

Nourishing People and Planet Together

The 2019 SUN Movement Progress Report: Key messages

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is a country-driven initiative led by 61 countries and 4 Indian States. It is built on government ownership and the understanding that factors underlying nutrition are interconnected. It is critical to bring actors together for impact at scale.

- Now in its ninth year, SUN Movement countries are supported by thousands of stakeholders including a **Civil Society Network of over 3,000 organisations; a SUN Business Network – including 600 small, medium, and large enterprises; 5 UN agencies representing the UN Network for SUN; and a group of international donors and foundations that form the SUN Donor Network.**

- **In 2019, Honduras** was the 61st country and **Madhya Pradesh** the 4th Indian State to join the SUN Movement.

We are at a pivotal moment for the future of the SUN Movement and the global nutrition agenda.

- In 2018, a **Mid-Term Review** (marking the halfway point of the 2016-2020 SUN strategy) was completed, celebrating the creative thinking, energy and commitment of the Movement. In early 2019, a **Strategic Review was launched** to provide guidance on the next phase of the SUN Movement (2021-2025).
- The SUN Global Gathering (November 2019), the flagship event of the Movement, brought together over 1000 participants to celebrate progress. In 2020, the SUN Movement **will mark its 10th anniversary**. SUN countries will make **SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic,**



Without adequate and sustained **investments in good nutrition**, the SDGs will not be realised.

and Timebound) commitments at the 2020 Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit and, together, we will **enter the decade of delivery with 10 years left to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

We must preserve the gains made in ending hunger and malnutrition. This requires systemic transformation, with governments in the driving seat.

It will take continued commitment and even greater action by governments for progress to continue to ensure structural change and sustainability of the nutrition agenda.

- The good news is that the prevalence of stunting amongst children under five years is decreasing and stunting has been reduced globally over the last 9 years from 171 million (2010) to 149 million children (2018).¹
- However, overweight and obesity rates continue to increase in all regions.²
- Across the 61 SUN Movement countries, **approximately 95 million children under 5 suffer from stunting** and nearly 24 million children under 5 were wasted in 2018.
- **Many SUN countries are moving in the right direction** to improve children's nutrition through effective and sustained multi-sectoral nutrition programming.
- **Countries in Africa and Asia continue to have the greatest share** of all forms of child malnutrition.
- Great progress has been achieved in Asia, where the number of stunted children decreased from 134.7 million to 81.7 million between 2000 and 2018.

¹ Unless otherwise stated the data in this list is sourced from: UNICEF, WHO, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank. Levels and trends in child malnutrition: key findings of the 2019 Edition of the Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2019. <https://data.unicef.org/resources/ime/>

² The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the world (SOFI) Report 2019. FAO. <http://www.fao.org/state-of-food-security-nutrition/en/>

” *Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ghana and Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Peru, Tajikistan are on track to meet the World Health Assembly stunting target.*

- Among the **SUN countries across Asia and the Pacific**, an estimated 37.4 million children under 5 are stunted in 2018.
- Africa is the **only continent where the number of stunted children has risen** based on global trends, from 50.3 million in 2000 to 58.8 million in 2018. The SUN countries in Africa account for an estimated 55.1 million of the stunted children under five in 2018.

SUN countries, partners and stakeholders are adapting their behaviours to end fragmentation, leave egos and logos behind, and work with governments to lead an ambitious nutrition transformation. In 2019, SUN countries have many achievements to celebrate.

- **58 SUN countries** completed the Joint Assessment (JAA) in 2019, a unique tool which allows countries to celebrate progress, identify challenges and solutions and set a course for the future.
- **55 SUN countries** have an **active multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)** at the national level.
- **42 countries** also work at **sub-national level**, supporting actions across sectors (agriculture, water and sanitation, health, social protection), etc.
- **42 countries** have a **national nutrition plan** (also known as a Common Results Framework) which brings together sectors and stakeholders in a whole-of-government approach to address malnutrition. 9 more are in the process of developing or updating theirs.
- **36 countries** have **developed action plans to achieve the goals** set out in their Common Results Framework (CRF). **30 have a monitoring and evaluation framework, with 12 more in development.**³

- **44 SUN countries** have included at least one of the **World Health Assembly nutrition targets** in their national nutrition policies or strategies.⁴
- **51 countries track public financial allocations** for nutrition.⁵

SUN countries are engaged in important dialogues on food systems which nourish people and planet, gender and diversity and they stand ready to adapt and implement effective strategies in their country.

- Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is vital for ending malnutrition.
- Food systems have the potential to nourish human health and support environmental sustainability; however, they are currently threatening both.
- Promoting diversity inclusion, gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment is at the centre of the SUN Movement’s work to ensure no one is left behind.

On the road to the Tokyo 2020 Nutrition for Growth Summit and the third phase of the SUN Movement, SMART commitments by SUN countries, stakeholders and partners will help unleash renewed ambition and usher in a new era for nutrition.

- SUN members are ready to make bold, ambitious and measurable commitments which can help put the world on track to eradicate malnutrition in all its forms.
- **The 2019 SUN Global Gathering** was a key opportunity for SUN countries to celebrate progress and to identify the actions required to **drive structural change for sustainable results. The flagship event of the Movement, was a key moment on the road to Tokyo 2020 and as a milestone towards the third Phase of the SUN Movement (2021 - 2025).**
- The **Tokyo Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit** (December 2020), **will be held** under the **auspices of the Government of Japan**. This will be **an historic opportunity to transform the way the world tackles the global challenge of malnutrition.**

For more information visit:

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/progress-report-2019/>

³ Based on a MEAL system review of national nutrition policies/strategies, supported by NI TAN project (completed in March/April 2019).

⁴ Based on data provided by SUN MEAL system, 2019

⁵ Based on data provided by SUN countries via the online SUN Movement Joint Annual Assessment, 2018-2019



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61 countries are leading a global movement to end malnutrition in all its forms

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