


# SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



## 2<sup>nd</sup> PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE – YEAR 2015

Reporting period: April to June 2015

<b>Participating UN Organization:</b>	 <b>World Food Programme</b> wfp.org				
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Save the Children International				
<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				
<b>Location:</b>	Nepal				
<b>MC Approval Date:</b>	28/08/2012				
<b>Programme Duration:</b>	32 months	<b>Starting Date:</b>	1 Aug 2013	<b>Completion Date:</b>	31 Dec. 2015
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US\$ 400,000 US\$ 28,000			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	US\$ 264,921			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	66%
<b>Expected Programme Duration:</b>	32 months	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	31 March 2016	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	3 months – BR to be submitted for extension in time

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Achievements/Results:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
<b>Outcome 1: To establish a strong, sustainable and inclusive civil society alliance</b>	<b>Detail matrix of CSOs contributing on nutrition in Jumla district</b> A detail matrix of 18 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has been prepared for Jumla district which includes media, journalist and academia including I/NGOs and other community based organizations having an influencing role in the district. The process	<b>Completed/ On-going</b>

**on nutrition from all sectors**

was completed in consultation with district line agencies. An individual consultative meeting was organized with the CSOs and district line agencies and the necessity to form a common platform to work on nutrition issues with representatives of multi sector organizations of the district was thoroughly discussed.

**Consultation meeting with CSOs and formal establishment of District level Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition**

A joint consultation meeting was organized with CSOs on 14 June 2015. About 22 people participated in the meeting from 13 CSOs and district government agencies. Civil Society Alliance of Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) district chapter – Jumla was thus formally established on the same day under the Chairpersonship of Mr. Durga Prasad Pandey (Chair- NGO Federation of Jumla and Himal Micro Hydro Entrepreneurs Association HIMEA).

**CSANN district chapter Jumla- Executive Committee**

SN	Designation	Name of the organization	Focal person (Representative)
1	Chair	HIMEA	Durga Prasad Pandey
2	Co-Chair	KASDA	Deep Raj Rawat
3	Secretary	SAADA Nepal	Netra Bdr Bhandari
4	Member	Karnali Development Center	Tanka Psd Upadhaya
5	Member	Nepal Journalist Federation	Suraj Kr Singh
6	Member	Shangrila Association	Jaya Shrestha
7	Member	Action Works Nepal	Keshav Dhital
8	Member	Karnali Rural Dev Centre	Nanda Psd Jaisi
9	Member	Surya Social Service Sangh (4S)	Ghanshyam Nagarkoti
10	Member	CAD Jumla	Mun Psd Gautam
11	Member	Women Welfare Center	Kalpana Shahi

The first executive committee meeting of CSANN district chapter- Jumla was held on the same day. There were 15 participants attending the meeting. *"It is possible to make change in society with active participation of all the CSOs in this movement"* chairperson - Mr. Jaya Shrestha said highlighting his optimism. Mr. Jaya Shrestha from Shangrila Association strongly mentioned about the need for strengthening of the CSOs' capacity at district level. The **action plan of CSANN district chapter Jumla** was developed and approved on the first meeting. CSANN district chairperson also requested *"to unite all private sectors for further advocacy on nutrition improvement with support of CSANN in this district"*.

