

# SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



## PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE – YEAR 2014


*as of Quarter no2 of Year 2014: April to June 2014*

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<b>Participating UN Organization:</b>	 <b>World Food Programme</b> wfp.org				
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Save the Children Nepal				
<b>Programme Number:</b>	#00087074 SUN02/NPL/007				
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Engaging civil society organizations in advocating and sustaining political will for government action for scaling up nutrition				
<b>Total Approved Programme Budget:</b>	US\$428,000.00				
<b>Location:</b>	Nepal				
<b>MC Approval Date:</b>	28/08/2012				
<b>Programme Duration:</b>	29 months	<b>Starting Date:</b>	1 Aug 2013	<b>Completion Date:</b>	31 Dec 2015
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US\$ 400,000 project US\$ 28,000 ISC			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	\$ 114,459			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	28%
<b>Expected Programme Duration:</b>	29 months	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	31 Dec 2015	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Achievements/Results:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
<b>Outcome 1: To establish a strong, sustainable and inclusive civil society</b>	<b>Action Plan Development:</b> The Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal secretariat has reviewed the previous activities and drafted a detailed action plan for the period of June to December 2014 in coordination with CSANN members. The next year planning will be held in December 2014. <i>(Please find the detail action plan in annex1)</i>	<b>Completed/ On-going</b>

<p><b>alliance on nutrition from all sectors</b></p>	<p><b>Network Support Officer hired:</b> The CSANN secretariat has been established at Nepal Nutrition Foundation. Referring to the decision of CSANN executive committee meeting, Ms. Prativa AC has been recruited as a focal person of CSANN and will be working at the CSANN secretariat to facilitate strong coordination among CSANN members.</p> <p><b>Exploratory visit to district</b> – The exploratory visit from 17-19 June 2014, was made by CSANN members to Saptarai district. The visit team composed of 8 members (4 male &amp; 4 female) and included the CSANN Co-chair, board members, INGOs representation and a journalist. Local community, Health Facilities, Nutrition Rehabilitation Home and District Line Agencies at Saptari were visited. The visit was initiated by CSANN and jointly supported Save the Children and ACF.</p> <p>The main purpose of the visit was to understand the nutrition architecture in the district and to observe and get an understanding of the kind of programs being implemented on nutrition in Saptari district. The visit helped to explore the possibility, need and demand of establishing a CSO alliance at district level to take on nutrition issues from grass root levels for advocacy at both district and national levels. The visit also helped CSANN EC members in understanding the nutrition scenario of the district and in identifying nutrition related issues for advocacy. The visit also gave an opportunity to coordinate and interact with Civil Society Organization (CSOs), and Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee members for Siraha and Saptari. As a result of this visit, CSANN has initiated the establishment of a district level alliance to identify community level issues that can be raised at the national level to directly benefit the target group. <i>(Please find the detail report is in annex 2)</i></p> <p><b>A matrix of CSOs contributing on nutrition in Saptari district: -A list of</b> Civil society organizations contributing on nutrition in the district has been developed. These CSOs are organizations from multi sectors. There is a plan to organize a consultative meeting with them and facilitate the formal establishment of a district level civil society alliance which will be further linked up with the national alliance. <i>(Please find the detail matrix is in annex 3)</i></p> <p><b>District alliance ToR has been developed:</b> A need has been felt to establish a district alliance to bring forward the nutrition issues and advocate them at the national level through CSANN. The plan is to pilot this in some districts in the initial stage. The selection criteria include accessible vs. remote district, Multi Sectorial Nutrition Plan (MSNP) piloting district vs. MSNP not initiated district, high vs. low volume programme districts, CSOs good presence, and networking district. The CSANN has drafted a district ToR for district level alliance for wider sharing and bringing the district alliance in line with national alliance.</p> <p><b>Wider meeting sharing the draft ToR and formal establishment of District level Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal:</b> CSANN executive meeting</p>	
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	<p>has planned a consultative meeting with CSOs at Saptari district for 21 July 2014. The event has been planned with the objective of forming a district alliance, identifying the role of the executive committee, developing and finalizing a draft action plan.</p> <p><b>CSANN logo finalization:</b> The CSANN logo has been finalized and widely accepted by CSANN members for branding and marketing. Logo will be used for internal and external communication purpose.</p> <p><b>Logo Color:</b> The colors used match the colors of the logo of SUN (scaling up nutrition) color.</p>  <p><b>Signature:</b> The top round sign represents that the different seven multi sectorial representatives are sitting on a round table for discussing on multi sectorial Nutrition Plan of Nepal and they are working together for improving the poor nutrition situation in Nepal.</p> <p><b>Text:</b> The alignment of text represents the alliance and the full form is underlined.</p> <p><b>The Green Leaf:</b> The green leaf represents as nutritious, healthy, active, independent, a subject/mode of alignment.</p> <p><b>CSANN in social media like facebook and twitter pages:</b> A CSANN page has been created in facebook and twitter for campaigning on nutrition in social networking site. It will also help to share the information on wider scale. Please find the link at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Civil-Society-Alliance-for-Nutrition-Nepal-CSANN/1563624467202339?ref_type=bookmark">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Civil-Society-Alliance-for-Nutrition-Nepal CSANN/1563624467202339?ref_type=bookmark</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://twitter.com/CSANN1">https://twitter.com/CSANN1</a></li> </ul> <p><b>CSANN website:</b> The website for CSANN is under construction. The website will help CSOs to share information among each other and advocate for and report on the response to malnutrition in Nepal. The website will be the property of CSANN and the secretariat is responsible to update it regularly. The CSANN secretariat is coordinating to develop the website. This portal will also make the efforts of the alliance transparent and available to the wider audience.</p>	
<p><b>Outcome 2: Strengthen the capacity of the civil society to</b></p>	<p><b>Civil society presence on Multi Sectors committees:</b> National Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee (NNFSS) has formed 3 sub-committees; Multi-Sector Advocacy and Communication Committee and Monitoring and</p>	<p><b>on-going</b></p>

