



# SCALING UP NUTRITION: A COORDINATED MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH

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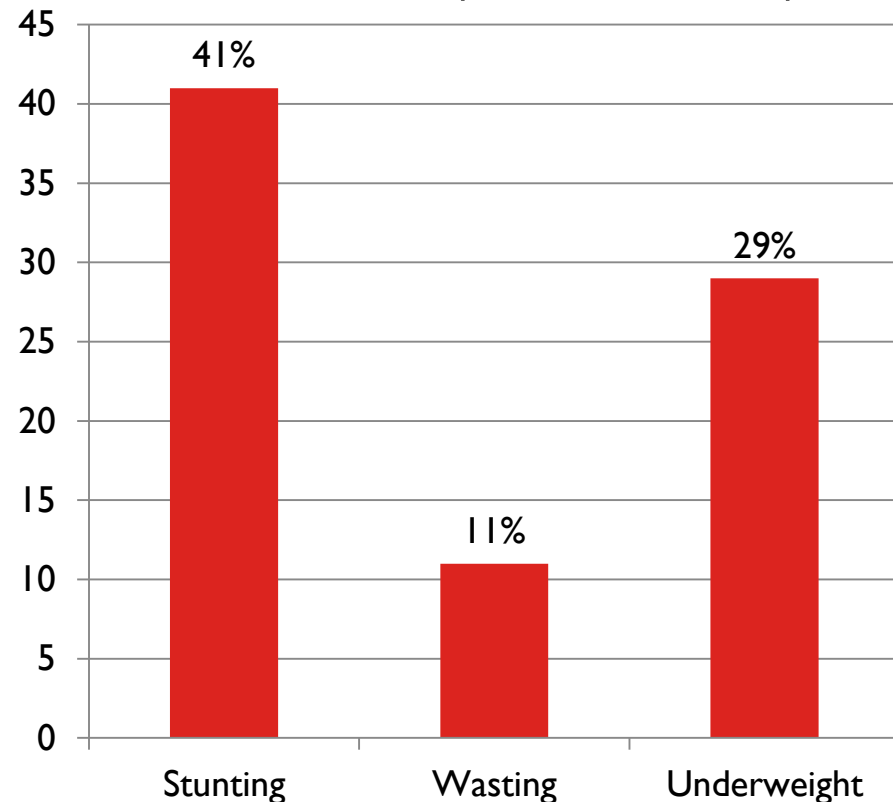


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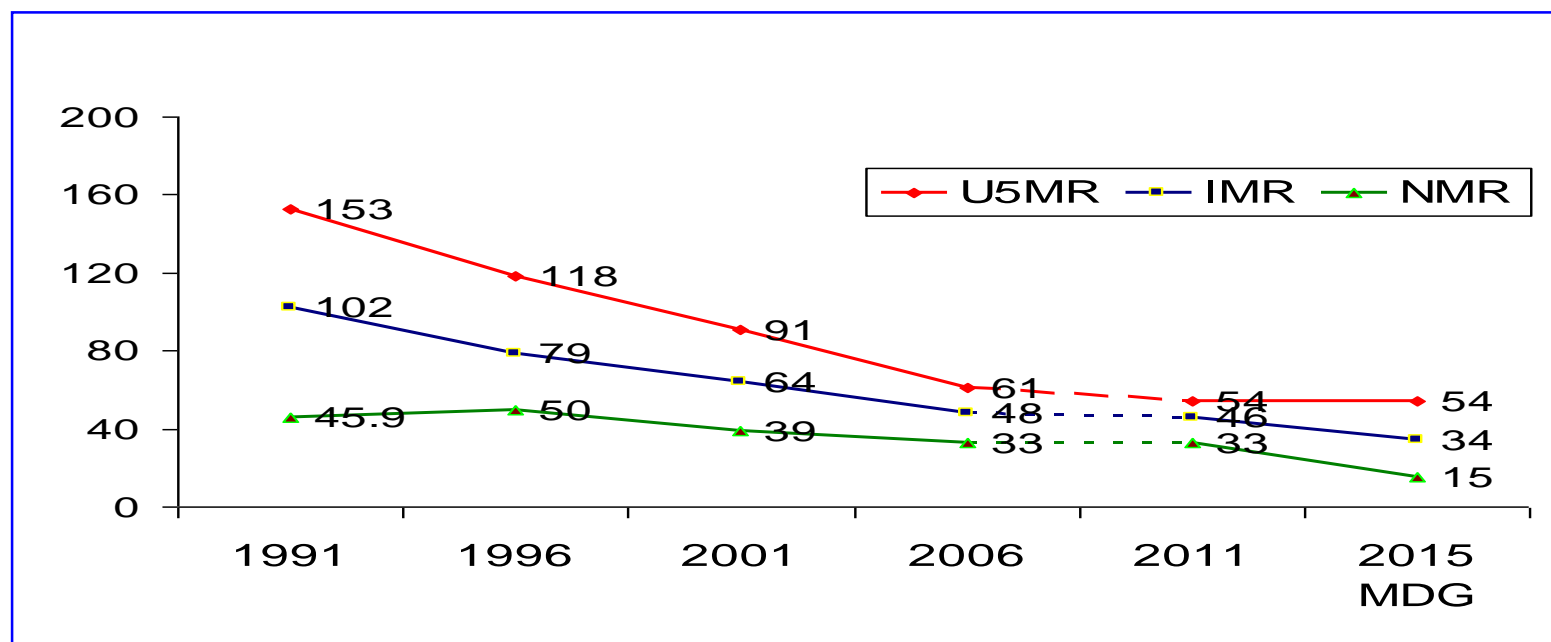
- ❑ More than half of child deaths in Nepal linked with nutrition
- ❑ Chronic Malnutrition – Major Problem – Impact on Social and Economic Development

