

SUN Movement Global Gathering 2019
Executive Committee – SUN Donor Network meeting
6 November 2019, 07:30-08:30 NPT, Yak and Yeti Hotel, Platinum Room
Summary Note

Participants

Executive Committee (ExCom)	SUN Donor Network (SDN)	SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS)
Meera Shekar (Chair)	Melanie Bruns (Coordinator)	Brenda Killen
Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair)	Jeniece Alvey	Marlen Schuepbach
Rob Bertram	Eleonora Di Salvo	Mairead Petersen
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Lawrence Haddad	Mellissa Hisko	Renée de Jong
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Uma Koirala	Abigail Perry	Deborah Rugg
Lauren Landis	Kyoko Shibata	Donna Espeut
Anna Lartey	Ben Siddle	David Hales
Asma Lateef	Kelly Stewart	Geeta Bhakta Joshi
Gladys Mugambi	Frits van der Wal	Peninah Masibo
Felix Phiri		Akim Dharmawam Skm
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Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introduction round 5'
- 2) Presentation by SUN Donor Network (SDN) 15'
- 3) Discussion between SDN representatives and Executive Committee members 35'
- 4) Summary and key take-aways 5'

Key messages

- The SUN Donor Network is an indispensable asset to achieve the SUN Movement's objectives.
- The Nutrition for Growth Summit 2020 poses a critical opportunity for increasing and strengthening funding for nutrition.
- SDN asked Executive Committee to strengthen efforts to keep nutrition on the international political agenda.
- Further transformation is required on the side of the donors to live up to the new way of working and ensure better coordination and alignment behind SUN Country priorities and nutrition plans.

Action Points

Item	Timing	Responsible
Strengthen donor coordination and alignment behind SUN Country priorities and plans.	2020	SDN
Executive Committee invited to make further efforts to ensure nutrition remains on the international agenda.	2020	Executive Committee
Guidance from Executive Committee on future direction of SUN Movement focusing on malnutrition in all its forms, including in high- and middle-income countries.	May 2020	Executive Committee

Summary Note

1) Welcome and introduction round

The Chair welcomed all participants and suggested a brief introduction round. The agenda was adopted.

2) Presentation by SUN Donor Network (SDN)

The representative from the SDN updated the Executive Committee that Norway has recently joined the group. The Network refreshed its strategy in 2019 which is now aligned around three objectives: (1) To galvanize more and higher quality financing for nutrition; (2) to advance policy, leadership and governance for nutrition through sustained political engagement, commitment and communication at global and national levels and within the SUN Movement; (3) to improve coordination and learning both within the global SUN Donor Network and across the SUN Global Support System. Over the last year, SDN key activities included taking an active role in the preparations for the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit 2020, providing coordinated input to the SUN Movement Strategic Review and securing an OECD DAC policy marker on nutrition.

Key challenges for the Donor Network are the positioning of nutrition within donor policies, the need for demonstration of progress on the ground, how to engage donors with malnutrition in all its forms (opposed to undernutrition), the crowded international agenda, fragmentation of nutrition and shifts in aid priorities. SDN would like guidance from the Executive Committee on what ODA can support; the future of SUN focusing on malnutrition in all its forms, including in high- and middle-income countries; and keeping nutrition on the political agenda.

3) Discussion between SDN representatives and Executive Committee members

Members of the SDN took the opportunity to stress additional points. They flagged that it is challenging for donors to support programs related to obesity, especially without an investment framework. Fragmentation of donor funds in relation to nutrition is still an issue and not all funds are yet used optimally. Donors expressed the need for SUN to better demonstrate its added value. They think food systems should already be part of the SUN Movement, and that the humanitarian-development nexus needs to be strengthened. Nutrition could also be better streamlined in Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

There was a discussion around improving donor coordination and alignment behind SUN country priorities and plans, and related quality requirements for the plans. Executive Committee members stressed that N4G is an important opportunity to raise the profile of nutrition. They are ready to support make the case for the SUN Movement to keep nutrition high on donor agendas and asked how donor financing can leverage additional finances for nutrition.

4) Summary and key take-aways

The Chair summed up the key points, thanked the participants and closed the meeting.