

# SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



## PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE

*As of Quarter no 1: April – June 2013*

*Submission Date: July 2013*

<b>Participating UN Organization:</b>	 <b>World Food Programme</b> wfp.org				
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Concern Worldwide Malawi				
<b>Programme Number:</b>	#00084721 SUN 02/MWI/004 “Civil Society”				
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Scaling Up Nutrition in Malawi				
<b>Total Approved Programme Budget:</b>	US\$ 428,000				
<b>Location:</b>	Malawi				
<b>MC Approval Date:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2012				
<b>Programme Duration:</b>	3 years	<b>Starting Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2013	<b>Completion Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US \$400,000 US \$28,000 (ISC)			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	US \$103,183 US \$16,462 (ISC)			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	28%
<b>Expected Programme Duration:</b>	3 years	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	30/11/ 2015	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Achievements/Results:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
Outcome 1.1. CSO alliance established and effective in advocacy efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The process of establishing the CSO Nutrition Alliance has started.</li> <li>• TORs for the CSO Alliance and secretariat have been drafted</li> <li>• Monthly CSO meetings are taking place.</li> <li>• A project manager and a partner support officer have been hired</li> </ul>	N/A
Outcome 2.1 Increased resource allocation and commitment to nutrition programmes through effective public awareness	The CSO nutrition alliance has engaged in dialogue with the Department of Nutrition, HIV and AIDS on how the alliance could review the Nutrition Policy.	N/A
Outcome 3.1 Households engage in aligned interventions that result in uptake of best practices	CSO Platforms have not been established at district level as yet so no progress has been made on this outcome as yet	N/A

## Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:

While agreements and working modalities were underway, the CSO nutrition alliance met monthly and focussed its work on doing background activities that included; raising Malawi's profile towards its commitment to SUN activities, developing ToRs and job descriptions, strengthening information sharing and identifying funding gaps.

### 1. Raising awareness and a profile for Malawi

- The CSO nutrition alliance has participated in the Development Partners for Nutrition (DoNUTs) monthly meetings for information sharing, advocacy and review of progress agreed upon.
- Members of the steering committee participated at the CSO Network Inaugural Meeting in Washington D.C. in June. CSO's highlighted the importance of a communication strategy to support information sharing and dialogues at regional and country levels. It was also agreed that a portal will be set up for existing documentation and depot of useful resources as well as guidelines to facilitate civil society efforts in scaling up nutrition in country. Good linkages were made to CSO Alliances from other countries.

### 2. Development of ToRs and job descriptions

- ToRs for the CSO nutrition alliance are close to being finalised. Last draft is being circulated to members for comments.
- The job description for the project manager and project support officer were developed and advertised. The Project Manager has been hired and the Partner Supporting Officer is due to start in August.

### 3. Strengthening information sharing

- Platform meetings at central level have included SUN updates from members as part of the monthly agenda to strengthen sharing of knowledge and best practices.
- Civil Society Agriculture Network (CISANET) has joined the platform meetings from which the CSO nutrition alliance will learn best practices in lobbying for specific SUN activities as well as lessons learnt from establishing functional CSOs platforms at all levels.

### Challenges

- The process has been slow because of delays in signing the contractual agreement allowing funding disbursement. Funds were transferred to the CSP in May 2015.
- Without funding we were unable to hire staff to support scale up of activities

### Way forward

A detailed work plan will be sent once the interim committee meets and prioritizes the start-up activities.

Generally the following activities will be the focus;

- Mapping of CSOs in the pilot districts
- Establishment of CSO platforms in 4 pilot districts as well as the 7 districts that World Bank is rolling out its SUN activities. The CSO nutrition alliance will look at how coordination and facilitation with District Nutrition Coordinating Committees can be maximized.
- CSO Nutrition Secretariat put in place
- Establishing coordination at Regional CSO network to learn best practices of establishing CSO platforms and rolling out of SUN activities.
- Feed into the process of reviewing and analysing the National Nutrition policy
- Following the commitments made by the state president at the G8 Nutrition Summit on the Global Nutrition for growth compact, the CSO nutrition alliance will engage with government on nutrition issues and seek ways on how we can monitor progress towards those commitments.