SUN Lead Group Meeting – 15th November 2021
Summary Note

• The objectives of the meeting were:
  o To reflect and give updates on previous commitments by SUN Lead Group members.
  o To discuss how best to support the delivery of the new SUN strategy by building on the UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS), Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and COP26.
  o To seek endorsement on the mutual accountability framework (MAF) and definitions and indicators of success for SUN 3.0 by the Operationalizations (Ops) group.

• The Lead Group Chair welcomed and introduced the new Co-Chairs of the SUN Movement Executive Committee, Mr. Connell Foley and Ms. Gladys Mugambi.

• The Lead Group delivered new (joint) commitments and reiterated commitments made this year, including at the UN FSS and N4G to continue their efforts to combat all forms of malnutrition:
  o Continued financial and programme support to SUN Countries, nutrition specific and nutrition relevant programs, and the SUN Movement Global Support System
  o Efforts to increase meaningful youth engagement and more liaison with parliaments
  o Political efforts to initiate an African Year on Nutrition
  o Global collaborations including the Global Action Plan on Child Wasting and the Global Alliance for Children’s diets
  o Facilitation of knowledge sharing, capacity building and advocacy for nutrition

• The Lead Group members made suggestions to deliver the SUN strategy by building on the UN FSS and N4G and other political moments:
  o Recognition of the connection between nutrition, food and climate, including the importance of getting food in the negotiations for, and National Determined Contributions at COP27.
  o Building on the Food Systems Dialogues to support countries to implement their national pathways.
  o Leave no country behind, including those struggling with COVID-19, support fragile and conflict affected states and leverage the commitments by the G7 in the crisis compact to reach people in crisis affected countries.
  o Adoption of stronger evidence-based nutrition policies, with improved alignment across sectors and increase (private) financing for nutrition and costed national plans.
  o Keep attention on thematic issues such as gender in food security and nutrition and the root causes of vulnerability, have specific attention to maternal, infant and young child nutrition as well as obesity and overweight.
  o Focus in Food Systems on equitable consumption, safe diets and food fortification to reduce micronutrient deficiencies.
The members of the Lead Group endorsed the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) and the definitions and indicators of success for SUN 3.0:

- The MAF poses additional checks and balances without posing additional bureaucracy.
- The importance of the 360 degree accountability survey was stressed.
- The increase of country ownership through the MAF was praised.

The Chair of the Lead Group informed the Lead Group that this is her last meeting as chair. The Lead Group members sincerely thanked ED Fore for her outstanding efforts as chair of the SUN Movement Lead Group and expressed their gratefulness.

The Chair closed the Lead Group meeting with the following conclusions and next steps:

- The MAF and definitions and indicators of success have been endorsed, which marks the beginning of an action plan for SUN 3.0 for country driven results, the implementation will be essential from here on.
- Need to continue encouraging new countries to join the SUN Movement, particularly from Latin America to foster global exchange.
- Essential to link the nutrition agenda with the climate agenda which should be a foundational point for SUN 3.0.

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