

SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



PROGRAMME¹ QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE

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Participating UN Organization:	 World Food Programme wfp.org				
Implementing Partner(s):	Concern Worldwide Malawi				
Programme Number:	#00084721 SUN 02/MWI/004 “Civil Society”				
Programme Title:	“Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Scaling UP Nutrition in Malawi”				
Total Approved Programme Budget:	US\$ 428,000				
Location:	Malawi				
MC Approval Date:	28 th August 2012				
Programme Duration:	3 years	Starting Date:	1 st May 2013	Completion Date:	31 st December 2015
Funds Committed:	US\$ 400,000 project US\$ 28,000 ISC			Percentage of Approved:	100%
Funds Disbursed:	US\$ 103,183			Percentage of Approved:	26%
Expected Programme Duration:	3 years	Forecast Final Date:	30/04/2016	Delay (Months):	4 months

Outcomes:	Achievements/Results:	Percentage of planned:
Outcome 1.1. CSO alliance established and effective in advocacy efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three central/national platform meetings were held in the last quarter. Separate district level nutrition platform meetings were also conducted in Mchinji and Nsanje districts CSONA secretariat participated in a retreat to Strengthen Coordination Mechanisms for the Malawi Nutrition Program that was organized by the Department of Nutrition HIV/AIDS (DNHA) as the focal point. CSONA secretariat ‘s participation in the Regional Advocacy workshop organized 	100% of platform meeting held and engagement on the multi-sectoral platforms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by the Graca Machel Trust Organizational workshop with an appreciative inquiry approach CSONA given a go ahead in maintain its own map of CSOs in the country. 	
Outcome 2.1 Increased resource allocation and commitment to nutrition programmes through effective public awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Day of action where CSONA held a Press briefing and an open day event Nutrition Sensitive paper by CISANET – CSONA is to lead 	N/A
Outcome 3.1 Households engage in aligned interventions that result in uptake of best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Nutrition Platforms have been established in Mchinji and Nsanje districts through generic CSO platforms that have formed a sub-committee for nutrition GDA open day event conducted in Mchinji district 	N/A

Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:

Civil society Organization Nutrition Alliance Nutrition Platforms

- Highlights from the Platform meetings
 - The platform meeting in April focussed on the GDA as a way of building consensus. While the secretariat gave updates on the progress made in planning the event, members fed in their input and defined their roles and commitment for the events. In days leading up to the final event, the secretariat continued to identify forums in which CSONA could engage and raise nutrition issues as well as questions to seek political commitment towards nutrition among aspiring candidates.
 - In the May nutrition platform meeting a review session was organized where members highlighted what went well during the GDA and what needed to be strengthened. While members expressed the event to have launched CSONA's much needed nutrition advocacy efforts it however highlighted how there was need for more engagement from stakeholders especially high level officials from the member representatives especially since this was a global event. The meeting also served as a platform for members to sign off on the videos that were produced for the GDA. A summary report with infographics has been produced and disseminated to members, donors network and government focal point (See annex A).
 - The secretariat and CSONA members that attended the DNHA retreat gave feedback to the June platform meeting. Other upcoming events for engagement and collaboration as well as updates from Secretariat and members were highlighted. Progressio (a member of CSONA) gave an update on progress made towards the placement of a Development Worker in the CSONA secretariat to assist with advocacy and communication amongst its members. Members expressed the need for CSONA to be registered and work on its governance arrangements so that it can start to be taken seriously on the national arena. The secretariat highlighted that the Organizational Workshop would provide the opportunity to streamline CSONA's establishment and come up with a road map on how the secretariat can become independent.

Advocacy initiatives

- Global day of action (Report Annex A)**
Under the theme "Extending the nutrition momentum: fostering sustainable and equitable scaling up of nutrition in all sectors" CSONA engaged itself amongst different platform and organized a press briefing and an open day event for the GDA