**District alliance ToR - Jumla**

	<p>With representation of the CSOs from the multi sector organizations operating in the district, district alliance was established to advocate and bring forward/ and prioritize nutrition issues from the community/ district level to national/central level. Initially, a Civil Society Alliance was established at a national level and its branch was established in the district. After the establishment of the district chapter, Terms of Reference was also drafted for the 11 executive committee members of the district branch based on the ToR of national level which was developed earlier by the CSA.</p> <p><b>CSANN Executive Committee Meeting</b> The CSANN executive committee monthly meetings are being held regularly. A total of 5 meetings were organized in the period from April to June and there were participation from majority of executive committee members. Based on the agenda of the meeting, different focal persons and stakeholders were invited in the meetings to discuss on the particular agenda. In one of those meetings, Mr. Diplav sapkota and Mr. Atma Ram Pandey were invited to discuss about the management of regional conference.</p> <p><b>Wider sharing in social media (facebook)</b> The CSANN talk show, lobby document with nutrition issues, media coverage- nutrition related articles in local newspapers, different publications were shared in CSANN website and facebook page for the wider circulation.</p> <p><b>Revised CSANN action plan</b> The project activity was put on hold for one and a half month because of the earthquake that struck on 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Nepal. Therefore, the action plan of Civil Society Alliance was revised and decided to have a Non- Cost Extension (NCE) for 3 months from December 2015 to March 2016. The revised action plan is attached in <i>Annex 1</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Outcome 2: Strengthen the capacity of the civil society to influence policy design, implementation and monitoring and to build relations with government and</b></p>	<p><b>Capacity need assessment of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)</b> The need assessment workshop was organized for CSOs on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Jumla district. Altogether 22 participants from 12 CSOs participated. Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala (CSANN Chair), Mr. Gokarna Devkota (representing CSANN Executive Committee) and Ashok Nath Yogi (CSANN member organization) facilitated the workshop. The assessment helped to identify the status of the CSOs on nutrition related policy advocacy, budget analysis and monitoring &amp; evaluation. An open ended questions and ranking</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>

**the donor community**

table was used for the need assessment. The list of CSOs that participated are below:

<b>SN</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Hansa Raj Neupane	Prog. Coordinator	HIMEA, Jumla
2	Keshav Dhital	Dist. Coordinator	Action Works Nepal
3	Jaya Shrestha	Programme Manager	Sangrila Association
4	Luka Bdr Thapa	Clinical Incharge	INF, Jumla
5	Nanda Psd Jaisi	Treasurer	KRDC
6	Tanka Psd Upadhaya	Chairperson	KDC, Jumla
7	Bharat Bdr Bohara	Dist. Coordinator	CRS Company
8	Mun Psd Gautam	Finance & Admin.	CAD Jumla
9	Dipraj Rawat	Prog. Coordinator	KASDA
10	Bakhat Bdr Dangi	Field Supervisor	SAADA Nepal Jumla
11	Ratna Chandra Upadhaya	Technical Assistant	Li-Bird Jumla
12	Kalpana Shahi	Member	Women Welfare Center, Jumla

The **result of capacity need assessment** is as below:

***For Policy Advocacy***

Out of 12 CSOs, 11 CSOs have been undertaking nutrition related policy advocacy along with advocacy with the partners by ensuring that nutrition is a common agenda while intervening the activities in different projects in the districts. The policy advocacy is influencing the decision making body of the organization. . Likewise, 7 CSOs have undertaken communication skills and structures in policy advocacy regularly.

***For Budget Analysis***

Among 12 CSOs, about 7 have regularly undertaken financial system analysis and 9 CSOs have allocated budget in nutrition sector directly or indirectly. However 3 CSOs confessed that the budget they allocated for nutrition were insufficient.

***For Monitoring and Evaluation***

About 8 CSOs mentioned that they are regularly planning for M&E. Similarly, 7 CSOs said that they are accountable and reporting to relevant collaborates like public and government line agencies. Only 7 CSOs have managed the M&E data properly and 10 CSOs

are regularly doing major learning and knowledge sharing with the partners and donors. It was shared in the workshop that 3 of the CSOs have started using smart phone in their surveys.

