

SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE *as of 30 September 2013*

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| Participating UN Organization: | UNOPS | | | | |
| Implementing Partner(s): | Save the Children UK | | | | |
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| Programme Title: | Mobilizing Civil Society in support of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement | | | | |
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| Location: | London, UK | | | | |
| MC Approval Date: | 05/12/2012 | | | | |
| Programme Duration: | 26 months | Starting Date: | 30 July 2013 | Completion Date: | 30 September 2015 |
| Funds Committed: | US\$ 100,000.00 | | | Percentage of Approved: | 20% |
| Funds Disbursed: | US\$ 38,323.50 | | | Percentage of Approved: | 5.54% |
| Expected Programme Duration: | 26 months | Forecast Final Date: | 30 September 2015 | Delay (Months): | N/A |

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| <p>1.1 - Membership of the network in MPTF countries expanded. Supported establishment of active multi-stakeholder platforms.</p> | <p>* <i>Initial mapping of in-country SUN CSO membership</i> – following discussions with the SUN CSN Steering Group, a small sub-group was established to agree on aim, objective, focus, methodology. The proposed process was then approved by members of the Steering group and a consultant was hired to conduct a first phase of the mapping given the estimated time this would take. The ambitious goal of getting comprehensive information for initially 16 countries and an overview of situation for remaining SUN countries may need to be revised. (see below section on Mapping)</p> <p>* <i>discussing target of 25% increase in each country with MPTF funded CSA (Civil Society Alliances) & agreeing on strategy to move forward</i> – this area has yet to be started more actively. Relationships with MPTF funded and some non-MPTD funded CSAs are well underway and being strengthened. The Washington meeting was a good opportunity to start developing these relationships (see corresponding section on Washington)</p> <p>* <i>update of mapping of in-country SUN CSO membership</i> - The SUN CSN is still in the process of getting an initial overview and in depth information for some countries through the mapping exercise. The SUN CSAs have been asked to share membership information (number, names and types of CSOs members)</p> | <p>* 25%</p> <p>* 0%</p> <p>* 25%</p> |
| <p>1.2 - Functioning institutional arrangements established, including secretariat function</p> | <p>* <i>Establishing secretariat:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruiting full time coordinator – completed. Claire Blanchard was recruited on June 10, 2013 as full-time SUN CSN manager - clear SUN CSN governance – a clearer governance structure is established (see attached governance diagram) - terms of reference (Steering Group & CSAs) – Steering Group Strategy and SUN CSN 6 month activity plan developed. These documents provide clearer image of governance, roles and responsibilities. A membership strategy is in the process of being developed and will provide a clearer and final governance structure. The delay in finalizing this governance is due to the fact that a number of international actors have contacted the SUN CSN and are keen to get engaged. As such the SUN CSN is keen to capitalize on this enthusiasm and engagement and build this into its upcoming capacity building strategy (see corresponding section). As such, the membership strategy will take some of these into consideration whilst at the same time ensuring the network remains focused on supporting national efforts. <p>* <i>Putting together a pool of consultant or facilitating a process of access to consultants for technical assistance</i> – We have got a list of 6-7 consultants already. We are keen to wait for the capacity building</p> | <p>*85%</p> <p>* 30%</p> |

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| | <p>strategy (which will build on needs identified in the mapping exercise) to be defined so as to ensure we can have a clear outline of needs to fill and consultants to have as part of the pool to ensure we cover all areas that will be covered in Capacity Building Strategy.</p> <p>* <i>Developing and agreeing on Grant agreement, reporting procedures with UNOPS</i> – this is completed. The final grant agreement was signed on 30 July 2013.</p> <p>* <i>Draft quarterly reports to UNOPS</i> – present report completed and submitted on September 30, 2013</p> | <p>* 100%</p> <p>* 50% (1 more report for 2013)</p> |
| <p>1.3 - A critical mass for broader influence</p> | <p>* <i>Promote CSA efforts to engage with other CS constituencies, farmers organisations, antipoverty, education coalitions, women’s groups, budget advocacy and tax justice groups, and other social movements</i> – This is in process and happens through regular communications both electronic, by skype and face to face, when the opportunity presents itself). Connections with a number of actors (including regional actors engaged in budget transparency, WASH Advocates, UNICEF – Breastfeeding, UN REACH, amongst others (see newsletter for complete list)) has been made at the global SUN CSN level. Relationships are being developed and connections will be instrumental in the implementation of a capacity building strategy. So far regional connections have been made through small language sub-groups of the network being established. Specific country connections will be made as work progresses.</p> <p>- <i>develop an online start-up guide for establishing a CSA in country outlining the importance of systematic inclusion of multiple sectors in CSA</i> – A guidance note on establishing and strengthening SUN CSAs has been developed and finalised, following a comprehensive review process involving both SUN CSN Steering group members and SUN CSAs, include reflections from practice in Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania. The document will soon be available online and is available upon demand. Translation and typesetting are underway.</p> <p>- <i>regular communications to encourage CSAs to engage with additional CS working in multiple sectors</i> – this has been ad-hoc in the initial months due to large work load. However it is planned these will become much more systematic, whilst maintaining flexibility for capitalising on opportunities.</p> <p>* <i>Visits and support to facilitate in-country development and maintenance of links between national and international alliances</i> – This is and will continue to be an ongoing and opportunistic process, due to limited funds and time. So far the SUN CSN coordinator has capitalised on an opportunity of a workshop</p> | <p>* 30%</p> <p>- 80%</p> <p>- ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> |

