

SUN Movement Multi Partner Trust Fund (SUN MPTF)
5th Management Committee Meeting November 27th 2013
As APPROVED by the Management Committee

PARTICIPANTS:

Management Committee Members Present:

- **Contributing Partners (donors):** Tanya Green (UK- DfID); Alexandre Ghelew (Switzerland-SDC);
- **Participating Organizations:** Martha Mai (UNOPS); Francesco Branca (WHO); Perrine Geniez (WFP) and; Nancy Walters (UN REACH Partnership) –sends written inputs
- **MPTF Office, SUN MPTF Administrative Agent, ex- officio member:** Olga Aleshina, Senior Portfolio Manager;
- **Chair:** David Nabarro (SUN Movement Coordinator)

Observers:

- **Observer UN Organizations:** Werner Schultink (UNICEF);
- **Observer Civil Society:** David Mcnair (for Save the Children, chair of the SUN CS network)

Secretariat

- **SUN Movement Secretariat:** Stefano Di Gessa, Maria Pizzini, Thuy Nguyen

Apologies for absence:

- Yannick Glemarec (Executive Coordinator MPTF Office) and; Mags Gaynor (Irish Aid)

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

Agenda.

The MC approved the following agenda items for discussion:

- (i) Discussion and decision on one proposal under the SUN MPTF window I – the activation of learning exchanges between SUN countries;
- (ii) Discussions and decision on proposals received under SUN MPTF window II by 11 November when the current call for proposals was closed;
- (iii) Any Other Business

Before starting with agenda items, the MPTF Office in its capacity of Administrative Agent of SUN MPTF, gave account of the SUN MPTF Funding Framework, which was circulated to the Management Committee members ahead of the meeting. US\$ 5,449,384 is available on the SUN MPTF account. Out of this amount, \$313,688 is earmarked by DFID for Window I and \$3,527,750 for Window II. \$ 1,603,092 is available as unearmarked contribution. These funds are available for programming.

UNICEF was asked to share their most recent progress with regard to signing up to the SUN MPTF. UNICEF expressed its confidence to provide additional positive communications by the end of the year. On this basis, requests from NGOs that have indicated UNICEF as their preferred Participating Organization (PO) have been accepted as such and will be discussed at the current 5th meeting of the SUN MPTF. Any transfer of SUN MPTF funds to UNICEF, based on allocation by the Management Committee, will be deferred until after the signing of the MoU between UNICEF and the SUN MPTF.

ITEM 1: Discussion and decision on proposal under the SUN MPTF window I – the activation of learning exchanges between SUN countries

The Management Committee (MC) welcomed the progress since its last meeting in May 2013 both with regard to the call for proposals under SUN MPTF window II and for progress made to activate SUN MPTF window I. During the 4th meeting of the MC in May 2013 a decision was taken to request the SUN Movement Secretariat to develop a concept for a learning exchange among SUN countries and means for its implementation for consideration for funding by the MC.

The Chair outlined the work done since then by the SUN Movement Secretariat: with the help of an independent experienced consultant, a process was launched to: (a) design a survey to (i) request SUN Focal Points (FP) and the national platforms that they convene to rank their knowledge and learning needs; (ii) solicit SUN Focal Points good practices they were willing to share against the same areas prioritized as in need of support; (b) finalize the design of a mechanism to work as a match-maker between the (i) and (ii) by sharing of experiences among SUN countries through combination of learning tools (web-based communities of practice, exchange visits and knowledge fairs). More than 60 participants were involved from national multi-stakeholder platforms of 28 SUN countries (in 23 cases under the lead of the SUN Focal Point). The result of this work fed into a proposal from PROCASUR CORPORATION.

The MC welcomed the proposal that aims to activate a pilot learning exchange between 12 SUN countries. Peru and Senegal will serve as host countries to 10 visiting countries (to be confirmed based on an indicative list set out in the proposal). The main thrust of the learning exercise will revolve around concrete experiences of nutrition-sensitive, multi-sectoral approaches to nutrition to link different policies around a common framework of results at national and decentralized level.

The MC welcomed the proposal as a potential key asset for the Movement in enabling peer-to-peer exchanges on the basis of practical knowledge gaps identified by the Focal Points. The MC requested that the proposal takes into account possible linkages with ongoing initiatives, such as the Brazilian experience of the Center of Excellence Against Hunger (<http://www.wfp.org/sites/default/files/pdf/COAH-brochure.pdf>).

ITEM 2: Discussions and decision on proposals received under SUN MPTF window II by 11 November 2013

The MC first discussed the possibility of a new call for proposals under the SUN MPTF window II (in support of civil society organization alliances) on September 18 prior to the SUN Global Gathering (SUN-GG 23-24 September 2013) with the aim of presenting the call during the SUN Global Gathering. The call was approved –electronically- on the week commencing 05 October. The call for proposals was open from 11 October to 11 November 2013. The call had massive outreach with around 6,000 hits on the website and more than 200 requests reaching the SUN Movement Secretariat for a total of 83 proposals eventually submitted.

