



2020 SUN LEAD GROUP MEETING

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Held: 7 December 2020

Summary notes

- The **objectives** of the meeting were to:
 - Discuss and endorse the latest draft of the strategy;
 - Report back on 2019 commitments and make new commitments for 2021.
- There was wide agreement that this revised **draft was much improved** and reflects many of the concerns/comments received at the last meeting, and from the Movement.
- Members highlighted areas to be **strengthened or clarified further before finalising the Strategy** including
 - Further clarification on accountability and governance of the Movement, including the role of the Lead Group and renewal of Lead Group members
 - Stress the importance of fragile states and vulnerable groups
 - Stronger emphasis of the specific role of women, parliamentarians and youth.
- Members pointed to the importance of being **country-led and country-driven** in **operationalisation and implementation** as key in the next phase, as well as building on the **multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder** and **systems approach**. This will require all parts of the Movement **stepping up** to support implementation: Several areas were highlighted in the discussion:
 - **Empowering** and supporting **country coordinators**
 - **Capacity building** at national and regional level to support financing, advocacy, systems approach
 - Mapping country status and needs from the Movement/Networks, and providing timely, **tailored technical assistance** to support implementation of country priorities
 - Need for **institutionalisation of national plans** including engaging and formalizing the role of national level stakeholders to have better ownership
 - Strong examples and **country case studies** of successful SUN network engagement
 - Ensuring **gender, youth, and civil society** are adequately brought in to support implementation.

- Guidance and support for accessing **private and public financing** is needed to ensure success of the SUN Movement, such as:
 - Making sure regional/national/sub-national plans and budgets incorporate nutrition in their plans and in their budgets
 - Strengthening private sector engagement and public financing for nutrition
 - Increasing access to bilateral aid, as well as the Global Financing Facility, the Power of Nutrition and the Global Agriculture, Food Security Programme.
 - Better collaboration between **climate change** and nutrition actions: to build climate-smart, nutrition-sensitive food systems; and ensure that mitigation and adaptation strategies are taking nutrition into consideration.
 - The global **COVID-19 pandemic** has taught us that in order to build back better, we need to ensure nutrition is well integrated into all recovery plans and efforts to strengthen food systems and in particular that we better understand how to support and protect SMEs that are providing nutritious foods to their communities from future shocks.
 - Importance of identifying how the SUN Movement will leverage the opportunities from **upcoming 2021 summits and events** and engage in effectively. These include the Nutrition for Growth, Food Systems Summit (and related Dialogues), and work with organisations, such as the African Union (advocate for nutrition to be overall theme for 2022).
 - Move towards **long-term sustainability** by:
 - Advocating for nutrition as cornerstone in our work in development;
 - Transforming food systems and incorporating nutrition within universal health coverage;
 - Sustainability of SUN networks – align actions and ensure resourcing.
 - LG members made clear **commitments for 2021** and were encouraged to record videos of these.
 - Chair proposed **immediate next steps**:
 - Based on the discussion, incorporate edits to final draft, while being cognizant of comments from David Nabarro and other Lead Group members on a range of issues: Meera Shekar and ExCom to finalise (with Victor Aguayo and Yarlini Balarajan to provide support if needed). On the basis that these issues would be addressed, the strategy was approved by the Lead Group
 - Respond to questions on governance and role of lead group: Shawn Baker to send a memo to LG on this issue including how this is reflected in the strategy
 - Put together a smart, timely and country-focused implementation plan: Gerda Verburg (SUN Movement Coordinator) to lead this task along with the SMS, coordinating across the Movement. Lead Group guidance and expertise will be particularly important in this process.
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