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| | <p>in Dakar, Senegal on Advocacy training for nutrition champions organised by ACF to meet with a number of key CS stakeholders in Senegal. Following visits and connections, an initial meeting is planned on September 23, 2013. This was also a good opportunity to meet key stakeholders in SUN countries that were present at the training (Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Chad) which were then connected to existing platforms and / or will be connected with to impulse CS efforts in countries where little is happening at the moment. At the workshop, we were also able to ensure that SUN CSA coordinators from Niger and Sierra Leone were present, took part in the training and contributed to a half day panel session on SUN movement and UN REACH.</p> <p>An upcoming opportunity which will be tapped into is the advocacy workshop organised by ACTION, ACF and the SUN CSN in Nairobi, Kenya on Oct 9-11. Again in the preparation for this process, a nominations process was designed to ensure teams of up to 3-4 nutrition actors, with a large representation from SUN CSAs in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda and CS actors engaged in setting up a SUN CSA in Kenya, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. It will actually be a good opportunity to impulse efforts in Kenya and Zimbabwe and to connect with Actors active in the field of nutrition in Rwanda.</p> <p><i>* Develop guidelines and provide technical assistance and support around engaging CSOs – see above note about development of A guidance note on establishing and strengthening SUN CSAs.</i></p> <p><i>- Monitor diversity of CSOs participating in Network (from various sectors, levels and types such as academic institutions, NGOs, etc.) – This will be an exercise to be done with results from the mapping. However, communications with country CSAs systematically emphasise the need for diversity of CSO members and inclusiveness both for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive efforts.</i></p> <p><i>- Support contribution from members of CSO Networks at a number of key events – SUN CSN members have now taken part in a number of key events – Washington inaugural meeting in June 2013; Geneva consultation on conflict of interest for the SUN movement in July 2013, Dakar Senegal ACF advocacy workshop in early September 2013, ICN conference in Spain 15-20 September 2013, SUN global gathering and SUN CSN side event New York 23-25 September 2013. There are also plans to ensure we contribute to the CFS event in Rome in October 2013 led by a small sub-group of the Sun CSN Steering Group. These contributions are both opportunistic and dependent on available funds.</i></p> | <p><i>* 80%</i></p> <p><i>- ongoing – to start actively after first phase of mapping completed</i></p> <p><i>- ongoing</i></p> |
| 1.4 - Engage with one voice within the SUN Movement - Improved communications | <p><i>* Development of a comprehensive communications strategy in close collaboration with and with guidance from SMS, country CSAs and key stakeholders (e.g. World Bank, 1000 days, etc.) and validation by SUN CSN Steering Group</i></p> <p><i>- a draft communication strategy was developed and circulated internally and externally to</i></p> | <p><i>* 50%</i></p> <p><i>25%</i></p> |

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| across the network | <p>communications experts for feedback. It was clear from the feedback that the communications strategy was too ambitious and that the current capacities would not enable its implementation. The SUN CSN coordinator is in the process of revising the document to ensure it is realistic and manageable. In the meantime, a few tools have been developed and concrete actions followed up to start implementing some of the more essential components of the strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up google groups (for SG, for CSAs, for Anglophone Africa / Francophone Africa / Asia CS contacts) 2. Is in the process of coordinating with SMS for SUN website update – delays incurred due to changes in staff at GMMB, auditing of SUN website over the month of August and planning for the SUN global gathering). This is a priority and template for proposed revised version of the webpage will be discussed in a face to face meeting in New York with Maria Pizzini at SMS. This activity was also slightly delayed to ensure harmonization with new community resources section the SMS is developing for the SUN website and avoid duplication. 3. Has explored social media options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Twitter account set up @SUNCSN ▪ Facebook being explored and should tap into SUN existing social media tools also given limited capacity to be able to manage these. 4. Reporting to Steering group on a bi-weekly basis – internal tool to enable ongoing dialogue and decision-making in between 6-weekly calls of the SUN CSN Steering Group 5. Developing a template for CSAs to report to SUN CSN coordinator on a regular basis (also available upon demand) – a pilot is underway. The idea is to obtain valuable information to disseminate more broadly, foster cross-learning, enable access to key resources as they become available and to be able to address potential barriers, issues and needs raised by SUN CSAs if it is in the remit of SUN CSN role and within available capacity. 6. Developed a guidance note to setting up a CSA 7. Developed a short document describing SUN CSN – document in process of being translated and typeset, will be available shortly on Sun CSN webpage 8. Had meetings with IDS, ENN and is exploring best ways of working with them around communications dimension 9. Coordinated the establishment of a small group of SUN CSN to contribute to SUNACT (SUN Advocacy and Communications Team) 10. Developed a monthly update to share with SUN CSN membership 11. Contributed materials for the general SUN newsletter around Global Day of Action, World Breastfeeding week. SUN CSAs also plan on sharing efforts planned and report on activities | <p>* 30%</p> <p>*0%</p> <p>* ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> <p>* 30%</p> <p>* 75%</p> |

