

SUN Movement Global Gathering 2019
Executive Committee – UN Network for SUN meeting
6 November 2019, 17:15-18:15 NPT, Yak and Yeti Hotel, Platinum Room
Summary Note

Participants

Executive Committee (ExCom)	UN Network for Sun (UNN)	SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS)
Meera Shekar (Chair)	Purnima Kashyap (Coordinator)	Brenda Killen
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Felix Phiri		
Tatjana von Steiger		
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Agenda

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

Key messages

- The UN Network for SUN is an indispensable asset to achieve the SUN Movements objectives.
- The UN Network for SUN (UNN) and the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) are merging into a new entity, UN Nutrition. Terms of Reference are currently under development.
- The Executive Committee stressed the importance for the new entity to keep the direct link with the SUN Movement and to ensure the function of the UNN is adequately reflected in the ToRs of the new entity.
- Strengthen linkages between Government Focal Points and SUN Networks.
- Need for better coordination of technical assistance (TA) at country level, including UN and other TA providers.

Action Points

Item	Timing	Responsible
UNN to provide information to all SUN Government Focal Points on existing analytical tools and products, and what technical assistance the UN provides.	Dec 2019	UNN in collaboration with SMS
Strengthen coordination of TA providers at country level.	March 2020	SMS in collaboration with Networks and other TA providers
Revision of the ToR for new entity UN Nutrition.	ASAP	Steering Committee UNN and UNSCN

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 the UN Network for SUN (UNN)

The UNN Coordinator informed that currently the UN Network for SUN and the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition are in the process of converging into a new entity. The objective is to provide one entry point for all UN agencies, including to harmonize and coordinate nutrition efforts in support of national governments.

In 2019, 16 UN agencies have been involved in UNN. There has been increased engagement of UN Country Teams and UN Resident Coordinators, aligned with the UN Development System reform. Key achievements include improved nutrition mainstreaming in national plans, policies and UN development frameworks, and increased use and demand for technical support from governments. Furthermore, increased collaboration with other SUN Networks was reported.

Top priorities for the UNN in 2020 are: (1) to broaden UN membership and engagement in country UN Networks, (2) enhance country-level capacity for multi-stakeholder/sectoral nutrition, (3) share good practices and success stories. The UNN is also working on all five thematic areas of the N4G summit.

The UNN experiences some challenges in supporting the SUN Movement. These include (1) competition with non-UN technical assistance providers at country level, (2) the growing engagement of non-traditional UN agencies, (3) the streamlining processes within the SUN Movement at country level, (4) increasing requests from SUN countries for UNN support and (5) the involvement of UNN in capacity development initiatives by the SUN Movement Secretariat for Government Focal Points. UNN invited the Executive Committee to support the Network by promoting the use of UN agency tools and products and UNN analytical tools, and to leverage and promote the use of technical assistance available within the UN system.

3) Discussion between UNN representatives and Executive Committee members

Members of the Executive Committee recognized the reinvigorated UN Resident Coordinator system as an important opportunity to strengthen their engagement and streamline efforts on nutrition. They asked the UNN to provide information to all SUN Government Focal Points on existing analytical tools available from the UN. Better coordination of technical assistance providers at country level is required and clarity who is offering which services.

Executive Committee members expressed some anxieties with regard to the planned merger between UNN and UNSCN and asked for more detailed information. Concerns were raised on the lack of clarity on the connection to the SUN Movement in the new Terms of Reference and that the function of the UNN is not adequately reflected. They requested clarification on these issues before the Terms of Reference are adopted.

4) Summary and key take-aways

The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.