**Orientation on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) to CSOs at the district**

CSANN organized and conducted MSNP advocacy orientation for CSOs in presence of National Planning Commission (NPC) and officers of ministries in Kapilvastu and Jumla districts on 21 April and 13 June respectively. National Planning Commission/National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat had been conducting MSNP orientation for government stakeholders in MSNP districts. Since there was also high demand from district chapters of CSANN to orient district CSOs on MSNP, CSANN took this opportunity and organized the MSNP advocacy orientation to district CSOs in NPC's and ministerial officer's presence. The orientation helped to engage CSOs on advocacy and campaign for the effectiveness of Multi Sector Nutrition Plan at district level. The two orientation events saw a total of 82 people as participants including 14 from government line agencies of the two districts.

Mr. Chudamani Aryal (Planning Officer, National Planning Commission) and Mr. Min Raj Gyawali (Program Officer-Nutrition, National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat) facilitated the sessions during the orientation. Along with them, the nutrition focal person from the District Health Office also shared district nutrition scenario and the focal person from the District Development Committee (DDC) shared the roles/ and responsibilities of CSOs in effective implementation of nutrition plan and programs.

**Nutrition Advocacy Training - Saptari district**

Two days' "Nutrition Advocacy Training" was organized for district CSOs through CSANN Saptari district chapter from 29 to 30 June. The main objective of the training was to orient the CSOs on basic concept of nutrition, national nutrition plan and multi sector approach on combating malnutrition. The event helped CSOs to identify nutrition issues to be addressed in the district and to share it with the policy makers both at the district and national level. Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala, Mr. Devendra Raj Singh and Mr. Bijay Jha, DPHO, Saptari facilitated the session.

The nutrition related problems in the community and district, possible solution and responsible authorities were identified in the training. Issue specific nutrition messages and lobby document was also prepared through group discussion.

**Some highlights from the speech of different partners and stakeholders**

**Mr. Jogendra Bhagat (Chief- District Red Cross Society Saptari)** mentioned that the working strategy of CSANN is a practical approach to make the Civil Society Organizations aware about the importance of nutrition for social and economic development at local and national level. He highlighted that these types of events will sensitize local organization to address nutrition as a cross cutting issues in range of community based project in Saptari district. In addition, he said that "*CSOs network should work actively to monitor nutrition related activities from government and non-government institutions and suggests them to improve quality of program and reach the unreached community in order to see significant improvement in nutritional status of district*".

**Mr. Bishnu Gurung (Mayor- Rajbiraj Municipality)** appreciated the CSANN team for organizing such advocacy training. He further said "*civil society alliances are very essential at the local level to invigilate government and non-government activities*". He also mentioned that local government body would be more than happy to work in coordination with CSANN district chapter and would welcome their valuable inputs during local level planning.

**Mr. Shiva Hari Bhattarai (Sr. Journalist from Nepal Samachar Patra)** praised CSANN for providing an opportunity to the media sector to engage on advocacy of nutritional issues and to bring the issue on front. He also mentioned that media has always been working with these kinds of groups in order to bring local health and nutrition problems on the eye of local planners and policy implementers. He committed that he would personally and also on behalf of media network, will support the district chapter to uncover local health and nutrition concerns at the district and national level.