Nutritional Status of Under 5 Children (NDHS 2011)



# NEPAL IS ON TRACK TO REACH MDG4 : REDUCING CHILD MORTALITY

## Mortality Trend and MDG Goal (Under 5, Infant and Neonatal)



### Sources:

EPI/WHO. Black et al. The Lancet Series 2013 on Maternal and Child Under-nutrition.



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# Background

- ❑ Multifaceted and Multidimensional Problem – Multi-Sectoral Approach
- ❑ Improving Nutrition – Improve GDP by 2-3 percent
- ❑ Government of Nepal – Highly Prioritized Nutrition
- ❑ Nepal - Early Raising 27 SUN Country out of 45 Countries



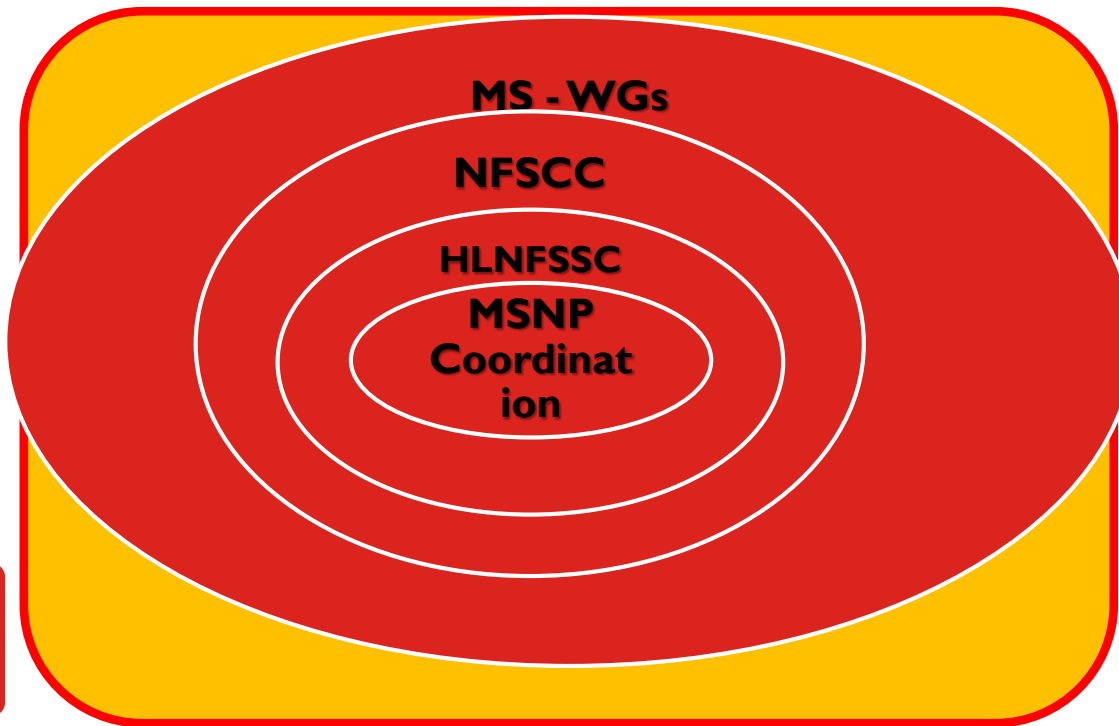
# Nepal's SUN Architecture

Multi-sector and multi-stakeholder coordination



Academia Platform

CSO Alliance



Private Sector Platform

EDPs (NNG, FSDWG, etc.)

**NPC/NNFSS**



# Multisectoral Nutrition Planning Framework

## Strategic Objective (SO) 1. National Planning Commission

- Result (R) 1.1. Multi-sectoral commitment and resources for nutrition are increased
- R 1.2. Nutritional information management and data analysis strengthened
- R 1.3 Nutrition capacity of implementing agencies is strengthened

## SO 2. Ministry of Health and Population

- R 2.1 Maternal Infant Young Child MIYC micronutrient status improved
- R 2.2 MIYC feeding improved
- R 2.3 IYC Malnutrition better managed
- R 2.4 Nutrition related policies, standards and acts updated

## SO 3. Ministry of Physical Planning and Works

- R3.1 All young mothers and adolescent girls use improved sanitation facilities
- R 3.2 All young mothers and adolescent girls use soap to wash hands
- R 3.3 All young mothers and adolescent girls as well as children under 2 use treated drinking water

