Scaling Up Nutrition Multi-partners Trust Funds (SUN MPTF) for Civil Society Mobilization

MPTF OFFICE ANNUAL PROGRAMME[1] NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT – YEAR 2013

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Programme Title & Project Number	**Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results[2]**	
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	Priority area/ strategic results	**Advocacy**
Participating Organization(s)	**Implementing Partners**	
WFP World Food Programme wfp.org **United Nation World Food Programme, Country Office of Mozambique**	• National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations **ANSA**	
Programme/Project Cost (US$)	**Programme Duration**	
Total approved budget as per project document: **US$ 428,000** MPTF /JP Contribution[4]: **US$ 428,000** • *by Agency (if applicable)* Agency Contribution • *by Agency (if applicable)*	Overall Duration	**24 months**
Government Contribution *(if applicable)*	Start Date[5]	**7 December 2012**
	Original End Date[6]	**31 December 2014**
Other Contributions (donors)	Current End date[7]	**31 December 2014**

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[1] The term "programme" is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

[2] Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

[3] The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as "Project ID" on the project's factsheet page the MPTF Office GATEWAY

[4] The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY

[5] The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY

[6] As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

[7] If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

(if applicable)
TOTAL:

Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.
Assessment/Review - if applicable *please attach* ☐ Yes   ☐ No   Date: *dd.mm.yyyy* Mid-Term Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach* ☐ Yes   ☐ No   Date: *dd.mm.yyyy*

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<u>**NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT**</u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period between June – December, 2013. Although ANSA had signed the contract in April 2013 the funds were made available only on May 31, 2013. By mid July (July 17th) the first meeting with civil society organizations was organized to introduce/disseminate the SUN movement, globally and national level, to get their sense and interest to be member of the civil society platform yet in the process of being created, and to present the objectives of such platform in country.

By August, ToR and a commitment agreement document were drafted; and organizations from the central platform were identified to support the establishment of CS provincial network in 3 provinces (Inhambane, Tete and Nampula). That same month the CS platform supported SETSAN (the government national SUN focal point) with the organization of the launch of the SUN Movement in Mozambique (with the presence of government representatives, donors and UN, private sector, and CS; the event was chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, the UN Resident Coordinator and the Ambassador of Italy as representative of the G19.

By September the ToR and commitment agreement document to be signed by each of the central CS platform members and the respective 2 year plan of action were concluded. That same month (September 17 and 18) a capacity session on nutrition concepts (definitions, causes and consequences) and advocacy and lobbying was carried out for the CS platform members at central level.

In October the first contact was made at provincial level (Inhambane, Tete and Nampula) for the establishment of the provincial CS networks and identification of respective focal points; and by November all 3 provinces had platforms/networks established (Nampula on Nov 5th, Tete on Nov. 15th and Inhambane on Nov. 27) and the focal points had organized meetings where participants discussed and adapted the ToR, commitment agreement document and plan of action to their provincial context. By November all the members of the central platform had signed the commitment agreement document; Nampula and Tete did also manage to have the document signed by some members of the CS network.

By December the central platform had concluded the civil society advocacy strategy, including the respective plan for implementation. On December 12, the civil society platform at central level organized a national meeting and invited all the 19 organization members and two focal points for each of the 3 provincial CS networks, Government representatives (from the key sectors including SETSAN as the government body who coordinates SUN in country), Donors, UN and GAIN and WFP as the representatives of the SUN business network; the objectives of the meeting were to disseminate the SUN movement, to exchange and establish partnerships among the different players, and share information among all the SUN s

I. Purpose

The project focuses on building the capacity of civil society to monitor and support the implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Action Plan for the Reduction of Chronic Undernutrition (hereby referred to by its Portuguese acronym PAMRDC) and advocate effectively for the adequate allocation of resources for effective nutrition action. The civil society platform will address issues linked to resource allocation; the reach and coverage of nutrition interventions; and the relevance and expected results of the priority actions in the Action Plan and other major interventions.

II. Results

Outcome 1: An effective, inclusive and productive civil society that maintains strong relationships with key stakeholders

Four civil society platforms/networks established: central level and provinces of Inhambane, Tete and Nampula. All 4 platforms have ToR and a commitment agreement document which has been signed by many but not yet all members and a plan of action. ANSA is in the process of mobilizing more organizations to become members, mainly those working on the nutrition-sensitive areas such as agriculture, education, water and sanitation.