The Secretariat assessed all incoming proposals on the basis of several criteria. Primarily, proposals were eliminated if:

- a) Proposals originated from non-SUN Countries and/or from SUN countries that have previously received funding from the MPTF
- b) Proposals originated from an individual organization (rather than a collaborative effort)

c) Proposals did not meet full information requirements as set forth in the application guidelines and/or lacked clear indication of involvement of in-country UN system actors and/or the SUN government focal point.

After this initial screening, the review process from the SUN Movement Secretariat considered the following:

- (a) Compliance with criteria as approved by the Management Committee in July 2012 and further amended for the present call where capping was lowered at US\$ 300,000 (and not US\$ 400,000 as in previous call), including soundness of proposals, presence of clear logframes and timelines, level of indirect costs within agreed 7%, etc..
- (b) Level of consultation with other CSOs in the country
- (c) Level of consultation with and feedback from SUN government focal point (operated through bilateral exchanges with Focal Points after November 11)
- (d) Level of coherence of the proposal with regard to (a) SUN MPTF logframe approved last October 2012 by the Committee and (b) in-country nutrition-relevant processes as spelt out in the compendium of SUN countries fiches 2013
- (e) Analysis of budget and the workplan.

The MC commended the use of multiple checks on proposals and the use of above criteria. In doing so, the MC decided to set aside the CSO proposals from the following countries: **Indonesia, Benin and Burkina Faso**. The following proposals were discussed in relationship to possible corrective measures to be communicated to CSOs so as to make them eligible for consideration by the Committee in its next meeting: **Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Senegal**. The Chair will communicate with in-country CSOs and POs with recommendations for enhancement of their proposals according to criteria above. This means additional work on budget refinement for Nigeria with better linkages of the outcomes to the activities and budget; more evidence of involvement of wider set of in-country actors, including UNPO, and better linkages between outcomes and budgets for Senegal and; additional work to link to the proposal to the nascent SUN infrastructure (and national launch of the SUN Movement) for Ivory Coast.

The MC also decided insufficient information was available to them to consider during the 5th meeting proposals from **Burundi and Rwanda** as they submitted late and no assessment was possible. These two proposals might be re-considered during the 6th meeting of the SUN MPTF MC.

The MC focuses on discussing main strengths and weaknesses of the following 12 proposals:

1. **El Salvador**: Movilizacion de la sociedad civil para la erradicacion de la malnutricion con un abordaje integral, intersectorial y de genero
2. **Guinea**: Appui à la mobilisation de la société civile pour le renforcement de la nutrition en Guinée
3. **Kenya**: Mobilizing Civil Society in Kenya to champion Scaling up Nutrition
4. **Kyrgyz Republic**: Creating of enabling environment/structural support to improve nutrition for the sake of justice and future generations in the Kyrgyz Republic
5. **Lao DPR**: SUN CSA in Lao PDR
6. **Madagascar**: HINA - Plateforme de la Société Civile SUN

7. **Myanmar:** Establishing a Civil Society Alliance to Scale Up Nutrition in Myanmar
8. **Peru:** Accion concertada por la nutricion Infantil
9. **Sierra Leone:** The Establishment of a Coordinated and Mobilized Civil Society Platform in Sierra Leone in Support of the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement
10. **Sri Lanka:** Formation of Civil Society Alliance (CSA) that supports to make Sri Lanka a nourished nation
11. **Zimbabwe:** Supporting civil society organisations in realising SUN objectives and commitments in Zimbabwe
12. **Global CSO network:** Mobilising civil society in support of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) MOVEMENT – a focus on supporting country civil society efforts and fostering cross-learning towards evidence of impact of the SUN MOVEMENT

The MC recommends budgetary revisions for all of the proposals that reflect the last resort and catalytic nature of the SUN MPTF Fund. This will be communicated to all applicants. All of the above proposals will be allocated funding conditional upon the applicants' ability to provide additional evidence of how they will address identified weaknesses. The MC requested that the Chair communicate results and revisions as agreed during discussions without involving the committee anymore. All information should go on all relevant websites according to the adopted disclosure policy (after the approval of the minutes and key decisions by the Committee).

The MC agreed to re-consider proposals set-aside during its 6th meeting in early 2014 –tentatively within the first quarter of 2014. The Chair will communicate to relevant applicants that they have been granted an additional period to finalize their proposals. The global Civil Society Network was identified as the most appropriate source of support for these CSAs in reviewing their applications. The global Civil Society Network was also identified as best placed to start working on lessons learned around work and impact of the SUN MPTF, since around 20 to 30 countries are already covered by the support of this facility.

ITEM 3: AOB

- a) DFID is exploring ways to support Ethiopian CSO Alliance with bilateral local funding.
- b) The Chair informed the MC about the authorized payment of the MDF Consultancy Firm for their work done to establish a baseline for the SUN Movement that can be used in future for impact assessment. This was paid out of SUN MPTF window III as agreed by the MC in prior meetings in 2012.
- c) By the 6th meeting of the SUN MPTF MC in early 2014, funds in all windows will be exhausted. The Chair and MPTF Office will accelerate efforts on resource mobilization, keeping the SUN MPTF MC continuously engaged. The work done by the global Civil Society Network should help feed into such a strategy.