

## SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

29 March 2021, 15:30-17:30 CEST, Zoom

### Summary note

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#### Participation

**Participants:** Meera Shekar (Chair), Nancy Aburto, Rob Bertram, Connell Foley, Abdoulaye Ka, Asma Lateef, Jo Moir, Gladys Mugambi, Felix Phiri, Kiran Rupakhetee, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker (ex-officio), Moin Karim(ex-officio), Gerda Verburg (ex-officio), Anna Horner (representing Allison Oman), Helena Guarin (representing Marjeta Jager)

**Apologies:** Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Azucena Dayanghirang, Cecilia Gamboa, Lawrence Haddad, Marjeta Jager, Allison Oman

**Observers:** Wahab Moez (UNOPS), Thorsten Herbergen (UNOPS), Rebecca Donev (UNOPS), Abigail Perry (FCDO), Mike Reddaway (FCDO), Emily Henegan (SBN), Ritta Shine (SBN), Christopher Twiss, Sabine Kiefer (SDN), Stineke Oenema (UN Nutrition), Teresa Fasig (EC), SMS Strategic Management Team, SMS Country Liaison Team

#### Agenda

- Opening and welcome
- For Endorsement: SMS Functional Review results (*Closed session*)
- Updates from Countries
- SUN OPS Group update
- AOB

#### Decisions and follow up

- Ms. Marjeta Jager will participate in the Executive Committee as a representative of the European Commission/INTPA (not in a personal capacity)
- ExCom Focal points are requested to share the dates of their launch events with the ExCom members well in advance
- SMS to share the summary of the lancet report with the ExCom
- Connell Foley will share the outcomes of the conference on CMAM with the ExCom and SMS

#### Notes

##### Opening and welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the Executive Committee members. Executive Committee members have officially endorsed the nomination of Marjeta Jager representing European Commission/INTPA in the SUN Movement Executive Committee until June 30, 2021. The Executive Committee Chair confirmed the issue around members representing in a personal or official capacity is addressed in the revised (draft) Executive Committee Terms of Reference.

## **SMS Functional Review results (Closed session)**

Notes are confidential.

### **SUN OPS Group update**

On behalf of the SUN OPS Group, Asma Lateef [presented](#) the progress of the group. Executive Committee members are invited to flag any relevant ongoing processes, ideas about shifts to country leadership and general input based on their expertise. Outcomes will vary by working groups. For example, specific updates on the SUN ExCom Terms of Reference can be expected while for other areas it may be more appropriate to propose principles and case studies rather than specific recommendations.

The SUN Movement Coordinator updated the Executive Committee on the guidance provided by the UN Deputy Secretary General, Amina Mohamed, to keep the governance structure of the Movement lean and agile. Together with SUN Movement Lead Group Chair, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore, the SUN Movement Coordinator will write a response to the UN Deputy Secretary General and to the OPS Group to inform their work.

### **Updates from Countries**

Update from the sub-Saharan African region by Gladys Mugambi and Felix Phiri: There is a need to continue to support countries to launch the strategy at the regional and country level. The countries in this region continue to highlight the need to improve knowledge management and strengthen working relationships with regional bodies. In particular, it will be important to enhance the connection with the African Union which can support countries to move forward. Because the President of Malawi is the chair of the South African Development Community (SADC) region, they will explore the possibilities of a regional launch. Gladys and Felix are in touch with the focal points in the region related to national launches.

Update from Nepal by Kiran Rupakhetee: The strategy for SUN 3.0 will be launched on 12 April at a high level event lead by the Vice Chair of the National Planning Commission. The event will be attended by Hon. Members of the National Planning Commission, high level government officials from various ministries as well as other stakeholders to discuss the operationalization of SUN 3.0 and to assess the implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan II. A separate meeting is planned with development partners, civil society and the private sector to discuss their role in the operationalization of SUN 3.0 at the national and sub-national level.

Update from the Francophone African region by Abdoulaye Ka: The first version of a regional roadmap for countries to implement SUN 3.0 has been developed and shared with the countries based on the main findings from the survey on embarking on SUN 3.0 (presented to the ExCom on 8 February 2021). 21 countries agree with the proposed regional roadmap and 11 have sent their national roadmaps for SUN 3.0 informed by the regional one. A final version of the regional roadmap will be developed considering the main inputs from the national ones. SUN Countries are still exploring the possibility of a regional launch.

The SUN Country Focal Points were requested to share dates and times of the launches well in advance with the ex-com members.

**AOB**

- The SUN Movement Coordinator flagged that another [Nutrition for Growth Round table](#) will be organized by the Global Nutrition Report and the SUN Movement Secretariat on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1-3 PM CEST with Shawn Baker confirmed as a speaker.
- The SUN Movement Coordinator informed the ExCom that the SUN Movement Secretariat has developed summaries of the Lancet Series which will be shared with the ExCom.
- Connell Foley informed the ExCom that Concern Worldwide, in partnership with Irish Aid, recently hosted the practitioners' conference '[CMAM 20 Years On: Going to Scale in Fragile Contexts](#)' from 22 - 25 March 2021. He will share the report with the SMS and ExCom in 4-6 weeks.