At national level, the platform participates in the Nutrition Partners Forum (development partners technical working group), and in the technical working group for the coordination of PAMRDC (GT-PAMRDC) hosted by the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN). The National Coordinator of the CS Platform was invited to be part of the Mozambican delegation (14 persons) during the CAADP Nutrition Capacity Development Workshop held in Gaborone, between September 9-13 (the objective was the inclusion of nutrition in the National Agricultural Plan of Investment). On December 14-15, the national coordinator was invited for a workshop organized by the parliamentary commission for Agriculture, Economics and Environment to discuss the draft of the Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security Law. More specific comments were sent later to SETSAN who is compiling all the comments to send to the parliamentary commission.

Outcome 2: A stronger and more visible civil society that actively participates in the development of nutrition and nutrition-sensitive policies and plans across all sectors, including advocacy for resource allocation

"Manuals" to train platform members on the political framework for nutrition (PAMRDC), basic nutrition concepts, advocacy (focusing on fundraising and lobbying) were prepared. Training sessions for central level platform members were done in September. Provincial platforms members will be trained between February and March 2014.

All platform members also received a copy of the last Lancet series and a national document about integration of Nutrition-sensitive activities in sectored Plans of Action.

Outcome 3: Operationalization, funding and implementation of PAMRDC and other national and regional strategies and plans on nutrition monitored

We are still in the process of developing the monitoring tool; in the last week of November, a sub-group of the National CS Platform in Maputo held the first working meeting to start to design a monitoring tool. The tool will cover monitoring of the platform plan as well as will allow to monitor others players plans/programs.

Outcome 4: The work of the different CSO at the various levels results in increased public awareness about nutrition, nutrition policies and monitoring and advocacy interventions

The platform coordinator participated in the elaboration of the Governmental National Strategy for Communication and Advocacy for Chronic Undernutrition; the process was headed by SETSAN with REACH support. Based on the national strategy, the civil society platform developed its own Strategy for Advocacy, which was concluded in December 2013.

The platform supported SETSAN in the preparation of the SUN movement launch in country; a ceremony was hosted by SETSAN at August 8th, 2013. All SUN network members gave a brief presentation at this launch.

Central level platform members exhibited materials and presented activities in a Food Security and Nutrition stand at FACIM (International Business Fair of Mozambique).

In December, the civil society platform at central level organized a national meeting and invited all organization members, two focal points for each of the 3 provincial CS networks, Government representatives (from the key sectors including SETSAN as the government body who coordinates SUN in country), Donors, UN and GAIN and WFP as the representatives of the SUN business network; the objectives of the meeting were to disseminate information on the SUN movement, to meet and establish partnerships among the different players, and share information among all the SUN stakeholders. This meeting ended with an official launching of the National Civil Society Platform. The ceremony was headed by the National Director for Public Health from the Ministry of Health, and counted with the presence of national representatives of the civil society platform member organizations and other participants.

- **Outputs:** Outputs are the more immediate results that your Programme is responsible for achieving. Report on the key outputs achieved in the reporting period, in relation to **planned outputs from the Project Document,** with reference to the relevant indicator(s) in these documents. Describe if any targets were achieved, or explain any variance in achieved versus planned results during the reporting period. If possible, include the percentage of completion of the outputs and the type and number of beneficiaries.

See indicators on the log frame
ANSA has a 2 years contract starting in April, 2013. According with our original plan, for the first year we intend to disseminate information on the SUN movement among different players, establish 4 civil society platform (1 Central, and 3 provincial: Inhambane, Tete and Nampula), develop respective terms of reference and Plan of Action; train the members on political framework for nutrition (PAMRDC), basic nutrition concepts and advocacy (focusing on fundraising and lobbying); and organize a national meeting. For the second year we intend to focus on the monitoring and Advocacy activities.

By December, we achieved the planned outputs and in addition completed the Advocacy Strategy, which will be rolled out by the platform organizations members this year (2014); as well as start to design the monitoring tool, for monitoring the platform plan and other stakeholder plans/programs.

We conducted training sessions of platform members in 2013 for the central platform and will do so for the provincial platforms between February and March 2014, which is still within the first 12 months implementation period.

- **Describe any delays in implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices:** If there were delays, explain the nature of the constraints and challenges, actions taken to mitigate future delays and lessons learned in the process. Provide an updated risk analysis (have any of the risks identified during the project design materialized or changed? Are there any new risks?). Were there any programmatic revisions undertaken during the reporting period? Please also include experiences of failure, which often are the richest source of lessons learned.

