


SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



Ist PROGRAMME¹ QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE – YEAR 2015

Reporting period: January, February and March 2015

Participating UN Organization:	 World Food Programme wfp.org				
Implementing Partner(s):	Save the Children International				
Programme Number:	#00087074 SUN02/NPL/007				
Programme Title:	Engaging civil society organizations in advocating and sustaining political will for government action for scaling up nutrition				
Total Approved Programme Budget:	US\$428,000.00				
Location:	Nepal				
MC Approval Date:	28/08/2012				
Programme Duration:	29 months	Starting Date:	1 Aug 2013	Completion Date:	31 Dec 2015
Funds Committed:	\$ 400,000 project \$ 28,000 ISC			Percentage of Approved:	100%
Funds Disbursed:	\$ 264,921			Percentage of Approved:	66%
Expected Programme Duration:	29 months	Forecast Final Date:	31 Dec 2015	Delay (Months):	

Outcomes:	Achievements/Results:	Percentage of planned:
Outcome I: To establish a strong, sustainable and inclusive civil society alliance	<p>District alliance ToR</p> <p>The term of reference of national alliance was shared with district chapter members and was used as a reference to finalize the ToR for Bajura and Achham districts. The rationale of establishing the district alliance is to advocate at the district level and bring forward the nutrition issues from the community/ district to the national level.</p> <p>Detail matrix of CSOs contributing on nutrition in Bajura district</p>	Completed

<p>on nutrition from all sectors</p>	<p>A detail matrix of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) contributing to nutrition was prepared for Bajura district which is one of the piloted MSNP district. The listed organizations were invited on the consultative meeting for further establishment of district chapter in the district. About 16 CSOs have been identified in the district.</p> <p>Consultation meeting with CSOs and formal establishment of District level Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition:</p> <p>The CSANN organized a consultative meeting with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Bajura district on March 22, 2015. The program was chaired by Mr. Yuba Raj Poudel, Local Development Office, Bajura. About 46 participants from CSOs, media, academia and I/NGOs were present in the program. The national CSANN members also shared and conceptualized the alliance at the district level. On the same day, CSANN district chapter was formed which is chaired by the Human Right and Society Development Centre (CHRSD).</p> <p>Outcome of the meeting</p> <p>CSANN district chapter was established with the active involvement and participation of all the CSOs. The draft ToR for district alliance was shared which was finalized by the newly formed committee in consultation with national alliance members. The detail of Executive Committee of district alliance in Bajura is as follows:</p> <p>CSANN district chapter – Bajura</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="402 1052 1312 1755"> <thead> <tr> <th>Organization</th> <th>Name of Representative</th> <th>Designation/C SANN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Human Right and Society Development Centre (CHRSD)</td> <td>Arjun Shah</td> <td>Executive Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women Development Forum (WDF)</td> <td>Krishna Dani</td> <td>Co-Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Human Resources Centre</td> <td>Agni Raj Shahi</td> <td>Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GIFT</td> <td>Debendra Shah</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peacewin</td> <td>Mohan Jaisi</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upahar Nepal</td> <td>Janak Bahadur Rokaya</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nepal Bhote Nationalities Service Committee Central Office</td> <td>Nirpa Thapa (Bhote)</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CDRC</td> <td>Bir Bahadur Rawal</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miss Bajura</td> <td>Sharada Shani</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Governance Club District Committee</td> <td>Pradeep Raj Joshi</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feminist Dalit Organization</td> <td>Sita BK</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Few Words</p>	Organization	Name of Representative	Designation/C SANN	Human Right and Society Development Centre (CHRSD)	Arjun Shah	Executive Chair	Women Development Forum (WDF)	Krishna Dani	Co-Chair	Human Resources Centre	Agni Raj Shahi	Secretary	GIFT	Debendra Shah	Member	Peacewin	Mohan Jaisi		Upahar Nepal	Janak Bahadur Rokaya	Member	Nepal Bhote Nationalities Service Committee Central Office	Nirpa Thapa (Bhote)	Member	CDRC	Bir Bahadur Rawal	Member	Miss Bajura	Sharada Shani	Member	Good Governance Club District Committee	Pradeep Raj Joshi	Member	Feminist Dalit Organization	Sita BK	Member	
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I hope CSANN will act as watchdog and monitor the nutrition related activities. To date,, the district has 6 partners for MSNP but now we have 7 partners for effective implementation of MSNP with addition of civil society network -CSANN.

-Yuba Raj Poudel, Local Development Officer, Bajura

CSANN Executive Committee Meeting

There is regular monthly executive committee meeting and can be called as per need to discuss and decide on the crucial matters related to the project. A total of 8 meetings were held from the period of January to March 2014 which were attended by most of the executive committee members. As per need, other invitees were also invited to the meeting such as media and journalists and other member organizations of civil society alliance among others.