<p><b>influence policy design, implementation and monitoring and to build relations with government and the donor community</b></p>	<p>Evaluation Committee and Capacity Building Committee. Civil Society presence has been ensured on the Multi-Sector Advocacy and Communication Committee and Monitoring and Evaluation Committees. The CSANN participated in the Multi-Sector Advocacy and Communication working Group meeting on 8 July 2014 which was organized by National Planning Commission (NPC). The main objectives of the meeting was to share the Multi-sector Advocacy and Communication Strategy (Nepali version), share the design of national nutrition and food security logo and share information about the advocacy and communication home page of the Nutrition Portal.</p> <p><b>Advocacy and Communication Strategy for CSANN:</b> The Civil Society Alliance in Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) organized a two day’ workshop on “Advocacy and Communication Strategy Development” on 28 and 29 May 2014 at Hotel View Bhrikuti, Godavari with representation of National planning Commission (NPC), Nepal Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS) and Child Health Division (CHD). The workshop was technically and financially supported by Save the Children International. Members from different Civil Society Organizations including journalists participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Dr. Ritu Prasad Gartaula from Maxpro. A total of 41 participants involved in the workshop (16 Female and 25 Male).</p> <p>The main objective of the workshop was to develop the advocacy and communication strategy, including indicators and measurement tools, for the alliance. The National Planning Commission and Child Health Division presented “Joint Advocacy and Communication Strategy” and “Nutrition Strategy” respectively to orient the Civil Society Organization members and brainstorm on the role of CSOs. The workshop helped to identify nutrition issues and target groups for advocacy at national, district and VDC/community levels and development of communication messages.</p> <p>Mr. Bishnu Prasad Nepal, Joint Secretary of NPC; Dr. Uma Koirala, CSANN chairperson, Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan from NPC, Mr. Giri Raj Subedi from CHD, Mr. Jhabindra Bhandari from National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat and Mr. Atma Ram Pandey, Ex- Secretary were present in the workshop. <i>(Please find the detail workshop report in annex 4)</i></p> <p><b>Capacity building of CSANN members on MSNP and SUN movement:</b> CSO alliance members need to be well aware on the Multi Sectorial Nutritional Plan of the government in order to assist in its effective implementation through evidence based advocacy. . It has been felt that many CSANN members need to have an understanding about MSNP and SUN movement and the role of CSOs for the proper implementation of MSNP. One day orientation on MSNP has been planned for 25 July 2014 for CSANN members. The programme will be facilitated by NPC/NNFSS. The forum will also be used to review, plan events and update CSANN members.</p>	
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	<p><b>Terms of Reference (TOR) to develop capacity assessment tools and conduct needs assessment on Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Monitoring &amp; Evaluation:</b></p> <p>Civil society actors play a vital role in improving the level of awareness of the community people, conduct awareness raising advocacy campaigns and sensitize policy makers to prioritize nutrition agenda at the national level. Therefore skills assessment is needed to identify existing capacity of CSO members and develop a capacity development plan which will help CSOs to initiate and lead advocacy activities/campaigns to bring changes at the national, district, regional and central/policy levels. The ToR for the capacity assessment has been developed to design capacity assessment tools and carry out skills assessment of the CSOs in policy advocacy, budget analysis and monitoring and evaluation. The tools development workshop has been planned for in July 2014. <i>(Please find the ToR in annex 5)</i></p>	
<p><b>Outcome 3: To mobilize CSOS to advocate for and report on the response to malnutrition in Nepal, including develop proposals and recommendations to improve the response</b></p>	<p><b>CSANN joining hands with IDS on Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HANCI), Evidence for Policy Advocacy:</b> CSANN has gone into partnership with Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in Nepal. CSANN members have drafted advocacy messages in the HANCI workshop held in April 2014.</p> <p>The future plan is to develop clear and succinct advocacy messages and conduct an outreach event for key government officials where CSANN will present the key advocacy messages.</p> <p><b>Joining hand on Generation Campaign</b></p> <p>On 20 June, 2014 fifteen members of CSANN participated on the first brainstorming meeting to discuss about the possibility of launch an advocacy campaign – called Generation Nutrition. The campaign aims to stop child deaths from acute malnutrition, an issue at the core of the alliance work and a central focus of our advocacy to date. The CSANN decided to be a part of Generation Nutrition to promote the fight against under nutrition in the country in line with CSANN's Term of Reference. Action against Hunger (ACF), another INGO working in the nutrition sector in Nepal committed to support the alliance.</p> <p><b>Advocacy message development (in native language)</b></p> <p>The CSANN has drafted advocacy messages with a focus on government ministries and with a aim to their draw attention towards prioritizing nutrition as a development agenda. It has been developed in Nepali language.<i>(Please see the annex 6)</i></p> <p><b>Succumbed specific points to include on National Health Policy</b></p> <p>Nutrition Section, Child Health Division, Government of Nepal circulated the draft new National Health Policy of Nepal with request to have necessary comments on key observations/points to have comprehensive policy (heading 5.5.7). The policy had less focus on nutrition and needed to incorporate</p>	<p><b>on-going</b></p>

