

# SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



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

*As of Quarter no 2: July – September 2013*

*Submission Date: October 2013*

<b>Participating UN Organization:</b>	 <b>World Food Programme</b> wfp.org				
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Civil Society Alliance for SUN, Bangladesh				
<b>Programme Number:</b>	# 00084692 SUN-Window 2/BGD/001 “Civil Society”				
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Scaling up nutrition by civil society in Bangladesh				
<b>Total Approved Programme Budget:</b>	US\$ 535,000				
<b>Location:</b>	BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh				
<b>MC Approval Date:</b>	August 28, 2012				
<b>Programme Duration:</b>	36 months	<b>Starting Date:</b>	April 2013	<b>Completion Date:</b>	December 2015
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US \$500,000 US \$35,000 (ISC)			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	US\$ 183,912 US \$20,577 (ISC)			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	39%
<b>Expected Programme Duration:</b>	30 months	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	December 2015	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Achievements/Results:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
A CSO Network in Bangladesh that is fully operational and successfully influencing policy making by 2013	<p>Special multi-sectoral drives across the country were taken to increase the membership of this civil society to 76 organizations</p> <p>A divisional workshop was conducted in Sylhet Division to sensitize and obtain commitments from divisional level stakeholders from multiple nutritionally relevant sectors of the local government, local representatives of civil society, NGOs, academics, local media and charity organizations. <i>Please see attachments “appendix-1” and “appendix-2”</i></p>	

	<p>CSA for SUN, BD co-organized the government’s World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) initiative at ICDDR,B, with policy and knowledge sharing sessions on 1,000 days approach and national nutrition specific and sensitive issues. The Health Minister and other key government stakeholders were in attendance. In order to raise awareness of breastfeeding, the WBW was live-telecasted on television for the first time in Bangladesh with co-funding from the CSA for SUN, BD.</p> <p>The First Annual General Committee meeting (AGM) of the CSA for SUN, BD was held on September 26, 2013, to update General Committee (GC) and Executive Committee (EC) members on first year achievements, and strategies for the next year were discussed to make the CSA for SUN, BD more vibrant. <i>Please see attachment “appendix-3”</i></p> <p>Intensive recruitment process for replacement of the National Coordinator and Program Support Assistant (redefined as Communication Officer) have been initiated due to resignation of previous candidates (expected start date early next quarter).</p> <p>A TOR for the bidding process for the Divisional and District grassroot level workshops has been developed and shared with all CSA for SUN, BD members at the AGM to ensure a competitive and transparent process. All GC members are eligible to bid for conducting the workshops.</p> <p>Work plan was drafted for October- December 2013 and shared with all EC members.</p>	
<p>Enhanced sharing of evidenced based information, research findings and resources among stakeholders to achieve effective implementation of nutrition programs</p>	<p>A technical workshop on monitoring nutritional outcomes was conducted in partnership with Helen Keller International (EC member), sharing Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (M&amp;E) strategies, nutritional surveillance and survey techniques, and preliminary results from the Food Security Nutritional Surveillance Project (FSNSP) to see how SUN related interventions can be mainstreamed into existing M&amp;E systems.</p> <p>Strategic Opportunity with no Budgetary Commitment: A series of workshops organized for journalists on IYCF and 1,000 days approach were attended and co-facilitated by CSA for SUN, BD EC members in partnership with FHI360 to sensitize the media people to ensure more coverage of nutrition issues.</p>	
<p>Comprehensive, coherent and adequately financed national nutrition plan adopted by mid of 2013 and implemented by the Government by mid-2014</p>	<p>One policy roundtables carried out at the national level to promote debate amongst key stakeholders to understand nutrition issues especially the significance of 1000 days and the relevance of multi-sectoral platform to the 1,000 days approach. <i>Please see attachment “appendix-4” and “appendix-5”</i></p> <p>Strategic Opportunity with no Budgetary Commitment: In his capacity as Lead Group member, Global SUN</p>	

	<p><b>Movement, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed convened an interactive meeting with stakeholders from multiple sectors of the government, national and international NGOs, media, UN, development partners and academics on “Urgent call for multi-sectoral action on Scaling Up Nutrition” attended by Chairperson, Secretary and EC members of the CSA for SUN, BD.</b></p> <p><i>Please see attachment “appendix-6”</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Opportunity with no Budgetary Commitment:</b> CSA for SUN, BD members are attending a series of national televised opinion talk-shows, focusing on IYCF, 1,000 days approach to nutrition, and other nationally relevant nutrition specific and sensitive issues.</p> <p><b>Executive members also reviewed and leading to develop need based revised national nutrition policy for Bangladesh.</b></p> <p><i>Growing recognition that this outcome may be over-ambitious given the current political climate and the timeline for achieving this outcome may be revised.</i></p>	
<p><b>A joint tracking system established to monitor progress of NNS with the active support from CSA for SUN by mid-2013</b></p>	<p><b>Dialogues with the representatives of the Government and National Nutrition Service in order to establish a functional and effective nutrition tracking system is going on. No specific decision is anticipated until the future of the next government is decided.</b></p> <p><b>Executive member of CSA for SUN BD, attended a series of teleconferences with global SUN and multiple stakeholders and provided TA to the GOB to compile and send the SUN GOB achievement to SUN global team.</b></p>	

### Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:

#### Link with Global SUN Movement

##### **SUN Global Gathering**

**Dr. Afsana, Secretary of the CSA for SUN, BD, participated at the SUN Global Gathering in New York, in September 2013. Opportunities were taken to discuss with the staff of the SUN Movement Secretariat matters of governance and relationships with the other civil society network for nutrition in Bangladesh. Extensive networking opportunities with other SUN civil society alliances from around the world were taken.**

##### Building the SUN Movement in Bangladesh

**CSA for SUN, BD initiated a process of reaching out to other developing SUN networks in Bangladesh – UN, donors, private sector, research institutions etc., however once the National Coordinator is in place, the process will move faster.**

**CSA for SUN, BD has met with different parliament members and policy makers to buy in their commitment for SUN movement and ensure their ownership to SUN.**

### **Documentation and Communication of SUN Activities**

**There is consistent building up of systematic processes for documenting the work of the alliance including development of communication tools, website, social media etc.**

### **Strengthening a Multi-stakeholder Civil Society for Nutrition**

**Creating an enabling and inclusive environment for civil society for nutrition in Bangladesh remains a top priority. Although challenges remain, dialogue need initiated, relationships strengthened and a systematic constructive approach has been taken to explore and resolve any gap.**

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