

SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

Summary Note

9 October 2019 – 15:00-16:30 CET

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Rob Bertram, Nicola Brennan, Lawrence Haddad, Uma Koirala, Lauren Landis, Anna Lartey, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Aslam Shaheen, Tatjana von Steiger, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker, Gerda Verburg

Apologies: Daysi De Marquez, Maria-Bernardita Flores, Abdoulaye Ka, Moin Karim, Felix Phiri (connection issues)

Observers: Melanie Bruns (SDN), Emily Heneghan (SBN), Anushree Rao (CSN), Yngvil Foss (UNOPS), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), Brenda Killen (SMS), Farai Manwa (SMS), Elena Gaino (SMS), Edwyn Shiell (SMS), Marlen Schuepbach (SMS), Renée de Jong (SMS)

Summary Note

1. Welcome

After welcoming Executive Committee members and presenting the agenda, the Chair offered a summary of the outcomes from the SUN Lead Group meeting, held on 24 September 2019 in New York. The new composed Lead Group had an inspiring meeting and agreed unanimously on the continuation of the SUN Movement for a third phase (2021-2025). Discussing the future direction of the Movement, the Lead Group stressed the importance of covering all forms of malnutrition, and possibly expanding to more countries. Each member of the Lead Group made individual commitments how they will support the SUN Movement in the next year (these are captured in the outcome document of the Lead Group meeting). The Executive Committee was invited to step up in guiding and supporting SUN Countries and the SUN Movement global support system, as agreed at the Executive Committee retreat in January 2019. The promising youth representation in the new Lead Group was welcomed and the question raised how the Movement can further support youth voices.

Decision and action points:

- *Adding agenda item on SUN awards under AOB;*
- *Agenda approved.*

2. Update on SUN Movement Global Gathering (SUN GG)

The Director of the SUN Movement Secretariat updated the Executive Committee that preparations for the SUN GG were well underway and the Secretariat was working in close collaboration with the Nepalese government and the events management company. Participants were invited to register for the SUN GG through the online registration platform. Based on feedback from the Executive Committee, the SUN GG program has been further refined, and speaking and moderator roles of ExCom members

firmed up. Executive Committee meetings have been arranged with the SUN Country Focal Points, Lead Group members, representatives from the four networks and the strategic review team. The Chair stressed the importance for the Strategic Review Team to meet at the SUN GG with SUN Country delegations, Network representatives and ExCom members.

Decision and action points:

- *Secretariat to propose agendas with clear objectives for all Executive Committee meetings at SUN GG;*
- *Executive Committee offered to provide input in the agenda for the joint meetings with SUN Focal Points and with Lead Group members;*
- *Secretariat to circulate the agenda of the Strategic Review team at SUN GG.*

3. Discussion on end process of Strategic Review and on future of the SUN Movement

The Strategic Review report will offer several options on the future of the SUN Movement, each outlining pros and cons. The SUN Movement Coordinator flagged the need to discuss the end process of the Strategic Review to be clear on how to get from the options presented in the Strategic Review to the final decision on the direction of the SUN Movement for the period 2021-2025. A roadmap needs to be developed, covering the following milestones: release Strategic Review draft report in January 2020, final report in March 2020, Lead Group decision in September 2020, transition to and start of phase 3. It is particularly important to consider how SUN Countries can be involved in reviewing the draft Strategic Review report and the proposed options on the future of the Movement. The Executive Committee could consider the final report at a retreat in April/May 2020, discussing the future direction of the Movement, including hosting and funding of global support system and Pooled Fund as well as governance issues, and making a recommendation to the Lead Group for approval in September 2020.

Following the discussion the Lead Group had in September on the future of the SUN Movement, members of the Executive Committee exchanged views on potential future directions and discussed major trade-offs that need to be considered, such as: i) diversification and expansion to all forms of malnutrition vs. keeping the focus on stunting and the first 1000 days and the people furthest behind; ii) applying – in the spirit of the 2030 Agenda – a universal perspective with expansion of the Movement to advanced economies vs. focus on high burden countries and those left furthest behind. Important questions were raised: What is the role of the SUN Movement in food systems? What are the risks of expanding the focus of the SUN Movement? Does SUN have credibility to expand? Did we deliver on the original agenda? What can we handle? Should we, at this stage, concentrate on integration at country level and stimulate front runners? Is it still a Movement? Is a paradigm shift needed? Are the networks fit for purpose? The point was made that countries absolutely need to be at the center of the Movement in the coming phase.

The Chair concluded this first round of strategic discussions by reminding that the Chair of the Lead Group, Ms. Fore, is expecting big and bold options.

Decisions and action points:

- *Discussion and agreement on Strategic Review end process, including roadmap with milestones, at ExCom meetings at SUN GG.*

- *Continue strategic discussion on future of SUN Movement at ExCom meetings at SUN GG.*

4. AOB

a) SUN awards

Following an exchange at the informal Executive Committee meeting in New York, the Chair raised the issue whether Nutrition Awards should be offered at the SUN GG to individuals who are doing an outstanding job for the SUN Movement. Some members suggested to issue an award for countries rather than individuals. While this resonated well, caution was raised on the tight timeline to conduct a nomination process before the SUN GG.

Decisions and action points:

- *SUN Focal Points on the ExCom were invited to develop a set of criteria for a SUN award nomination process for the next SUN Global Gathering, which shall be announced at SUN GG 2019.*

5. Final Chair's Summary

The Chair summarized the key outcomes of the call, thanked all members for their participation and closed the meeting by saying 'see you all in Nepal'.