- **Press briefing**
The press briefing was purposely held on the eve of The World Press Freedom Day which is centered on the theme: Reaching New Goals: Free Media Fortifies the Post 2015 Development Agenda. The aim of the press briefing was to explore how different media house both print and electronic can raise visibility of issues to do with nutrition. CSONA called upon media houses to give nutrition a voice and visibility as a quest for nutrition to reach on the new development agenda post 2015. The press briefing had an attendance of 16 journalists from different media houses who committed to give nutrition a platform in the media. Journalists were also urged to attend the open day event so as to see what CSOs are implementing.
- **Open day event**
The open day event was held in collaboration with World Vision International Global Week of Action. Held at WalilANJI, Simumbe Village in Mchinji District the open day event showcased nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific interventions by CSO as a way of contributing to national nutrition efforts. The event was attended by Principal Secretary (PS) for DNHA Mrs. Edith Mkawa (as the Guest of Honor), 8 district Executive Committee for Mchinji 9 Journalists from different media houses, 30+ CSONA members, 10 Grassroots CSONA member, 8 councilors, 30 extension workers, 100 school children, 20 women groups, 8 entertainment groups, 50 community Leaders - chiefs and clergy and 1,000+ community members (included men, women and children).
- **Outcomes of the GDA**
 - Following the press briefing CSONA was featured in 7 articles and programs which included 2 print Medias, 2 electronic Media and 5 national radio programs. A national radio station who hosts a regular “Round table Live” programme on Sundays has tentatively agreed to host a programme on nutrition where we will discuss the governments commitments to nutrition.
 - CSONA asked every invited guest to make a pledge within their capacity towards nutrition during the open day event. In their speeches the PS for DNHA Mrs. Edith Mkawa as a high level government official made a commitment to work closely with the Ministry of Gender to revive deployment of home craft workers to assist people in the rural areas to deliver nutrition messages and best practices. The District Welfare office made a commitment to ensure that the 2% budget allocation for nutrition in Mchinji to be used for nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions. Community-based organizations committed to working with organizations to deliver nutrition interventions through partnerships. Community leaders pledged to continue to use different village meetings to raise nutrition awareness. Eight aspiring councilors signed CSONA pledge forms to ensure that nutrition is prioritized in the district implementation plans and to ensure that equitable resources are allocated to nutrition at district level.
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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/y2ewqoa2wyx8yjl/CSONA%20stunting%20video.mp4>

Engagement within other stakeholders and platforms

- **Regional Advocacy for nutrition and food security workshop – Graca Machel Trust**
 - CSONA participated in a regional advocacy nutrition and food security workshop in Johannesburg South Africa. This was a side meeting that was followed by the Partners Forum of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) of which CSONA also participated. The side advocacy meeting had 12 civil society network representatives from Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania. The aim of the side meeting was for the three countries to share experiences and agree on common issues to advocate for at a regional level. CSONA

gave a presentation on the status of nutrition in the country, the governance and coordination of nutrition at national and sub-national levels, what is working well and/or not working well as well as how CSONA is organised and engaged in initiatives to improve the nutrition outcomes in your countries.

- The trust intends to work with civil society and other stakeholders to conduct nutrition advocacy at the national level. By hearing how civil society is organised at national level, or sub-regional level (if at all), the trust intended to identify common issues, articulate advocacy targets, frame the priorities and map a way forward on how the advocacy issues can be addressed both nationally and as country alliances in the Southern African Development Commission (SADC) region.
- **Highlights of the meeting**
 - The side meeting was opened by Graça Machel herself in which she urged country representatives to own the nutrition agenda and drive it on the political and economic forum. While there is evidence being built on the global level governments need to own their own initiatives and use the existing strategies and commitments at the regional level to leverage resources for nutrition.
 - Breaking out into plenary groups, country representatives come up with advocacy targets which formed a basis for mapping out regional level priorities, targets for allies, steps and process as well as measurements of progress.
 - On the second day USAID, DFID and Bill Gates Foundation joined the meeting and gave their presentations on their priorities and commitments towards nutrition to the country representatives and Graça Machel herself. A consolidated feedback presentation of the 5 top priority advocacy areas for nutrition and food security was also presented to Graça Machel and the development partners.
- With a regional advocacy position of “expanding ownership, commitment and implementation of nutrition”, the following were the agreed regional advocacy priorities for nutrition;
 - Awareness and understanding about nutrition across the region to build commitment and ownership for nutrition outcomes.
 - Strengthen the capacity (number and skills) of people, institutions, systems and networks and CSOs for implementation of programmes.
 - Increase domestic resource mobilization/budget allocation for nutrition including having multi-sectoral funding streams that leverage funds for small grass-root groups and identify new and innovating financing mechanisms.
 - Transform existing commitments by member states into actions that are nutrition sensitive by influencing high level leaders at regional level in AU, NEPAD, COMESA, SADC, IPU, Pan African Parliament
 - Strengthen accessibility of evidence/information on nutrition to guide action through cost of hunger studies, nutrition policy briefs and nutrition briefs.