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| | <p>conducted during the World Food Day for the October SUN newsletter.</p> <p><i>* Development of a strategy for engaging with international NGOs (1- dissemination & exchange of information, 2- participation and aligned global advocacy in key international forums, 3- a mechanism to leverage technical assistance through a pool of consultants) – This will be done through the development of a membership strategy and capacity building strategy based on needs and assets identified from both SUN CSAs and other partners.</i></p> <p><i>* Communications with SUN SMS, GMMB and other key contacts regarding development and establishment of web platform that will facilitate exchange of information, be a portal for key resources, a depot of country specific information, space for dialogues and discussions, ... - see above comments re-delays incurred.</i></p> <p><i>* Agreement and contract with ICT partner for the development of the platform – clear definition of roles, responsibilities, access and admin rights both in terms of material development, web content management and web maintenance - This may not be needed given the revised more manageable strategy being developed.</i></p> <p><i>* Establishment of a Beta version of the platform ready for UNGA in September 2013 and live platform announced - see above comments re-delays incurred.</i></p> <p><i>* Piloting by country CSAs & Steering group members – As tools are being developed they are also being tested by country CSAs. This will need to be done for the web page as it becomes available.</i></p> <p><i>* Finalising web platform – see above comments</i></p> <p><i>* Annual SUN CSN meeting</i> <i>- hold an annual meeting in 2013 – an inaugural meeting was held in Washington on June 11, 2013 and a side meeting of the SUN CSN is planned for the SUN Global Gathering on September 25, 2013 (see sections on meetings and events of this report).</i></p> <p><i>- start planning for a 2014 meeting on the occasion of the SUN movement Global gathering – This will happen during the upcoming meeting</i></p> | <p>- start on Sep 23, 2013</p> <p>* 100% and ongoing</p> <p>* 100% and ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> |

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| | <p><i>* Attend Network Facilitators calls and meetings – The SUN CSN coordinator attended the facilitators call on September 9, 2013.</i></p> <p><i>* Share minutes (through SMS) with other SUN global Networks – no minutes are available yet but highlights were shared and informed session development and finalisation for the SUN Global Gathering.</i></p> <p><i>* Respond/contribute to email newsletters / Provide material/updates for the SUN website – this is ongoing. So far the SUN CSN has contributed, amongst other things, to providing information for the monthly SUN newsletter, in collaboration with the World Bank developed a special issue of the Nutrition Spotlight, updates on the SUN website from Washington meeting, CSAs activities for breastfeeding week. As relationships with various partners develop, we hope to be able to more actively disseminate SUN CSN and SUN CSA efforts.</i></p> <p><i>* Participate and contribute to face-to-face yearly gathering of Network members – see meetings section.</i></p> <p><i>* Plan, organise, coordinate, hold and follow up a regional meeting in the African region</i> - Propose for an outcome of the meeting to be a series of publications on progress, accountability, efforts, barriers, experiences, research on nutrition sensitive efforts - Discussions with the Business network, the UN network and the donor network have started on the possibility of holding such a meeting with initial positive responses which we hope we will be able to explore further in New York: <i>An inter-SUN stakeholder forum to allow stakeholders to learn from each other. This could be a good opportunity to have the various SUN stakeholder groups exchange and learn from each other for improved practice in country. Could take place at the margins of major regional event like the AU summit or as a separate meeting. It would be good for this meeting to be hosted by an African country. It should be a bi-lingual workshop with lessons learnt captured in a piece for publication? And would bring global and country-level perspectives and learnings.</i></p> <p><i>* Adopt common M&E framework – The M&E framework of the SUN movement was adopted and a tool kit was shared with the SUN CSN network. Integration on the work plan still needs to happen but should be influenced also by discussions with DFID around the SUN movement and the SUN CSN playing a role in the tracking of commitments made at the Nutrition for Growth summit.</i></p> | <p>100%</p> <p>* initial discussions – more work needs to be done</p> <p>* 10%</p> |

