



LEAD GROUP MEETING

SUMMARY NOTE OF SUN MOVEMENT LEAD GROUP MEETING (24 JUNE 2021)

Meeting objectives

1. To seek Lead Group members feedback and approval on the set of recommendations made by the SUN Operationalisation (Ops) Group to accelerate implementation of the SUN Strategy (SUN 3.0) and to discuss next steps.
2. To update, should members so wish on their commitments made for 2021 and how they will contribute to making this Year of Action for nutrition a success.

Welcome by the Lead Group Chair, UNICEF Executive Director, Ms Henrietta Fore

- The Chair welcomed members and highlighted that the LG was meeting in the middle of the **Year of Action on Nutrition**, and preceding key nutrition moments including the UN pre-Summit in July, the UN Food System Summit in September, and Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G) in December. At the same time, we are all trying to transform food and nutrition systems during an unprecedented global pandemic.
- Substantial progress has been made to address malnutrition and to achieve the SDGs. Stunting has been reduced by a third - 55 million lower than in 2000. It shows it is possible and gives us hope. The mandate of SUN and the **roles of Lead Group are more relevant than ever**. We are at the beginning of a new phase. The operationalisation of SUN 3.0 is an **opportunity to be more agile and responsive**.
- The Chair thanked the SUN Ops group and applauded their work. She thanked the LG members Ms Inger Ashing, IPU Secretary General Mr Martin Chungong and the Honorable Minister Karina Gould for providing oversight of and engaging with the process.

Remarks by the SUN Movement Coordinator, Ms Gerda Verburg

- In her opening remarks, the SUN Global Coordinator framed the meeting by asking some critical questions: **how can everything we do going forward best serve countries? How can global players align and collaborate behind nutrition priorities with a focus on capability development?** She underscored that SUN is a movement and we need to keep that extraordinary spirit going. We must remain light and flexible.

Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the Ops Group

- The Ops Group Co-Chairs set out the mandate and working modality of the Ops Group ([presentation](#)). The four Working Groups, with a temporary and fixed timeframe drawn from different parts of the Movement, covered: **Country Delivery, MEAL, Knowledge Management & Learning; Governance & Accountability; Financing.**
- All Working Groups sought to resolve outstanding issues from the new SUN Strategy, ensuring that each area **places SUN countries at the centre** and outlines concrete ways forward to ensure implementation. The Ops Group Co-Chairs presented key messages, recommendations and the outstanding deliverables from the **SUN Ops Group [draft report](#).**

Lead Group member comments and suggestions

- The Lead Group members present provided short statements, which was followed by a discussion facilitated by the Chair. There was general agreement that the Ops Group recommendations were aligned with guidance from the UN Deputy Secretary General that the Movement and its associated structures should remain lean, flexible, and agile.
- Lead Group members welcomed the recommendations from the Ops Group on strengthened **country ownership and leadership**; the focus on **financing** given current constraints (including exploring private sector engagement, domestic financing, and innovative financing mechanisms); increased focus on **gender mainstreaming** and **women's nutrition**; the meaningful **engagement of youth**. They urged the Ops Group to continue to **define success** in as concrete terms as possible, and further **prioritizing accountability**.

Conclusions and next steps

- There was consensus among Lead Group members present to **approve the Ops Group report and its 13 recommendations, endorse the updated SUN Executive Committee's Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures, and extend the Ops Group mandate until 30th Sept 2021** as foreseen in its ToR to further support the implementation of outstanding key deliverables. A **final report by the Ops Group** will report on outstanding deliverables and implementation.
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