**Dr. Suresh Chalise (Former Ambassador for UK and USA)** appreciated CSANN for leading the CSOs with a novel cause. He

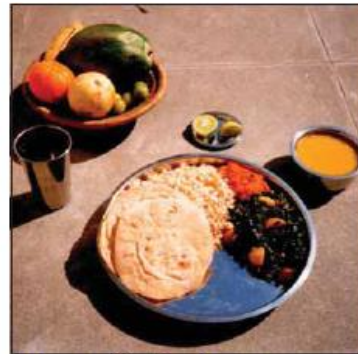
	requested the Mayor of Rajbiraj municipality to take nutrition as development issue and multi-sector concern.	
<p><b>Outcome 3: To mobilize CSOS to advocate for and report on the response to malnutrition in Nepal, including develop proposals and recommendations to improve the response</b></p>	<p><b>CSANN volunteer mobilization in Post-Earthquake Emergency</b>  In post-earthquake situation, volunteers were mobilized for the advocacy and counseling on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices and on nutrition diet in temporary setting (Balaju Bypass and Baisdhara, Machha pokhari and Tokha- Chandeshwari) with a focus on pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under 5 years of age. An individual and group counseling was done on the consumption and utilization of locally available food items with developed IEC materials including the food menu. During counseling, demonstration was also made on how to prepare and consume the <b>multi-grain food product</b> (<i>Satu</i>).</p> <p>The counseling was done with poster presentations on the basic food groups/balanced diet, breastfeeding, supplementary food/ Sarbottam pitho and sanitation (hand washing, water purification and use of toilet). Hand washing and use of Sarbottam pitho were demonstrated as well as shown through posters.</p> <p><b>CSANN Talk program on: “Nutrition in Emergency and Post Emergency situation with nutrition advocates”</b>  Nepal recently faced disastrous earthquake on April and May 2015. The earthquakes have resulted in huge loss of lives and properties. All the people of seriously affected areas, especially pregnant and lactating women and children under five years of age {more specifically living in temporary settings (i.e. tents/tarpaulins)} are considered the most vulnerable group and are directly suffering from this devastating earthquake. The health and nutrition related interventions are being conducted by different organizations in the affected areas. Nutrition as a cross cutting issue therefore is the matter of concern in this emergency situation And the rise of malnutrition due to emergency need to be prevented. Thus in order to raise the issue of nutrition during emergency through nutrition advocates. CSANN organized a talk program “Nutrition in emergency and Post Emergency situation with nutrition advocates” on national television news 24. The panelist of talk program were Mr. Giri Raj Subedi (Nutrition Section-Chief, Child Health Division), Mr. Ram Hari Subedi (Honorable Constitutional Assembly member) and Mr. Sunil Shrestha (CSANN EC – member). The program was hosted by Mr. Ishwar Dahal of Meeting</p>	<p>on-going/completed</p>

Point Pvt. Ltd. The event helped to advocate and campaign on the major things that should be concerned/or highlighted on nutrition during the emergency and post emergency situation through nutrition advocates. It also helped to review the nutrition activities after a month of emergency situation and what should be considered to be prepared on post emergency situation to prevent rise of malnutrition cases.

Please find the you tube link of televised talk program:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMJLPfle-CM>

**Media Coverage of CSANN/ (News/article publication)**

Media did a significant coverage on nutritional issues in central and district level. The news of CSANN activities, articles about nutrition and news relevant to the exiting situation (for addressing nutrition in post-earthquake emergency situation) has been published in the print media. Likewise, the video of talk programs was also broadcasted in the national TV channel (News 24)



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**Case publication and dissemination**



Nutrition related case studies have been published during the period. The cases were collected from the MSNP piloted districts - Achham and Kapilvastu.



Journalists from the media house were mobilized to collect the case stories from communities where people are directly affected due to

nutrition related problems. Advocacy materials (postcards about food pyramid, nutrition throughout life cycle approach, breastfeeding and complementary feeding) were also published. *The food menu* utilizing the locally available food ingredients was developed and distributed advocating on the use of homemade food instead of commercial packet food.



**Nutrition advocacy / counseling in Health Camp**

The CSANN provided nutrition related advocacy and counseling services in two different programs, one in a **Health Camp** organized by Safe Motherhood Network Federation in Budhanilkantha, Kathmandu and another in **Relief Distribution Program** organized by Rudra Bahadur Memorial Foundation in Kirtipur. The counseling was provided on nutrition and sanitation to pregnant women and lactating mothers using the posters and flipcharts was also conducted.

**Representation in different forum**

**CSANN in SUN CSN Steering Group**

The current steering group of the global SUN Civil Society Network, the SUN CSN secretariat nominated Civil Society Alliance of Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) as a member of the incoming SUN CSN Steering Group.