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| <p>1.5 - Supported formation of new CSAs in non MPTF-funded countries</p> | <p><i>* Identification of champions in non MPTF-funded countries in collaboration with Steering Group member's organisations and the SUN Secretariat, a call for champions – So far a few actively engaged individuals are coming out from both MPTF funded and non-MPTF funded countries. Some potential champions to be fostered in Zambia, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Benin, Sierra Leone, Senegal</i></p> <p><i>* Initial contacts with and regular follow up contacts as per communications strategy</i> <i>- at least 7 countries</i></p> <p><i>Countries currently supported with more or less regular contact – these need to be systematized</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSAs established and funded but not through MPTF: Zambia, Tanzania - CSAs established MPTF funded: Bangladesh, Guatemala, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Ghana, Mali, Uganda - Countries with a non-funded CSA: Ethiopia, Indonesia, Sierra Leone - Countries where no CSA yet but where CS interested and engaged in establishing one: Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Benin, Pakistan, Myanmar - Initial contact made and needs to be followed up: Kenya, Yemen <p>More systematic contact needed with the following country SUN CSAs: Tanzania, Mozambique, Nepal, Mali, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, Kenya. Some of the limitations have been in terms of capacity from the SUN CSN to maintain regular contact and actively support all of the above countries CS efforts. The SUN CSN is not always able to respond to requests from different countries and given the rising enthusiasm around the SUN movement and expected rising desire to engage, this is likely to be a real challenge in the future.</p> <p><i>* A mapping exercise to identify CS status in countries and gaps as well as areas for support and opportunities for learning and progress - (site visits to at least 7-9 countries) – ongoing – see corresponding section</i></p> <p><i>* Identify countries where meeting support is needed – potentially Ethiopia, Nigeria, Myanmar, Madagascar – no clear idea yet. Zimbabwe have successfully advocated for one of the organisations wanting to get engaged to support an initial meeting.</i></p> <p><i>* Develop and implement process for prioritisation if more than 5 countries require support for 2013 - Not applicable for now</i></p> <p><i>* Agree on process for in-country meeting organisation, planning and holding and process for spending</i></p> | <p><i>* ongoing</i></p> <p><i>* 100%</i></p> <p><i>* 25%</i></p> <p><i>* 25%</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>funds available for support-</i> Not applicable for now</p> <p><i>* Ensure country contacts have a follow-up plan in place and strategy for establishing CSA post meeting – this is done through discussions and regular communications. The provisional perspective of a call for application for new MPTF funds is a key motivation for getting initial steps towards establishing a SUN CSA and in order to be in a position to apply for these catalytic funds.</i></p> | |
| 1.6 - Strengthened country CSAs | <p><i>* Develop relationships between Network Coordinator and country alliances – cf earlier section</i></p> <p><i>* A mapping exercise to identify CS status in countries and gaps as well as areas for support and opportunities for learning and progress - (site visits to at least 7-9 countries) – cf earlier section.</i></p> <p><i>*Assist development and work of individual CSAs to make optimal contributions to national platforms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>development and implementation of a communications plan (regular calls , information sharing between the national and international levels) – in process – see earlier section</i> - <i>support national CSAs to share lessons, tools, provide advocacy advise (online platform + technical assistance + ad-hoc support from Steering Group members and Network coordinator) – this is part of the communications strategy – cf earlier section</i> - <i>Establish sub-regional / language groups facilitating exchange of information and ensure cross-learning between different sub-groups of the network – google groups and discussions have been facilitated (see earlier section). It is hope that an initial call of the francophone and Anglophone African groups be held the week of September 30, 2013.</i> - <i>Assist country CSA to assess the political environment/context & document changes in policies, strategies and plans related to CSO advocacy campaigns (public hearings, TV/Radio broadcasts and media extracts, press releases) – This will be through country support, buddy system and the capacity building strategy in the process of being developed. Specific areas of needs that will arise from the mapping will help inform this support. The idea that beyond the buddy system we could also think of a twining between SUN CSAs of different countries is currently being explored.</i> - <i>Encourage, support and provide technical assistance to support the development of policy research papers, operational research papers on nutrition-sensitive efforts, publications on role and impact of SUN CSAs in country and on evidence of effectiveness on scaling up efforts</i> <p><i>~ contribution to Save the Children nutrition sensitive agriculture study – in process with connections facilitated for Save the Children with Ethiopia and Malawi SUN CSA contacts</i></p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>25%</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| | <p>~ connection with ENN online to provide technical assistance and support development of publications in several languages – a lengthy meeting with ENN and some clear collaboration areas to be explored and built on over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage the development of academic networks and connection in country with CSA – this was done for Bangladesh, experience from Ghana was explored a bit further, suggested in calls with SUN CSAs. Not systematic yet. <p><i>* Enable members of the Civil Society Network to better participate in the Country multi-stakeholder platforms through the SUN MPTF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support CSAs to secure funds in addition to the MPTF <p>Through a number of discussions a number of countries have been made aware of opportunity for a second call for MPTF and are actively preparing for potential submission. Improved participation in the country multi-stakeholder platforms needs to be strengthened in terms of support from SUN CSN.</p> <p><i>Respond to country level demands for support (transformation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support individual CSA as they become established and assist with any challenges or conflicts at country level - Facilitate Consultations with SUN Focal Point and Network Conveners - Support individual CSA with establishing advocacy strategies and assessing their effectiveness - Revisions of proposals produced by CSAs and/or policy-research papers for strengthening existing legal and policy frameworks - Support government work leading to costing (i) plans and strategies for scaling up nutrition and estimates of requirements to implement them; (ii) systems for monitoring investments, activities and progress; and (iii) data on processes underway and outcomes/impact achieved - Contribute to timely aligned and responsive actions in support of SUN countries - Identify capacity needs and start developing an capacity development strategy - Provide technical support in response to requests <p><i>Support the development of CSAs capacities in tracking current nutrition spending & ensure links to global arena</i></p> <p>This is currently ongoing and ad-hoc. The buddy system with Steering Group members, in addition to support provided by the SUN CSN coordinator and eventually a capacity building strategy with support from key internal and external partners will enable to render this process more systematic.</p> | |

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| 2.1 - Facilitated the development of and civil society engagement with effective nutrition plans in SUN countries that include: | <p><i>* Identify SUN countries which already have CSAs– exercise completed and document available upon request</i> <i>Map SUN CSA status in SUN countries – se mapping section</i></p> <p><i>Cf 1.6. Having a clear “buddy” system in place will facilitate these efforts</i></p> <p><i>* Obtain CSA advocacy strategy & share with other countries – Some SUN CSA have shared their advocacy strategies and these are shared on an ad-hoc basis but should be made available on the revamped SUN CSN web page when this becomes available. Also as part of the capacity building strategy (see corresponding section), the SUN CSN will look at developing an advocacy tool kit (in close collaboration with SUNACT). This tool kit will ideally be tested and piloted through opportunities like the upcoming advocacy training organized by ACTION, ACF and SUN CSN.</i></p> <p><i>* Identify and support CSA in connecting and engaging with Nutrition champions from the South – this activity has yet to be conducted and needs to be picked up in the next few months.</i></p> | <p>* 100%</p> <p>25%</p> <p>* 50%</p> <p>* 0%</p> |
| 2.2 - National and district/county approaches | <p><i>* Provide support for CSOs to engage with district authorities responsible for nutrition – at the moment this has been more in the form of getting more information on the Malawi model and showcasing as an example of format that can be used when establishing SUN CSAs in countries. This dimension was also integrated in the guidance note. Hopefully the Capacity building strategy will address some of the needs linked to supporting district-level engagement.</i></p> <p><i>* Coordinate regular communications – through regular email communications with SUN CSA and SUN civil society representatives in the various countries above mentioned</i></p> <p>Also cf 1.5 & 1.6</p> | <p>* ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> |
| 2.3 - Targets and milestones to which government can be held account & 2.4 - Details of financing and capacity to deliver resources | <p><i>* Provide support for country costed plans to be put in place in all countries with a MPTF-funded Civil Society Platform – this is through adapted support to SUN CSA. It will be built into the Capacity Building Strategy and learnings from the session coordinated by the SUN CSN on the occasion of the SUN global gathering should inform support. Examples of budget analysis and key resources to facilitate this exercise are being collected and shared back to language sub-groups.</i></p> <p><i>* Coordinate regular communications – cf above</i></p> | <p>*ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> |