	comprehensive and multi-sectorality actions in nutrition. The CSANN members reviewed the draft and included 4 more points on nutrition part of the policy document. The feedback has been provided to the chief of Nutrition Section and to Policy, Planning and International Cooperation Division (PPICD), Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to incorporate in the policy document. <i>(Please find the added points in annex 7)</i>	
<b>CSANN Executive Committee Meeting</b>	The CSANN executive committee meeting is being regularly held on the last Friday of every month. Additional meetings are organized for preparation of different events. Invitation email with agenda is circulated through CSANN secretariat before the meeting. Costs associated with the meeting are borne by Save the Children. In this period (April to June 2014), a total of 5 EC meetings have been conducted and more than 90 percent of the members have been present in all of the meetings. <i>(Please find the detail meeting agenda with decision in annex 8)</i>	<b>Regular</b>
<b>SUN Teleconference Meeting</b>	The executive chair represented CSANN on SUN teleconference meeting at NNFSS schedule on 22 April and 19 June 2014 where the CSANN chair updated/ shared progress on CSO engagement in Nepal. Regular representation from CSANN has been ensured in future meetings..	<b>Regular</b>
<b>SUN self-assessment workshop</b>	The CSOs members participated in the SUN self-assessment workshop for Scaling Up nutrition (SUN) movement on 27 May 2014 that brought together a range of stakeholders to assess the progress of each stakeholder group and collective progress in implementing SUN in Nepal. One day workshop was organized by National Planning Commission in coordination with Nutrition Section of Child Health Division, MoHP which offered an opportunity for the national multi-stakeholder platform to self-assess their performances and progress in relation to the process indicators for SUN. This workshop also reinforced the capacity of the stakeholders to work towards achieving their priorities related to SUN progress The CSO group scored against the indicators and assessed their efforts and progress made towards achieving SUN. <i>(The detail report is in annex 9)</i>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Involvement on IYCF action plan development</b>	CSANN members participated and led the group on “capacity building and research/monitoring & evaluation” theme to develop action plan on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) scheduled on 5 to 6 May 2014. The meeting was organized by Child Health Division, Department of Health Services.	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Meeting at CHD and NPC/NNFSS</b>	The CSANN secretariat organized a meeting with NPC key staffs, CHD and SWC members on May, June and July 2014. The main objective of the meetings were familiarization/update of CSANN establishment and its scope of work for joint commitment on advocating priority nutrition issues as an important national development agenda from different levels. CSANN initiated to have linkages and networking up-to the grassroots levels, bring community issues to national level and advocate/lobby with relevant stakeholders to	<b>Regular</b>