- **Partners Forum**

- The third PMCNH forum had more than 800 leaders and public health experts (including governments, civil society organizations and the private sector) from around the world. Opened by Graça Machel, Chair of PMNCH and African Ambassador for Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed, the forum landmarked a two-day meeting in Johannesburg to review new data and call for accelerated action to improve maternal, newborn and child health.
- In support of the UN Secretary-General's Every Woman Every Child movement, the Partners' Forum built on two months of high-level meetings in Toronto, Prague, and Washington, DC, where global leaders and health experts met to discuss strategies to promote the health of women and children.
- Highlights of the forum

- Leaders discussed steps to assist countries that have lagged behind in efforts to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, and made specific recommendations for how to maintain the focus on women and children within the post-2015 development agenda.
- Participants pledged their financial and policy support and a range of new resources to support the implementation of the new Every Newborn action plan (ENAP), a roadmap to improve newborn health and prevent stillbirths by 2035.
- Substantial progress has been made in ensuring survival of women and children; little has been done in development. There needs to be a balance of survive and thrive. Strong evidence now shows that that early interventions such as nutrition have long term benefits in child development. Nutrition needs to be integrated in every child's development to protect the child from inequalities in the future.
- There is need for a vibrant progress tracking and measuring of results. Importance of statistical data that is disintegrated that needs to start with good information systems was highlighted.
- To ensure development partners rally behind country plans and avoid compromising the capacities in country, consideration should be given to establishing basket funding mechanisms where countries can use the funds according to their priorities.
- There is need for a multi-sectoral approach to maternal and child health. Investments and integration to be made in health, education, agriculture, nutrition, infrastructure etc.
- Innovative partnerships and commitments need to be domesticated so that countries can properly own the processes and deliver them. Capacities within countries should not be undermined if programs are to be people centred. There is need to build capacities on the ground to restore dignity and commitment in countries.
- Barriers to nutrition integration are attributed to money being earmarked to specific programs that do not allow integration. There are limited packages that do not look at the big picture. As such malnutrition to be argued from an economic perspective rather than a moral one.

- **Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA)**

- CSONA was invited and participated in the Cost of Hunger in Malawi validation workshop where different government departments, development partners, civil societies and business stakeholders were present.
- The COHA which led to the Africa's Renewed Initiative for Stunting Elimination (ARISE 2025), is led by the African Union Commission (AUC) that was resolved in the 2010 AU Summit. It seeks to bring together regional efforts on the reduction of child under nutrition in Africa. The goal of ARISE 2025 is to support member states to eliminate child under nutrition in Africa by 2025, more specifically, bring down stunting to 10% and underweight to 5% by 2025. This initiative aims will build both institutional and individual capacities and campaign for multi-sectoral approaches.
- The aim of the workshop was to validate the initial Malawi data, discuss findings and make recommendations for improvements and way forward. The workshop presented the findings that estimated the economic and social impact of hunger and malnutrition in Malawi.
- Highlights of the workshop
 - Malawi has only had a 5% reduction in stunting was shown which showed stagnated performance in reduction of stunting compared to 12 countries.
 - The economic costs were very high in the productivity of the country which forms a basis for argument and evidence for advocacy.

- **Nutrition Thematic Group meeting organized by CISANET**

- CSONA participated in a Nutrition Thematic Group meeting organized by Civil Society

Agricultural Network (CISNAET) - a member of CSONA. The aim of the meeting was explore ways in which Malawi can build a nutrition sensitive agriculture to enhance food and nutrition as well as social protection. The meeting drew representatives from government sectors, development partners/donors, civil societies, business sectors as well as networks. Members of the meeting urged CISNAET to conduct its nutrition sensitive advocacy through CSONA as they are the lead in the nutrition advocacy. As a way forward, CSONA and CISANET agreed to sit down and draw its advocacy priority areas and to work hand-in-hand in identifying platforms and raising nutrition on the national agenda.