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| | <p><i>* Develop a web platform for improved and facilitated communications - facilitate access to existing country costed plans as well as have a specific section on web platform on shared experiences of advocating for and working with government to ensure aligned costed country plans – cf comments above about web platform</i></p> <p><i>* Identify and facilitate technical assistance when required and training opportunities – cf Capacity Building strategy section</i></p> <p><i>* Communicate on a regular basis with CSAs, Steering group members, SUN secretariat, SUN network facilitators and other external stakeholders (when required) to address challenges and inform improved practice – regular communications with CSAs have happened over the last couple of months, The SUN CSN has also participated in SUN network facilitators call, calls with individual networks of the SUN movement, 2 SUNACT calls, a number of external partners (see recent monthly update), regular communications with the SUN secretariat with calls every two weeks, 2 Steering Group calls, a site visit to Geneva at the SMS in July 2013.</i></p> <p><i>* Support the development of country specific advocacy tools.- see earlier section re-development of advocacy tool kit.</i></p> | <p>*50%</p> <p>* ongoing</p> <p>* ongoing</p> <p>* in process.</p> |
| 2.5 - Increased political prioritisation of nutrition | <p><i>* SUN CSN will encourage CSAs to include increased political prioritisation of nutrition in advocacy strategies in countries – this dimension is integrated in country support both through regular communications, through the guidance note developed and through the upcoming capacity building strategy.</i></p> | <p>* ongoing</p> |
| 2.6 - Sustained nutrition on global agenda | <p><i>* Advocate to sustain nutrition on global agenda (incl. resource mobilisation)</i></p> <p><i>- Advocate with all governments and other stakeholders for increased resources in support of national nutrition plans</i></p> <p>The SUN CSN Steering group has identified key moments to drive SUN CSN advocacy (please see 6 month activity plan) and small groups of the Steering group with leads are working on how to best capitalise on these moments</p> <p><i>- Facilitate input for and contribute to the development and promotion of harmonised SUN messages, with SUNACT, formulated with input from civil society in high burden countries in key international forums including UN forums</i></p> <p><i>+ have discussions with CSAs to define important messages</i></p> <p><i>+ have discussions within SUN movement (SUNACT)</i></p> | <p>* ongoing</p> <p>- ongoing</p> |

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| | <p><i>+ agree on CSN contribution to the development, validation and dissemination strategy for the harmonised SUN messages and finalise</i></p> <p>To ensure SUN CSA perspectives were taken into consideration in broader SUN ACT discussions and resulting resources, the SUN CSN coordinated a nominations process to form a small group of the SUN CSN to contribute to SUNACT efforts. At present, the small group comprises 3 civil society representatives from Zimbabwe, 2 CS representatives from Ghana CSA, 1 CS representation from Uganda CSA, a Steering Group member and the SUN CSN coordinator. The group plans to meet between SUNACT calls to help inform discussions and follow up on actions whilst ensuring input from countries in the process. SUNACT is planning to hold a face to face breakfast meeting in New York on September 25, 2013 and at least 2/ maybe 3 SUN CSN representatives will be in attendance. At present one of the key deliverable being developed is key messages for the SUN movement.</p> <p><i>- Facilitate participation of national CS in international forums</i></p> <p><i>+ identify opportunities and develop a calendar</i></p> <p><i>+ facilitate connections</i></p> <p><i>+ ensure follow up and reporting in these</i></p> <p>See above section describing key events attended and training opportunities capitalised on.</p> <p><i>- With country CSAs, agree on a specific date and schedule and encourage CSAs to plan coordinated activities for a “Global Day of Action” to have a global, national, regional and local visibility and coordinated advocacy efforts</i></p> <p>This will be a main discussion point for the side meeting of the SUN CSN that will take place in New York on September 25, 2013 on the occasion of the SUN Global Gathering. Key opportunities will be discussed and one prioritised for coordinated efforts and mass SUN CS visibility. This is likely to be around a key event during the 2014 International Year of Family Farming.</p> | <p>- ongoing</p> <p>- 10%</p> |
| 3.1 - Financing for direct nutrition interventions is prioritised in SUN countries and amongst Donor and Business Networks | Cf Section 2.3 - & 2.4 - | |