Although the proposal was approved in December, 2012, the contract was only signed in April, 2013 and the funds were made available by May 31, 2013. All this had implementation implications, which meant that we were only able to start activities in June 2013. Mean while, the coordinator was in place in ANSA from April and therefore had to take care of all the preliminary activities but only able to start the program when funds became available.

The main constraint identified was the fact that those organizations working outside of health/nutrition/food security do not quite understand their role in the SUN movement and how they can contribute to reducing

undernutrition; for others, mainly the national/local organizations (normally small organizations depending on external funding) was lack of resources (ex. travel to and from the meeting place) and not perceiving the advantage of being part of the network, if they not get funds "directly" by being members.

All of this has shown us the importance of conducting training (or capacity building) sessions on the basic concepts and framework of nutrition and to enable organizations working on nutrition sensitive areas to understand their role in the overall nutrition picture. One of the best practices for us is the fact that as civil society platform, we are members of the GT-PAMRDC (which is the technical working group for the coordination of PAMRDC, hosted by SETSAN), and member of the Nutrition Partners Forum (development partners technical working group), which allows us to receive and share information with other SUN stakeholders in country.   In addition, the fact that Government initiated the decentralization process for the elaboration of provincial PAMRDC at the same time as the established of the civil society platforms allowed for civil society to be part of this process from the beginning and advocate for the inclusion of nutrition-sensitive activities in the sectoral plans of action.

- **Qualitative assessment:** Provide a qualitative assessment of the level of overall achievement of the Programme. Highlight key partnerships and explain how such relationships impacted on the achievement of results. Explain cross-cutting issues pertinent to the results being reported on. For Joint Programmes, highlight how UN coordination has been affected in support of achievement of results.

Overall, we are satisfied with the level of implementation, particularly taking in account that most of our outputs planned for the first year implementation were achieved.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	Achieved Indicator Targets	**Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)**	**Source of Verification**
Outcome 1[8] **Indicator:** **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**			
Output 1.1: **Terms of Reference draft available** **Indicator 1.1.1: Terms of Reference approved** **Baseline: none** **Planned Target:**	100%		Document
Output 1.2 : List of organizations working in nutrition, existing networks, and potential members of platform available **Indicator 1.2.1:** Comprehensive list available. Number of organizations invited to be part of the platform at national and provincial levels **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**	Partially done	Used list done by others, mainly the SETSAN members,	
Output 1.3 : Central Level Platform established. Platform ToR approved. Focal Point mandate approved. **Indicator 1.3.1:** Platofrm established. ToR approved. Focal Point approved/ **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	100%		TOR document
Output 1.4 : Civil Society Organizations and local governments aware of SUN, and expressed willingness to become members of platform (CSOs). Local government recognizing SUN. **Indicator 1.4.1:** Number of organizations becoming members of platform at national and target provincies.	Continuous		Commitment and Organizations member list

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[8] Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

Baseline: 0, as CS for SUN moviment **Planned Target:**			
Output 1.5 : Focal points identified in the target provinces. **Indicator 1.5.1:** At least one focal point identified in each of the target provinces. **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	100%		Focal points are mentioned on the ToR
Output 1.6 : Platform representations at provincial levels in place either through dedicated platforms or establishmed of nutrition thematic group within existing platforms and/or forum **Indicator 1.6.1:** Platform representations in place in the target provinces **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	100%		ToR and Commitment Agreement document
Output 1.7 : Platform members meeting regularly **Indicator 1.7.1 :** Platform at national level meeting at least every four months **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	Continuous		Meetings notes
Output 1.8 Working groups for different task areas established and functioning **Indicator 1.8.1 :** Working groups meeting monthly **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	50%	Strategy and action plan for it done	Successful advocacy strategies and actions implemented
Output 1.9 : Platform members at provincial levels meeting regularly **Indicator 1.9.1 :** Provincial platforms meeting every four months **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	Continuous		Meetings notes
Output 1.10 Plan of Action approved by members of platform **Indicator 1.10.1 :** Plan of action approved and in implementation **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	100%		Plan of Action and implementation reports