Dialogue and engagement with government

- Retreat on strengthening coordination mechanisms for the Malawi nutrition program
 - The government focal point (DNHA) organized a retreat to Strengthen Coordination Mechanisms for the Malawi Nutrition Program from 4th - 5th June 2014. The retreat was attended by various representatives from public sectors, CSONA and its members, donors and government development partners that included; UNICEF, DFID, IRISH AID, FANTA, World Bank, WFP, CEIDA,EU and USAID. The retreat aimed to present nutrition findings gathered from the consultations on committees and to solicit input from stakeholders on reviewing TORs of all national nutrition committees and other groups so as to clearly mainstream and d define rules of engagement among stakeholders.
 - Findings from the consultations
 - From the findings it was highlighted that there were too many nutrition meetings that were being held at national level. In addition the, while the Donors group met regularly the government development partners for nutrition hardly meet. As for the multi-sectoral platform meetings while they were consistent, they had a wide range of representatives as a result issues were rarely discussed in-depth to capture and deliberate critical issues. The consultant also highlight how there were several overlap between committees and there is lack of linkages between them, unclear reporting and accountability mechanisms of committees low levels of monitoring and evaluation of nutrition committees
 - Outcomes and way forward of the retreat
 - The TORs of all committees and groups (including DoNuts and CSONA) were reviewed as well the rules of engagement were outlined (Draft rules of engagement for CSONA Annex B)
 - There is need to mainstream and refine membership of each committee/group so that they are functional and contribute to the overall
 - CSONA to carry out its mapping exercise so as to maintain its updated CSONA
 - The consultants to come up with a final consolidated document on the TORs based on feedback from the meeting. DNHA is to circulate the TOR documents to relevant stakeholders for final input. DNHA to call for a wrap up meeting on TORs

District Nutrition platforms

- Having expressed the need for a CSO mapping exercise in the DNHA retreat workshop, stakeholders were in agreement that CSONA has to carry out its own mapping exercise. As one if its rules of engagement it was agreed that CSONA is to maintain an updated landscape of all nutrition CSOs, including programmes, resource flow/funding, implemented activities as well as contributions to indicators etc. During its platform meeting members of CSONA suggested that a TOR be developed to take advantage and facilitate the process of the mapping exercise. As a way forward a meeting was held with the Nsanje district (generic) CSO platform whereby a sub-committee for nutrition was established. The meeting was attended by representatives from various CSOs and CBOs in Nsanje including: NICE, Action Aid, Red Cross society, SURCOD and CWW. The PSO CSONA conducted a mapping exercise of Nsanje CBOs. The PSO CSONA visited all the

9 CBO networks in Nsanje from 18th June to 20th June 2014. Networks visited included Tengani, Mbenje, Mlolo, Malemia, Nyachikadza, Makoko, Ngabu, Chimombo and Ndamera with 115 CBOs in total.

- CSONA is to organize a meeting with the CSO nutrition thematic group and liaise with the nominated chair on dates of the thematic group. The nominated chair is to then send a mapping template to those CSOs that were not present in meeting
- From the meeting it was observed that most of the CBOs lacked skills in advocacy, knowledge in nutrition sensitivity interventions as well as mainstreaming of nutrition objectives in their activities which is attributed to lack of funding.
- There is need for the CBO network committee to influence the relevant CBOs to have a food and nutrition thematic group in the various support networks (they exist but it's not compulsory)

Challenges

- No clear linkage between CBO networks and district CSO network as such NGOs working in the various areas create separate structures for nutrition activities instead of using existing CBO structures which would have sustainable impact on nutrition. However CSONA through the Nutrition Education Communication Strategy in direct coordination with the government focal points hopes to reinvigorate through its awareness campaigns
- Until it is registered as an independent network CSONA is being seen as advancing a hidden agenda of the host organisation. A proper governance structure with a vibrant advisory body need to be identified to ensure it is functional and serves its purpose. However currently secretariat is advancing in its coordination efforts but lacks a decision making body to advise it.
- Balancing working with government actors on shared goals, while also trying to hold government accountable. Government counterparts may seek to influence the messages of the nutrition alliance, requiring diplomacy to maintain independence and good relations.
- Without a clear advocacy and communication strategy, CSONA is only engaging in advocacy initiatives on the peripheral by identifying already existing platforms. Clear mission, objectives, and identification of a common and shared framework are essential for attracting members, and must be communicated clearly through different channels. In addition roles of member organization as well as membership of CSONA should be clearly defined and mainstreamed within different nutrition efforts of members