	address them properly. CSANN members represented on nutrition cluster meeting at CHD. <i>(please find the meeting notes in annex 10)</i>	
<b>Membership with Journalist</b>	The CSANN has included a journalist for media (both print and electronic) campaigning in the team.	<b>Done</b>
<b>CSANN EC members' focal person detail</b>	The details of the focal person of CSANN EC member organization were prepared in data base sheet. <i>(please find the detail information in annex 11)</i>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>CSANN member organizations' detail</b>	The details of CSANN EC member organization were prepared in data base sheet. <i>(please find the detail information in annex 12)</i>	<b>Completed/Regular update</b>
<b>Publication</b>	A booklet of Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) has been published. The document is major advocacy initiative of SUN MPTF project. The booklet provides information about CSANN and updates of major activities conducted from January to June 2014. <i>(please find the publication document in annex 13)</i>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Regular updating and sharing at global level</b>	Nepal's achievement and progress has been regularly updated and shared with the global coordinator for SUN CSO. A webinar was organized to share the experiences in SUN countries in Asia and CSO from Nepal represented the webinar. The aim of the webinar was to share successful country experiences in mobilizing governments to promote, protect and support breastfeeding, discuss opportunities and challenges in implementing breastfeeding programmes and stimulate action in countries to improve breastfeeding practices based on the lessons learned.	<b>Ongoing</b>

#### **Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:**

This report records the progress achieved from 1 April to 30 June 2014. The main objectives for the period were to strengthen the newly established CSANN secretariat, make the alliance widely accepted and recognized by different stakeholders, and establish a system of networking and interacting with different stakeholders for common nutrition issues. The CSANN executive committee has placed a focal person at CSANN secretariat to have strong coordination among CSANN members. The CSANN action plan has been developed for until December 2014. A logo has been finalized and CSANN facebook and twitter pages were opened for sharing and campaigning through social media. The CSANN website development is in process. Several organizations are sending membership request. Membership decisions are taken by CSANN EC.

The CSANN has initiated the establishment of a district level alliance which will be piloted in selected districts. The district alliance will help to bring the nutrition issues from the community for advocacy at the national level. There is a plan to select a district based on certain criteria which include accessible vs. remote district, MSNP piloting district vs. MSNP not initiated district, high vs. low volume programme districts, CSOs good presence, and networking district. A district ToR has been drafted by CSANN for wider sharing and bringing the district alliance in chain with national alliance. It has been started with Saptari district. A detail matrix of

CSOs contributing on nutrition at Saptari district has been developed to organize consultative meeting which is planned for 21 July 2014.