Meeting with Capacity Functional Assessment team

A meeting was held with functional capacity assessment team from Columbia University, in coordination with National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat on 2 February, 2015 at CSANN Secretariat. The meeting helped the project explore issues relating to “development and coordination of common vision for nutrition” and “coordination mechanisms with government, donors, business alliance, and academia”. The meeting further discussed on the issues related to CSANN funding mechanism, its existing working mechanism and post 2015 concerns.

Meeting at Ministry of Agriculture Development (MoAD)

CSANN meeting was organized with Mr. Uday Chandra Thakur, Joint Secretary and Ms. Naina Nepal Dhakal, Senior Agro Economist, Ministry of Agriculture Development on 2 March, 2015. The outcome of the meeting was that civil society network is included on agriculture coordination committee and regularly invited on coordination meeting of stakeholders working on Food and Nutrition Security onwards.

Meeting at Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD)

A courtesy meeting was held with Dr. Reshmi Raj Pandey, Joint Secretary on 23 March 2015. The meeting was organized to establish a coordination mechanism and work together for the effectiveness of MSNP implementation.

Wider sharing in social sites (facebook and website):

The CSANN activities are regularly being updated on website and facebook pages with the purpose of sharing information and advocate for and report on the response to malnutrition in Nepal.

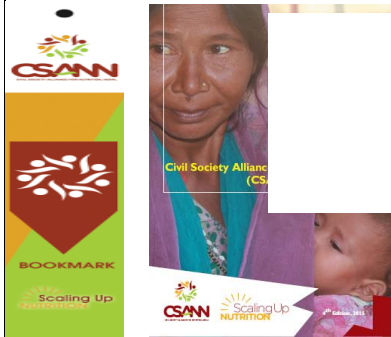
<p>Outcome 2: Strengthen the capacity of the civil society to influence policy design, implementation and monitoring and to build relations with government and the donor community</p>	<p>Conduct need assessment of CSO alliance in policy advocacy, budget analysis, monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>Capacity need assessment was organized for CSOs in Bajura district. About 22 organizations participated in the assessment process. The program was facilitated by CSANN national members. The assessment helps to identify the status of the CSOs on nutrition related policy, advocacy, monitoring & evaluation and budget analysis. An open ended questions and ranking table was used for the need assessment. The result of capacity need assessment showed that about 14%, 29% and 57% of the organizations are regularly undertaking and/or implementing policy advocacy, budget analysis and monitoring and evaluation for nutrition in their respective organizations.</p> <p>Orientation on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan to CSOs at the district:</p> <p>The CSANN in coordination with National Planning Commission/National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat organized an orientation program on MSNP to CSOs in Bajura and Achham districts respectively on 24 and 30 March, 2015. The main objective of the program was to have the active participation of CSOs on advocacy and campaigning for the effectiveness of Multi Sector Nutrition Plan. The event was organized by the district chapter. Mr Chudamani Aryal, Planning Officer from the National Planning Commission shared about the Multi Sector Nutrition Plan and the importance of CSOs engagement for the effective implementation. The nutrition focal person from the District Health Office shared the nutrition scenario of the respective districts and Dr. Kalpana Tiwari, Nutrition expert from CSANN shared the national scenario of nutrition in Nepal.</p> <p>About 40 people participated in the orientation program in Bajura district with 28 from NGOs, 3 from media and 4 from INGOs. In Achham district, about 23 people from NGOs, 7 from media and 4 from INGO participated in the program.</p> <p>CSANN provided orientation on MSNP to member organizations of Safe Motherhood Network Federation (SMNF)</p> <p>Safe Motherhood Network Federation (SMNF) is a board member of CSANN central level executive committee. The network has more than 700 members in 72 districts of Nepal. SMNF requested CSANN to build the capacity of its members on nutrition and MSNP so that they can advocate and mobilize themselves at the grassroots level in all the districts. The orientation was held on on 18 March 2015. CSANN Chair, Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala presented on "Nutrition and Multi Sector Nutrition Plan relating with golden thousand days". She further emphasized the importance of civil society network's involvement to advocate and coordinate civil society activities related to the nutrition. The participants discussed about importance of nutrition and what could be done to address nutrition through multisectoral approach.</p>	
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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

Publications :

CSANN booklet

CSANN published fourth edition of booklet with updated information about the network and the major activities conducted within the period.



CSANN Folder

CSANN folder was published with the brief introduction of CSANN and Scaling up Nutrition (SUN).

Postcard



Public hearing on the effective implementation of MSNP

The CSANN organized public hearing on the effective implementation of MSNP on 26 January at Indreni Foodland, New Baneswor, Kathmandu in

coordination with NPC/NNFSS along with different ministries responsible for the MSNP implementation. The program was focused on providing updated information on MSNP and the implementation status through direct and indirect interventions for nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions. It is believed that the public will be empowered with information and will be updated about MSNP implementation.

Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba, parliamentarian and SMNF president chaired the hearing program. There were the representations of government stakeholders including National Planning Commission (Chudamani Aryal-Planning Officer, NPC, Hari Prasad Timilsina- Senior. DE, MoUD, Bishwa Maya Neupane-WDO, MoWCSW, Jyostna Shrestha- Food Research Officer, MOAD, Dr. Uma Koirala-Chairperson, CSANN and Dhananjaya Poudel- Nutrition Expert, MOFALD) as the panelists. The audiences were from the civil society organizations and private sectors, CSANN members, nutrition/public health expertise, nutrition/public health college students,

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	<p>journalists of the different media and social actors. Mr. Iswar Dahal, senior journalist facilitated the program.</p> <p>Altogether 70 participants attended the program including media, government, student, academia, professors, CSOs and the general public. It provided an opportunity for open dialogue between government stakeholders and the representative of civil society on the effective implementation of MSNP.</p> <p>The public hearing program was aired through local radio stations and also broadcasted through national television. The video clips of public hearing event are available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8ocGDOovaY&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>Case studies collection on Nutrition from the MSNP districts The civil society alliance with the help of media team collected nutrition related 20 case stories from Kapilvastu and Achham districts and published to disseminate at the larger scale. These cases will be used as an advocacy tool. A video documentary was also made with the collection of these stories which is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iSeN5lX-qk&feature=em-upload_owner.</p> <p>Consultative Workshop on Generation Nutrition Campaign A consultative workshop was organized on 7 January, 2015 for the generation nutrition campaign. Generation Nutrition is a global campaign, calling on governments and the international community to take urgent action to prioritize the fight against acute malnutrition, and save the lives of millions of children under the age of five. The consultative workshop was organized with the major objectives of the briefing about the Generation Nutrition Campaign, finalization of the plan of action for Generation Nutrition Campaign and identifying the potential organizations to join hands in the campaign. A total of 46 participants from 36 organizations participated in the workshop.</p>	
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Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:
<p>This report covers the achievement made from the period of 1 January to 31 March 2015. The main objectives of the period were to extend the district chapters in MSNP districts after the consultative meeting with CSOs, organize the policy advocacy orientation on Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) to enhance the capacity of the civil society organizations (CSOs) and mobilize the CSOs to conduct advocacy and campaigning for the effective implementation of MSNP.</p> <p>During the period, district chapter was established in one of the MSNP implementing district namely Bajura. The CSANN national members were mobilized to facilitate the process at the district. An advocacy orientation on Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan was done for civil society organizations in Bajura and Achham districts. Altogether 80 people participated in the orientation program in both districts. There was the</p>

representation of 51 participants from NGO, 10 from media and 8 from INGO. The CSANN also organized a consultative workshop on “**General Nutrition Campaign**” and developed an action plan. During the consultative workshop, it was also tentatively decided that in Nepal the campaign will be launched in April 2015.

Safe Motherhood Network Federation invited the CSANN to orient its members on “**nutrition and multi sector approach to combat the malnutrition**” where approximately 163 organizations from about 72 districts of Nepal participated. It is expected that the multisectoral approach to combat malnutrition in these districts will be more effective in the coming days.

The fourth edition of CSANN booklet, folder, poster, bookmark and CSANN case studies collection document were published and shared at the wider scale within the period. There is regular meeting among CSANN executive committee and civil society is participating in the SUN teleconference meeting to share the brief update.

In this quarter, several coordination meetings were held with different ministries and civil society in different national forums for their input and technical update. A public hearing program was organized where focal person from the respective ministries responsible for MSNP implementation and National Planning Commission represented. The event provided an opportunity for creating open dialogue between government stakeholders and the representative of civil society. They made commitment to address the nutrition related issues together. It also helped establish a response mechanism to improve and overcome the identified gaps in nutrition sector.

The plan in the next quarter is to conduct national advocacy training, develop policy brief, conduct budget analysis and engage media for case collection and do the media campaigning for the effective implementation of the Multi Sector Nutrition Plan. The CSANN is also exploring the support of an expert to conceptualize the ombudsperson model in context of civil society in Nepal, design/ and test the ombudsperson model in one of the sub-districts / parliamentarian group on nutrition and disseminate the report of the tested model of ombudsperson to CSO and government stakeholder on 2015.

Challenges

- The number of members in the alliance is increasing at the national level with the interest of different organizations to be the part of the alliance and also at the district level after the establishment of the district chapters. Sometimes, managing all the members effectively becomes challenging.
- Managing time for national CSANN executive committee members to represent at the district level activities is also a challenge due to the broadening scope of work.

Lessons learnt

- As the national CSANN members have access to the district and are conducting their activities, mobilizing those members to conduct district level activities proves to be very effective as they are already familiar with the location and people. This also helps to sustain the CSANN at the district level.
- The meeting of CSANN at the ministry level helps to broaden the platform and increase its representation in different coordination committee for the technical support.
- The presence of experts in CSANN helps the CSANN to be respected at the various forums and their views are heard and respected.
- The media are also the alliance members which are very active for advocating both at the national and

district level.

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