Way forward

- Organizational development workshop in mid-August 2014 (TORS have already been adopted and advertised).
- Development of an advocacy and communication strategy following the organization workshop and placement of the Development worker from Progressio (CSONA member)
- Mapping and establishment of at least 10 districts by the end of the quarter (September 2014)
- Development and launch of the Nutrition Sensitive paper (led by Save the Children International through CSONA) by September 2014

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



Event Report: Global Day of Action “Extending the nutrition momentum: Fostering sustainable and equitable scaling-up of nutrition in all sectors”

What was the event about?

Under the theme “*Extending the nutrition momentum: Fostering sustainable and equitable scaling-up of nutrition in all sectors*”, this year’s Malawi Global Day of Action (GDA) open day event aimed to showcase nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions implemented by CSOs across the country. Preceded by a series of activities which included a press briefing, the GDA did not fall short in generating hype, visibility as well as opportunity for different stakeholders to interact and network. With several opportunities for engagement existing on the global level, locally, Malawi held its first ever tripartite elections on May 20th 2014. The elections could not have come at an opportune time for CSONA. It gave a chance for CSONA to step up advocacy on nutrition to ensure that the visibility of nutrition is high on the political agenda in the run up to elections and that it achieves traction in the national development framework after the elections. It gave an opportunity to lay the foundation for post-election advocacy so as to follow-and influence aspiring candidates to make traceable commitments to address a set of clearly laid out nutrition issues. Aspiring candidates therefore signed pledge forms that committed them to prioritize nutrition and ensure equitable resources are allocated to nutrition.

Where did the event take place?

Besides identifying key public platforms/debates/forums to raise nutrition issues through 4 key questions and to stimulate interest for the GDA, CSONA organized two major events;

- **Press briefing**
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- District Executive Committee for Mchinji (8)
 - Journalists from different media houses (9)
 - Civil Society Organization Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) members (30+)
 - Grassroots CSONA members (10)
 - Councilors (8)
 - Extension workers (30)
 - School children (100)
 - Women groups (20)
 - Entertainment groups (8)
 - Community Leaders - chiefs and clergy (50)
 - 1,000+ community members (Men, women and children)
- Activities for the event included inspection of a model village that presented the integration of agriculture and elements of Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) into nutrition, inspection of marquees of 11 CSONA members setting out their nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive strategies and practices, entertainment by community, including performance of a theme song that was written and produced by a local Malawian band called Jerere, and speeches from stakeholders and the guest of honor.
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- **Engagement and Visibility**

To facilitate the two major CSONA events, the following activities were carried out

 - Development of IEC materials (posters and banners) to increase the visibility of nutrition during the time of elections and encourage people to vote for leaders that included nutrition in their agenda. The IEC materials were used during the week of activities that lead up to the GDA open day event.
 - Production of theme songs and jingle to played on different radio stations and performed during the open event. Two videos covering the GDA open event and stunting in Malawi were also produced.
 - CSONA developed 4 key nutrition questions for aspiring candidates that were used at national level debate/forums to highlight nutrition as an economic issue. Alongside the key asks were pledge forms that aspiring candidates signed committing themselves to nutrition once elected into office. CSONA attended 3 out of the 4 national level debates where the key nutrition asks were tabled.
- **Outcomes**
 - Following the press briefing CSONA was featured in 8 articles and programs which included 3 print Medias, 2 electronic Media and 5 national radio programs. A national radio station who hosts a regular "Round table Live"

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 GDA open event video CSONA stunting in Malawi
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• **Lesson Learned**