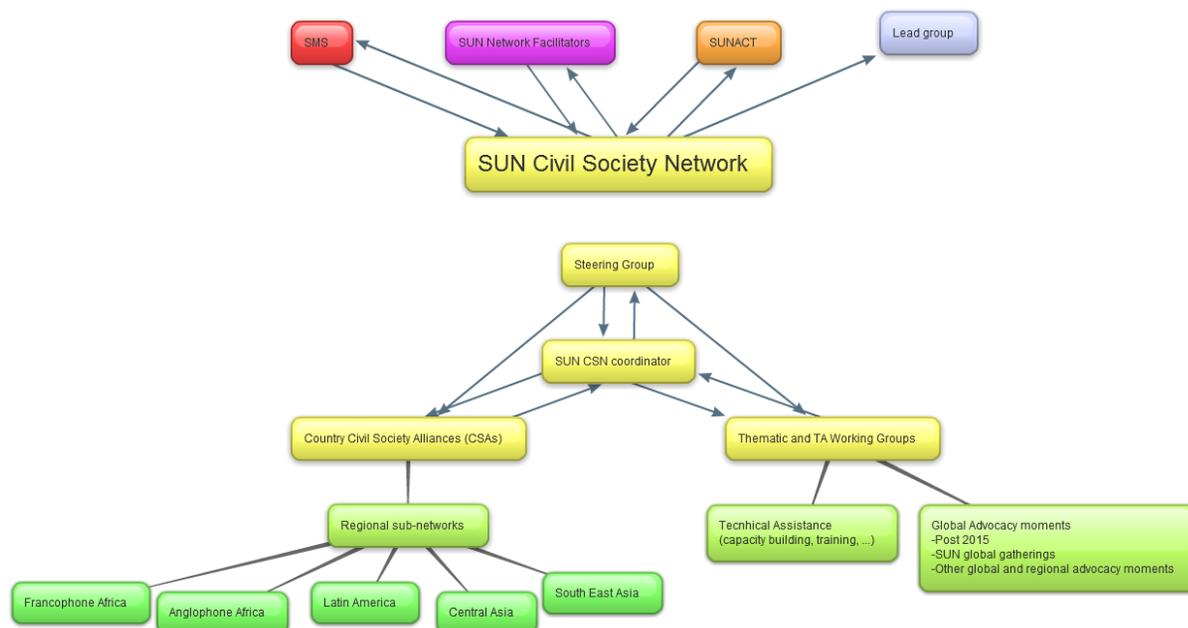
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| <p>3.2 - Relationships with key members of the Lead Group strengthened, improving access to high level international advocacy targets</p> | <p><i>* Actively contribute to and ensure SUN CSN representation on SUNACT discussions and efforts – see previous section outlining contribution to SUNACT</i></p> <p><i>* Actively contribute to network facilitators calls – SUN CSN participated in one facilitator call on September 9, 2013 (see previous section of this report)</i></p> <p><i>* Develop good working relationships with civil society representatives on the Lead Group and ensure Steering Group plays a role in liaising with Lead Group CS representatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use Sep 2013 UNGA as an opportunity to strengthen relationships - initial teleconferences were held with advisors to lead group members to start developing relationships - A debrief note to the lead group was developed with input and validation from the Steering Group and was sent to lead group members’ advisors. The first note was quite long and will need to be reduced in size in the future. - in parallel, the SUN CSN coordinator was asked to draft a joint statement on behalf of the CS members of the lead group. This provided an opportunity to start working together, build on the SUN CSN declaration and key issues the lead group members felt were important to take forward and opened an opportunity to engage with the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. The plan is for the statement to be read at the opening of the SUN global gathering. | <p>100% and ongoing</p> <p>100% and ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> |
| <p>3.3 - Civil society engagement in global process with nutrition outcomes strengthened</p> | <p><i>* Provide support</i></p> <p><i>* Develop a section on the web platform - advocacy tool kit, advocacy resources to adapt in country, sharing examples of advocacy activities in other countries, a global, regional and national calendar to identify and capitalise on key moments</i></p> <p><i>* Coordinate reporting of experiences on country specific advocacy efforts (successes, failures, barriers, way forward) to make available on web platform.</i></p> <p>Cf previous sections on general support</p> | |
| <p>3.4 - The network pushes for a global standard in national nutrition plans.</p> | <p><i>* initiate and facilitate discussions on developing strategies for CSA engagement in discussions, shaping, monitoring, evaluating progress and holding governments, donors, businesses, UN agencies and other CSOs in country to account</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See previous sections of the report. CSA have been engaged in training opportunities, influence and have access to information of SUN CSN SG calls, are part of a small sub-group for contribution to the SUNACT, will receive monthly updates on life and activities of the network | <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some connections with business network have been made in Pakistan, some connections with UN REACH facilitator is planned in countries where there is yet no connection. - The SUN CSN has started developing relationships with the networks of the SUN movement and with individual UN agencies and donors (UN REACH, UNICEF, DFID). <p><i>* Work with International NGOs and national CSAs to monitor and hold various actors to account on Nutrition for Growth Commitments - Track and report on spending of own and donor resources in support of SUN national plans</i></p> <p>-See section on discussions with DFID. In addition the SUN CSAs input has been sought for the initial accountability framework draft. SUN CSN has also contributed to discussions and contributions with the Nutrition Advocacy group comprising international NGOs and coordinated by the 1000 days initiative to inform the process as well as with the SUN secretariat.</p> <p><i>* Track and report on resources in support of national nutrition plans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor the contributions to accountability (reports) by CSAs and advise on optimal ways to do this - This has yet to actively start. However the template for CSA reporting, previously mentioned, should help start monitoring some of the SUN CSA efforts in this area <p><i>* Ensure that governments share reviews and analysis of national plans and financial commitments with wider public</i></p> <p>-SUN CSN's role in this specific area is to ensure that these are share and obtain information and updates from the SUN secretariat. This is ongoing.</p> <p><i>*encourage links between budget advocacy and tax justice networks and SUN platforms.</i></p> <p>See earlier section about partnerships and monthly update.</p> | <p>Ongoing – discussions will continue in New York in September 2013</p> <p>Initial stages</p> <p>In process</p> <p>Initial stages</p> |
| 3.5 - Information exchange between members of the CSN facilitated | Cf section 1.4 | |
| 4.1 - Aligned policies, programmes and resources to SUN Strategy | <p><i>* Align and/or harmonised advocacy and messaging to SUN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop joint statements for key milestones (UNGA, International Year of Family Farming, post 2015, Brazil 2016) - Have a common strategy <p>Cf previous section on key advocacy moments and refer to 6 month plan.</p> | 20% |

