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Scaling Up Nutrition | SUN

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Scaling Up Nutrition, or SUN, is a unique Movement founded on the principle that all people have a right to food and good nutrition. Since 2010, the SUN Movement has inspired a new way of working collaboratively to end malnutrition, in all its forms. With the governments of SUN Countries in the lead, SUN is not a fund, an institution or an agency, rather the Movement is strengthening political commitments and accountability for those commitments through voluntary membership of SUN Countries and to SUN Networks. While the SUN Movement Secretariat is hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services, the Movement belongs to all those who support it: United Nations agencies, scientists, parliamentarians, journalists, entrepreneurs, professional associations, community organisers, medical practitioners, civil servants and business leaders who understand that improving nutrition is key to unlocking a better future for children across the globe.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Nutrition
- Water access, sanitation and hygiene
- Mother and newborn health
- Multi-stakeholder engagement

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Poor nutrition in the first 1,000 days of a child's life can lock them into a lifetime of health and social challenges that are devastating and irreversible. During this critical period, if children don't get the vital ingredients they need to grow their bodies and develop their brains, they are not only more likely to get sick, and die, from diseases throughout their whole life, but they will also earn less than their peers when they enter adulthood. The SUN Movement support system is working towards the identification of key long-term recommendations for the global community which will bridge the development-humanitarian divide.

The three main underlying causes of undernutrition are unsuitable or insufficient food intake, poor care practices and disease – these are directly or indirectly related to inadequate access to water, sanitation and hygiene. The SUN Movement has partnered with Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) to identify, recognize and disseminate the efforts of national governments to understand, test and improve the coherence of WASH and nutrition linkages. In 2017-2018, 9 countries have reported a decline in the number of stunted children, and 14 countries are on track to ensure a significant reduction in wasting with 6 SUN countries today seeing progress in both areas. More than one-third of all SUN countries are on course to

stop the rising rate of children under five years of age who are overweight and ensure that babies are exclusively breastfed for the first 6 months of their lives.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Within each SUN Country (55 SUN countries – 4 more than in 2016-2017), the government nominates a SUN Government Focal Point who convenes multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) that bring together actors from all sectors that are relevant to nutrition. As part of the SUN Movement's stewardship arrangements, in March 2016, United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon announced the appointment of Gerda Verburg as Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and Assistant Secretary-General. As part of her role, SUN Movement serves as a member of the SUN Movement Lead Group and an ex officio member of the SUN Movement Executive Committee.

The SUN Movement Lead Group has the overall responsibility for the Movement's progress towards achieving its objectives. They ensure the alignment of all actors with the Movements Principles of Engagement and aim to preserve the Movements unique country driven character. The SUN Movement Lead Group consists of prominent leaders representing key stakeholder groups. The SUN Movement Executive Committee oversees and supports the implementation of the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap and strengthens accountability within the Movement. Globally, civil society, the private sector, donors, and UN agencies are organised into SUN Networks, which also include network steering committees and secretariats to support the establishment and effectiveness of country (and sub-national) networks. They provide support and technical assistance, ensure timely exchange of information, and monitor and evaluate achievements.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

SUN Countries raise their own domestic and external resources for scaling up nutrition. Each SUN Network independently raises their own resources for scaling up nutrition. The SUN Movement Secretariat and Coordinator is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. In 2017-2018, the SUN Donor Network has scaled up work and partnerships with innovative financing mechanisms, such as the Global Financing Facility, to galvanise more nutrition funding and build bridges with SUN countries. The 2017 Global Nutrition Summit, held in Milan, Italy, on 4 November galvanised USD 3.4 billion in pledges, in total, including USD 640 million in new commitments towards the eradication of all forms of malnutrition, everywhere. Members of the SUN Movement Lead Group and the Executive Committee do not receive monetary remuneration for the roles that they play in the SUN Movement.

The SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) was established in March 2012 and was intended to provide catalytic grants for the development and implementation of actions for scaling up nutrition. It was a fund open to governments, United Nations (UN) agencies, civil society groups, other SUN partners and support organizations. However, the vast majority of funds have been allocated to support civil society participation and catalytic actions for scaling up nutrition.

PUBLICATIONS

Reports section is available on the website, with monitoring and evaluation documents and policy guidelines. The Progress report is the main document of the movement, available at <https://scalingupnutrition.org/progressreport2018/>

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