What went well	What needs to be strengthened
Good coordination and contribution from CSONA members	Roles and responsibilities of CSONA members contributing to the event should be clearly defined and adhered to before and after the event.
Engagement with the media prior to the event creates momentum towards the event and sparks interest of all stakeholders.	Time limitations of the event
Great participation from CSONA members which allowed for networking	Simple fact sheet and ensure that CSONA members agree in advance
Well planned activities with relevant messages	Ample planning time. Being a major global event, the planning process should be done early as possible and commitments for resource allocation should be established well in advance
The event raised awareness of CSONA and cemented the team spirit among members	A proper line of overall decision making and arrangements should be in line with the taskforce's mandate.
There was a good mix of pavilions i.e. both nutrition-sensitive and nutrition specific which conveyed comprehensive messages to the villagers	Early advertising prior to the event is needed to ensure that there is both coordination, collaboration and visibility of all activities
Filming of the event and the production of two videos	There was little coordination with DNHA and development partners. Coordination with the SUN taskforce and the Multi-sectoral platforms ensures that there is more publicity and commitment amongst members.
Taking advantage of already existing platforms/campaigns/actions elevates the contribution from members financially and in kind.	Attendance of top-management staff from CSONA members.
The event was covered by local and international media	

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

MALAWI - 2014

FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE SCALING UP OF NUTRITION IN ALL SECTORS



This year's Global Day of Action (GDA) towards nutrition showed the Civil Society Nutrition Organization Alliance building momentum through a series of events that involved journalist, aspiring candidates for the 2014 Malawi Tripartite Elections and an Open day Event that showcased CSOs nutrition interventions.



Community members at the open day event



CSONA Project Manager, Tisungeni Zimpita, and Project Officer Virginia Mzuzu at a round table debate lobbying politicians to pledge for nutrition and keep the promise when elected into office.

CSONA members at a Press briefing on the eve of World Press Freedom Day to draw media houses into nutrition dialogue



Principal Secretary (PS) of the Department of Nutrition HIV and AIDS (DNHA), Mrs Edith Mkawa, the guest of honour at the GDA inspects a homestead of a nutrition champion promoting nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive technologies

"As we commence our activities for the GDA we propose that nutrition be a corner stone of the media's quest to reach new development goals beyond 2015. We call upon national leaders, the government, aspiring candidates, faith-based organizations, civil society organizations and development partners to come on board and take up their active roles in contributing to an enabling environment to invest in nutrition for growth"

Tisungeni Zimpita - CSONA Project manager



"Our office is working with the Ministry of Gender to revive home craft workers to be deployed in communities across the country to assist people in rural areas to messages and best practices of nutrition"

Mrs Edith Mkawa - PS, DNHA



Nutrition champion Dyson Officer and his wife in front of their model home



7 politicians pledge to ensure that key interventions that improve the nutrition status of children within the 1st 1000 days are allocated sufficient financial resources to be fully implemented



MALNUTRITION IS A SOCIAL INJUSTICE. INVESTING IN MALNUTRITION IS A SMART CHOICE

Draft Rules of engagement

1. Roles and responsibilities of CSONA

- a. Maintain an updated landscape of all nutrition CSOs, including programmes, resource flow/funding, implemented activities as well as contributions to indicators etc.
- b. Facilitate and engage specific stakeholders to reinforce accountability according to their mandates (targeted engagement with stakeholders for accountability)
- c. Information sharing and dissemination through CSONA platform meetings at all levels
- d. Provide a platform to coordinate efforts aimed at influencing key decision-makers, CSOs and other key policy makers on policy implementation and enforcement of key legislature.
- e. To provide a coordinated evidence-based advocacy by facilitating documentation and dissemination of emerging nutrition issues, best practices, emerging issues and other issues on the global agenda

2. What are our expectations from partners?

a. Development Partners & United Nation Agencies

- i. Funding for CSO operations
- ii. Support CSOS to build their technical and coordination capacities
- iii. Align themselves to the national agenda, harmonize, rationalize and go beyond individual interest and visibility
- iv. Facilitating the documentation and dissemination of best practices including evidence in various priority areas. Promote action to the global agendas for instance the Nutrition for Growth.

b. Public Sector

- i. Create an enabling environment for access to information to ensure for coordination including CSO

- ii. Take the lead and display high level commitment in all nutrition activities
- iii. Provide adequate networking platforms where CSONA can voice out issues and provides a profile raising for CSONA e.g. committee meetings with Parliament, cabinet, national nutrition committee and retreats.

c. DNHA

- i. Take a leading role to coordinate all sectors and partners
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