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| <p>4.2 - Civil Society Organisations in SUN countries ensure that their own actions, including programmatic actions, are aligned with and contribute to the fulfilment of SUN national plans.</p> | <p><i>* Actively encourage national CSAs to engage with CSOs working in the field of agriculture, education, social protection, etc...</i> - see earlier section, this is becoming systematic in communications with SUN CSAs and relationships are being built with organisations like WASH advocates to assist these connections in country when possible.</p> <p><i>* Regular follow up of and systematic reporting on engagement with CSOs with nutrition sensitive programming</i> – having a section dedicated on monthly reporting template to be used for progress report and newsletter material information (including numbers) See earlier section on template reporting.</p> <p><i>* Have regular communications with CSAs, Steering group members, broader SUN movement (SUN secretariat, SUN network facilitators) and other external stakeholders (when required) to share & disseminate information an address challenges and inform improved practice</i> Cf earlier section on this.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Template developed</p> <p>ongoing</p> |

Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:

- **Governance diagram**



- **6 month strategy** - http://scalingupnutrition.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/SUN-CSN-6-month-Activity-plan-July-Dec2013_FOR-WEB.pdf

- **Mapping**

The planned mapping exercise ultimately aims to be about supporting the Civil Society Alliance's work being done in SUN countries at the national and, most importantly, at the community level. The objective is to allow the identification of areas where capacity support is most needed from the SUN CSN perspective in order to extend services for nutrition to the underserved, build capacity for community level nutrition interventions, increase demand from the communities, improve integration of services at community level, building capacity for monitoring of nutrition services at community level to increase accountability for delivery to the community level. However the mapping exercise will also enable the SUN CSN to get a better understanding of the capacity of the global CSN for supporting advocacy and accountability efforts in country, holding others throughout the SUN movement accountable, and global advocacy.

In order to advance in the initial phase of the mapping, a consultant who has been actively involved in earlier stages of the SUN CSN efforts and is very familiar with SUN was hired to lead on this.

The steps and timeline for the mapping will be as follows (slight variation in dates may occur as the exercise evolves):

- Initial desk research distilling key information from existing documentation according to the attached template spreadsheet. The consultant will start with a few countries and continue with additional countries as this exercise is underway, with the idea of having some initial information for 6 countries to inform our meetings in New York in September, 2013.
- Feedback from New York will be shared back to the consultant to help inform this mapping exercise as much as possible.
- Following this, the consultant will proceed with contacting some of the Steering group members and SUN CSA representatives directly during the week of October 7, 2013, who have been alerted of this and encouraged to ensure they build this in their schedules. It is likely that the consultant will also arrange to speak with some directly over the phone to help supplement and build on the information already obtained in the previous phases of the exercise. This is likely to take place end of September and into the first few weeks of October.

A report of the mapping will be compiled and finalized and a one-day workshop to debrief as many of you as possible on the results of the mapping will be organized later mid-late October 2013.

- **Washington Meeting** – please see corresponding section on the website: <http://scalingupnutrition.org/news/the-next-1000-days-civil-society-comes-together-to-transform-commitments-and-momentum-into-action-on-nutrition-washington-dc#.UdHPZKv734Q>
- **Membership strategy – the principle**
This is in the process of being developed. The discussions in New York will inform a membership strategy. The idea is to ensure we include key partners and stakeholders in our efforts through mutually beneficial relationships whilst maintaining a focus on supporting country led efforts.
- **CB strategy – the principle**
The mapping exercise will assist in identifying country capacity gaps as well as assets that can be tapped into to scale up nutrition efforts in SUN countries. The identified gaps will guide the development of strategy for the SUN CSN to support capacity building of CSAs and national / district level efforts.

This strategy will tap into existing SUN CSN efforts, using the SUN CSN communications web platform and broader strategy to ensure:

- Information is shared;
- Exchange of experiences is facilitated and national efforts informed by these;
- Specific and targeted technical assistance leveraged and provided in country;

- Specific training tools developed and existing training tools and resources identified and made available and accessible to all;
- Opportunities for strengthening existing actors identified;
- Advocacy for ensuring adequate capacity building is part of national efforts towards scaling up nutrition;
- Specific capacity building is built into new grants and proposals;
- Advocacy for capacity building being integral part of the monitoring efforts to hold governments, donors, businesses and CSOs to account.

The Steering Group will review mapping and identify priority areas for capacity building to be clustered and reflecting some of the country focal points needs that are guiding the SUN global gathering agenda in 2013. The meeting in New York will aim to identify and agree on what are some of the types of support we can think of including in the strategy, what are existing assets and potential co-beneficial relationships to then inform a strategy to be developed and refined around priority needs that will arise from the mapping. The SUN CSN coordinator will then develop a proposal for validation by the Steering Group and SUN CSAs.

It is hoped that the strategy for building support to strengthen capacity at national level will be rolled out / implemented in the next phase starting January 2014.

This mapping will be used to inform our work with country alliances, allowing us to focus.

