Members committed to encouraging behavior change of all SUN Movement stakeholders; act as SUN Movement Champions inside and outside their own institutions; participate each year in at least one SUN Movement activity at country level; strengthen linkages with SUN Government Focal Points and SUN Networks; and play a proactive role as gender champions.

2. A call to Governments of all SUN Movement Countries to continuously ensure high level political commitment to improve and invest in nutrition through an inclusive multi-sectoral approach; build an enabling political environment and play a coordinating role; and encourage institutionalisation of effective multi-sector and multi-stakeholder convening mechanisms at country level to ensure continuity in the long term to implement the needed strategies to tackle malnutrition in all its forms.

3. A call to all SUN Movement stakeholders to further internalize the SUN Principles of Engagement and increasingly change their behavior in the spirit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; to increasingly apply a food systems approach to promote healthy and sustainable diets; and to use the SUN Movement Global Gathering 2019 as key moment for the Movement to share experiences, learn from each other and celebrate progress in addressing all forms of malnutrition.

4. A call to the SUN Movement Global Support System to enhance collaboration and coherence between SUN Networks and the SUN Movement Secretariat through implementation of the SUN Global Support System Collaboration Framework 2019-2020, strengthening in-country coordination, alignment and support behind national nutrition objectives, and improved communication between the different stakeholders. The SUN Networks are invited to report from now on annually to the Executive Committee.

5. A call to the Movement to launch a Strategic Review of the SUN Movement, building on the recently completed SUN Mid-Term Review, to inform the future direction of the Movement and get recommendations on the vision, strategy & structure for the next phase of the SUN Movement (2021-2025).

6. A call to the Movement to engage in the road to the Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G) in Tokyo 2020, an important high-level moment where nutrition is elevated as a global sustainable development priority and new commitments are made. This requires strong coordination of the SUN Networks and meaningful preparation of country level policy and financial commitments tied to national nutrition objectives.

The Executive Committee encourages relevant stakeholders to address this call to action and will review progress at the SUN Movement Global Gathering in November 2019.