Output 1.11 : Annual reports, accounts and plans of action approved, as well as critical nutrition issues discussed **Indicator 1.11.1 :** Reports and accounts accurate and approved. **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	50%	Was only done the 2013 annual conference; and it is planned the 2014 one	Annual conference reports
Outcome 2 **Indicator:** **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**			
Output 2.1: Platform members more capable to monitor policies, programmes, financial commitments, flow of funds, actors involved and to advocate on critical issues identified by the Platform **Indicator 2.1.1:** One workshops held by Province. **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	25%	Provincial training workshops planned for Feb.-March, 2014	Training reports.
Outcome 3 **Indicator:** **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**			
Output 3.1: Working group on monitoring established and functioning **Indicator 3.1.1:** Monitoring working group meeting regulary **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	50%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation; however a group was created and is working on the development of the monitoring tools	Group reports
Output 3.2 : Platform concerns and issues presented to the different councils related to the PAMDRC and addressed **Indicator 3.2.1 :** Number and relevance of issues presented to the different councils at the various levels **Baseline:0** **Planned Target:**	Continuous	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Event Notes/reports

Output 3.3 : Monitoring system in place and operational **Indicator 3.3.1:** Monitoring instruments and tools available and in use **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**	25%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation; however a group was created and is working on the development of the monitoring tools	Tools and reports
Output 3.4 : Information and data on adoption and implementation of PAMDRC and other nutrition interventions timely available **Indicator 3.4.1 :** Monitoring system with updated information on PAMDRC and other nutrition intervention **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Reports
Output 3.5 : Quarterly reports on implementation of PAMDRC and on national/regional strategies and plans related to nutrition timely available **Indicator 3.5.1 :** Relevance of issues raised by quarterly reports and timeliness of reports availability **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Reports
Outcome 4 **Indicator:** **Baseline:** **Planned Target:**			
Output 4.1: Working group on advocay established and functioning **Indicator 4.1.1:** Monitoring working group meeting regulary and decisions on issues for advocacy **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	50% (group established; strategy and implementation plan developed)	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Reports
Output 4.2 : Advocacy strategy in place **Indicator 4.2.1 :** Relevance and effectiveness of the advocacy strategy **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	80%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Advocacy strategy

Output 4.3 : Media regularly publishing information on nutritional status of target population groups as well as on the implementation of nutrition related interventions **Indicator 4.3.1** : Number and accuracy of articles/pieces published and/or broadcast by national media on nutritional status of population and on implementation of nutrition related interventions **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Newspapers, radio
Output 4.4 : Information and data collected through the different monitoring exercise shared with relevant sectors/actors, including recommendations for improvement of interventions **Indicator 4.4.1 :** Number, accuracy and relevance of issues raised through platform and verifiable improvements on implementation of PAMDRC and other nutrition initiatives in line with recommendations by platform **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	PAMDRC coordination reports, levels
Output 4.5 : All sectors part of the PAMDRC planning and budgeting activities included in the PAMDRC in their regular planning and budgeting exercises **Indicator 4.5.1 :** Activities of the PAMDRC included in annual plans and budgets of the different government sectors **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Sectoral plans and budgets
Output 4.6 : Nutrition related interventions with sufficient and timely available funds **Indicator 4.6.1 :** Level of funding and nutrition related interventions funded and implemented **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:**	0%	Activity planned for the second year of implementation	Donor agencies financial reports, joint review reports, MoH and other sectors reports

iii) A Specific Story (Optional)
- This could be a success or human story. <u>It does not have to be a success story – often the most interesting and useful lessons learned are from experiences that have not worked</u>. The point is to highlight a concrete example with a story that has been important to your Programme in the reporting period.

  This report only reflects 7 months implementation, which mainly was used to establish the civil society platform/network (central plus in 3 provinces) and agree on the respective ToR, Commitment Declaration and Action Plans.

- In ¼ to ½ a page, provide details on a specific achievement or lesson learned of the Programme. Attachment of supporting documents, including photos with captions, news items etc, is strongly encouraged. The MPTF Office will select stories and photos to feature in the Consolidated Annual Report, the GATEWAY and the MPTF Office Newsletter.

Problem / Challenge faced: Describe the specific problem or challenge faced by the subject of your story (this could be a problem experienced by an individual, community or government).

Programme Interventions: How was the problem or challenged addressed through the Programme interventions?

Result (if applicable): Describe the observable *change* that occurred so far as a result of the Programme interventions. For example, how did community lives change or how was the government better able to deal with the initial problem?

Lessons Learned: What did you (and/or other partners) learn from this situation that has helped inform and/or improve Programme (or other) interventions?

III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)
- Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken.

IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)
- Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs that took place.

V. Resources (Optional)
- Provide any information on financial management, procurement and human resources.
- Indicate if the Programme mobilized any additional resources or interventions from other partners.