The CSANN made a visit to Saptari and Siraha district on June 2014. During the visit, the members interacted with the Musahar community from Sunsari district to explore the nutrition scenario and understand the nutrition issues that can be brought from grass root level to advocate at the district and national level to improve the battle against under nutrition. The visit also gave the opportunity to coordinate and interact with Civil Society Organization (CSOs) and Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee. During the period, CSANN organized two days' workshop entitled "Advocacy and Communication Strategy Development Workshop" on 28 to 29 May 2014 among CSANN members. The first draft of advocacy and communication strategy is developed which includes indicators and measurement tools. A plan was made to share the strategy with CSANN members on 25 July 2014. The document includes key issues on nutrition and target groups for advocacy at national, district and VDC/community levels with specific communication messages. The document has had inputs from national stakeholders at all levels and now is ready to be reviewed by international colleagues for global alignment and to gather observations from a broader perspective.

The executive chair represented CSANN in the SUN teleconference meeting at NPC/NNFSS in this quarter. The members represented CSANN in different meetings and workshops to introduce CSANN and its scope of work. CSANN has conducted lobby meetings with different governmental bodies (NPC, CHD and SWC) to make CSANN known at policy level. The CSANN participated on the Advocacy and Communication working group meeting held at NPC and on Sun Self-assessment workshop where the CSO group scored against the indicators and assessed the progress of efforts made on SUN. . For wider sharing, CSANN booklet has been published with information about CSANN, structure, membership information and detail of activities from January to June 2014.

The CSANN joined hands with HANCI and Generation Campaign. The policy advocacy efforts of HANCI focus on investigating the response by the government on hunger and under nutrition issues in Nepal. CSANN members are developing evidence based advocacy messages to share among policy makers and government for further action. The CSANN has submitted key points to include on the nutrition section of National Health Policy. CSANN members have also represented and led one group to develop action plan on IYCF.

The next quarter will focus on interaction program with media and sensitization workshop targeting policy makers and government authorities with HANCI evidences. Along with that CSANN members capacity assessment will be done and manuals will be developed on policy advocacy, budget analysis and monitoring and evaluation. Policy brief will be developed. A five member lobby team will be formed among CSANN EC members and an advisory team will be formed including member from NPC/NNFSS and CHD. *(Please find the action plan for July to September 2014 in annex 14).*

The challenges and lesson learned are mentioned below.

#### **Challenges**

- The alliance consist of a number of CSOs so sometime becomes difficult to come up with common understanding and conclusion. Through regular meetings and sharing of information etc. this challenge is being addressed.
- The advocacy work might have to go against government decisions and the interest of government officials, which may be perceived negatively by the government. In order to minimize this from happening we have been regularly inviting government officials and representatives to our meetings and providing them with updates etc. This has helped the alliance to establish an acceptance on the part of the government.



**Lessons learnt**

- The alliance should also be formed at district level which will bring district and community level issues related to nutrition, and act as a bridge between community and national level. District level alliance will advocate and try to solve the issues at district level.
- It would be better to form a lobby team within the EC member composed of 3-5 members which will be primarily responsible for lobby meetings.
- Regular coordination with government line agencies helps to recognize the advocacy issues brought by CSAAN and take necessary action.

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

**Note: The annexes are attached with the mail.**

**Annexes:**

1. CSANN Action Plan (till December 2014)
2. Exploratory field visit report
3. A detail matrix of CSOs contributing on Nutrition – Saptari district
4. Advocacy and Communication Strategy development Workshop Report
5. Term of Reference to develop capacity assessment tools and conduct need assessment on Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Monitoring & Evaluation
6. Advocacy messages – Draft
7. Key points advocated to include in National Health Policy
8. CSANN Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
9. SUN Self – Assessment Workshop report with CSO score
10. Meeting notes at CHD/NNFSS-NPC/SWC
11. CSANN EC members’ focal person detail
12. CSANN member organizations’ detail
13. Publication – CSANN booklet
14. Quarterly plan (July to September 2014)