## SO 6. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

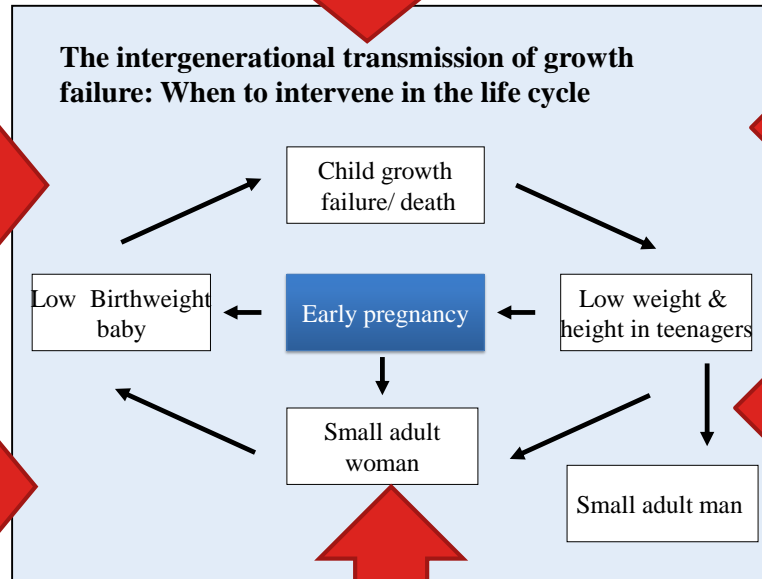
- R6.1 Increased availability of animal foods at the household level
- R 6.2 Increased income amongst young mothers and adolescent girls from lowest wealth quintile
- R 6.3 Increased consumption of animal foods by adolescent girls, young mothers and young children
- R 6.4 Reduced workload of women and better home and work environment

## SO 4. Ministry of Education

- R 4.1 Adolescent girl's awareness and behaviours in relation to protecting foetal, infant and young child growth improved
- R 4.2 Parents better informed with regard to avoiding growth faltering
- R 4.3 Nutritional status of adolescent girls improved
- R 4.4 Primary and secondary school completion rates for girls increased

## SO 5. Ministry Local Development/ Social Protection

- R 5.1 Nutritional content of local development plans better articulated
- R 5.2 Collaboration between local bodies' health, agriculture, and education sector strengthened at DDC and VDC level
- R 5.3 Social transfer programmes corroborated for reducing chronic under nutrition
- R 5.4 Local resources increasingly mobilized to accelerate the reduction of MCU



# Progress from Government Sector

- Costed National Nutrition Plan
- Increased donor resources for nutrition
- Advocacy for High level attention on Nutrition
  - budget allocation – Separate budget code for Nutrition
- Establishment of National Nutrition Centre under MoHP or NPC (in process)



# Nepal's SUN Architecture

- ❑ SUN was initiated by NPC with the development of MSNP
- ❑ National Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee (NNFSSC) – Country coordination mechanism for SUN initiatives under the NPC leadership
- ❑ The Honorable member of the NPC (Social Sector) act as chair – SUN Country Focal Point





# Nepal's SUN Architecture

- ❑ Chief Nutrition Section MoHP, is the SUN technical focal point
- ❑ National Nutrition & Food Security Secretariat – coordinating body at NPC
- ❑ Periodic teleconference of the SUN country focal points and relevant stakeholders
- ❑ Annual Meetings in 2011, 2012 and 2013



# Civil Society Engagement in Nepal: Objective

Aims to influence the development and implementation of an adequate and effective policy and programmatic response for improved nutrition

- To establish a strong, sustainable and inclusive Civil Society Alliance on nutrition from all sectors
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society to influence policy design, implementation and monitoring and to build relations with government and the donor community
- To mobilize CSOs to advocate for and report on the response to malnutrition in Nepal, including develop proposal an recommendations to improve the response



# Civil Society Engagement in Nepal: Progress

- Mapping of CSOs working in the field of Nutrition
- Consultative meeting on building consensus on nutrition alliance establishment
- Interim committee of 11 members drafted and shared TOR for alliance with wider group
- Establishment of secretariat in process



# Learning from CSO Sector

- CSO alliance initiated recognition by government that was previously neglected during MSNP preparation
  - Participation in Teleconference
  - CSO invited to participate in development of National level advocacy strategy for SUN
  - CSA member invited in meetings
- INGOs need to be excluded as executive and board members in order to minimize conflict of interest due to various organizational mandates



# Questions for Discussion:

- What does our engagement look like in different countries?
- How can/has SC play a facilitative/catalytic role in this process?
- How do we involve children and children's voices in SUN?



# Questions for Discussion

- How do we share best practice between countries?
- How do we mainstream this in programme proposals?



# SUN CSA Resources:

- SUN CSN New Years Update:

[http://scalingupnutrition.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/SUN-CSN-Update\\_New-Year-Special\\_Jan-2014\\_EN.pdf](http://scalingupnutrition.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/SUN-CSN-Update_New-Year-Special_Jan-2014_EN.pdf)

- Coming soon:

**Effectively Engaging Multiple Stakeholders - SUN In Practice Brief issue I**