- **SUN Global gathering**

Large SUN CS representation at SUN Global Gathering, New York, USA - 23-24 September 2013

- 2 SUN CSN network led sessions on : *Supporting the implementation of commitments and investments (financial, capacity, ...) in nutrition – Country examples (Zambia and Bangladesh) and broader cross-learning & Developing a multi-sectoral plan – Roles of UN and CSOs and working together towards strengthened country plans.*
- A side meeting of SUN CSN Steering Group members, SUN CSA representatives and observer partners to advance SUN CSN efforts

A report of the meetings will be made available in due time.

- **DFID N4G**

Contributing to the Nutrition for Growth follow-up – tracking and accountability

There definitely is a wish to avoid duplication both in terms of optics and in terms of reporting. On basis of discussions with DFID, CIFF and DFID discussions with Brazil, it looks like it should be possible to fold in most accountability of Nutrition for Growth commitments into SUN

systems for monitoring and evaluation. The SUN networks are designed to be autonomous and self-governing and as such should not be responsible for holding to account but will focus on data gathering and sharing. Additional work and development of tools is required to take this forward. This process should remain true to and maintain the character and inclusiveness of the SUN movement. The SUN movement will have to be explicit as to where the circles do not combine as we want to ensure being part of SUN does not mean endorsing Nutrition for Growth whilst at the same time ensuring that those that have made commitments at Nutrition for Growth are not forced into SUN.

DFID has been extremely constructive in the discussions and very supportive of building internal capacity to make some of this happen. Indeed DFID sees the SUN movement and its networks as playing a key role in tracking progress on commitments made at the Nutrition for Growth. Discussions so far have been really constructive and supportive and would indicate that the SUN CSN could play the following roles:

- 1- As SUN CSAs play a role in holding their governments to account, their need to support this process will inform to a certain extent the SUN CSN capacity building strategy,
- 2- Gather information to track commitments through reporting from national CSAs as part of M&E process,
- 3- Share information and hold big international NGOs represented on the SUN CSN Steering Group to account on their commitments.

Whilst enthusiastic about playing a role in this process, the Steering Group of the SUN CSN remains cautious about what this would mean in practice and some of the potential implications of taking on such roles. We also need to be realistic about data collection and systems for monitoring progress and ensure that data collection doesn't put a 'strain' on existing overtaxed systems. As such the SUN CSN Steering Group would like to raise a note of caution before embracing these roles and guard against getting investing (both human and financial resources) towards monitoring progress at the expense of providing the technical assistance and resources needed to design and implement the actual nutrition specific and sensitive (NS/NS) programmes on the ground. Finally, when deciding on a Consortium of Experts - an independent body preparing the annual progress report on delivering on commitments - we need to ensure a balanced representation of various stakeholders on the group.

- **EARLY LESSONS**

One year-on: 9 national level CSO alliances (CSAs) at national level and one global CSO secretariat are currently funded through SUN MPTF with average catalytic grants of US\$ 400k each for 3 years. Two other CSAs have been directly financed by donors through bilateral funding channels. The CSAs work in support of government efforts to scale up implementation of nutrition plans. To do this effectively CSAs are organizing themselves into independent platforms for advocacy, capacity building and accountability.

- **ADVOCACY:** These CSAs are helping ensure that there is strong advocacy for nutrition at national level and that this survives electoral cycles and relative changes in priority-setting by governments. This is - in many cases - empowering government focal points to be better placed to make change happen in their administrations and to defend gains that they have managed to make over time. The Alliances are encouraging the incorporation of nutrition as a priority within parliaments by bringing the voices of the most affected people closer to decision-making through structured and continuous dialogue. This is contributing to a pattern of multi-stakeholder

engagement that increases accountability over time and helps sharing of different national experiences across the Movement. In turn, the experiences of national CSAs provide the global SUN CSO actors with precious insights and information from countries – strengthening their legitimacy as people who work on behalf of those most at risk of poor nutrition both now and when focusing on the post2015 development agenda.

- **CAPACITY BUILDING**: early lessons also help understand better the many linkages (and relative intricacies) between institutional processes related to nutrition, mechanisms for nutrition governance and nutrition outcomes. They cast further light on how sustainability over time will eventually depend on the pattern of these relationships. This is highlighting the challenges of multi-sectoral collaboration. It is also revealing the tensions within the CSO community – should they prioritize the longer term effort to build the capacities of local groups or the shorter-term need to deliver results and demonstrate impact. INGO are often better placed to do this.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**: early lessons show the challenges of stimulating strong leadership versus encouraging inclusiveness within in-country CSO communities. They are revealing the processes needed to encourage society-wide engagement and nation-wide priority-settings for which the creation of spaces, through disciplined analysis and agitation, is vital. At the centre of this effort is the need for accountability to reflect the interests of people at risk, who are often without power, the organizations that work on their behalf and the priorities decided through interactions with an increasing range of other actors as a result of the creation of CSAs. Impact can certainly be measured through assessing the responsiveness of those who support emerging actors to their needs, and the extent to which they are able to mobilize funds. But the bigger benefit of this approach is the extent to which it offers opportunities for learning about the way in which inclusive working leads to a greater critical mass of stakeholders who are able to call each other to account. It is this mutual accountability that is the eventual goal of the SUN Movement, and the MPOTF-financed projects are clearly stimulating it, albeit in a manner that is best suited to the specific context of each country situation.

Documents available upon demand:

- Guidance note on establishing a SUN Civil Society Alliance (soon to be available on the SUN CSN web page)
- What is SUN Civil Society Network? (soon to be available on the SUN CSN web page)
- Presentation of the SUN CSN (soon to be available on the SUN CSN web page)
- Monthly update to membership (soon to be available on the SUN CSN web page)
- Template for CSA reporting to SUN CSN
- Terms of reference for the mapping consultant