**Alliance SUN CSN Strategy and Sustainability Task Force**

The Civil Society Alliance, Nepal got nominated as a member of the SUN CSN strategy and sustainability task force (SSTF) to ensure civil society's active and inclusive participation in the SUN 2.0 strategy.

**Financial tracking workshop**

Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala, chair of the CSANN, represented CSANN in "Financial Tracking of Nutrition-Relevant Budget Allocations" workshop held on April 15-16, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The event was organized with the objective of learning and sharing of budget allocated and expenditure made in nutrition sensitive and specific areas. In the event, an analytical report of nutrition expenditure and budget allocation in Nepal was presented. The results about budget for nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific programs (actual expenditure of FY 2013/14 and allocation of FY 2014/15) were also presented.

**CSANN members' logos**



## Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results

This report presents the overall achievement made in between the time period of 1 April and 30 June 2015. The main objectives of the period were to prepare the detail mapping matrix of CSOs, conduct consultation meeting with the CSOs and extension of the district chapters in one of the MSNP piloted districts. Likewise, enhancing the capacity of CSOs on nutrition along with national nutrition plan/strategies for nutrition specifically Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) and publish advocacy materials for wider dissemination were major highlights of this period. Furthermore, mobilization of the volunteers by civil society alliance for advocacy and counseling on post-disaster. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices in different forum were also significant achievement.

For addressing the problem of malnutrition in post-earthquake emergency situation in Nepal (due to the disastrous earthquake on April 25 and May 12, 2015), CSANN volunteered in mobilization at temporary settings and health camps for nutrition orientation and counseling prioritizing pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under 5 years of age with a demonstration on consumption of locally made food ingredients “Satu”.

A talk program entitled “**Nutrition in Emergency and Post Emergency situation with nutrition advocates**” was conducted to advocate and address about nutrition as a multi-sectoral approach during post-earthquake emergency situation. The event was presented by media house and broadcasted in national television News24. A collection of cases was published and disseminated to make the policy makers and general citizens aware about the issues prevalent in communities and the causes of malnutrition. The advocacy materials such as food menu using the local food materials, nutrition in life cycle approach, and food pyramid of the context of Nepal were also published.

During the period, the Civil Society Alliance extended its district chapter in Jumla district which is also one of the MNSP piloted district. The national executive committee and general members were mobilized to facilitate the task at the district level. In coordination with National Planning Commission and National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat, the Civil Society Alliance organized an orientation program on Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan in Kapilvastu and Jumla districts on 21 April and 13 June, 2015 respectively. In total, about 82 people from civil society organization were oriented on MSNP which included representation from media, I/NGOs and academia. Two days’ “**Nutrition Advocacy Training**” was held for CSOs in Saptari from 29-30 June, 2015 on which about 62 people participated. The training came up with a lobby document which includes nutrition related issues, advocacy target group with possible action plan.

The Civil Society Alliance of Nepal participated on SUN teleconference meeting and "Task force" team for developing **SUN CSN Strategy and Sustainability** document. The Chairperson was involved in the preliminary preparation of the meeting held at National Planning Commission and was also part of the Nepal team on "Financial Tracking on Nutrition" workshop held on April 15-16, 2015 in Thailand. The SUN global CSN secretariat nominated CSA Nepal as a member of the incoming SUN CSN Steering Group.

The plan for the next quarter is to develop and publish the policy brief on MSNP, organize budget analysis workshop on MSNP and follow up with necessary advocacy, conduct public hearing events in MSNP districts and mobilize local media/journalist to collect case stories and to raise district specific nutrition issue. The Civil Society Alliance Nepal plans to design a conceptual framework on “*Ombudsperson Model*” with contextualization of Nepal which will be further tested in one of the sub-districts / parliamentary group. Likewise, an advocacy campaign is planned on baby friendly hospital initiatives in the hospitals of Kathmandu valley. Another talk show is planned for the next quarter among media house, nutrition advocates/experts and pediatrician – targeting urban settings on junk food (complementary food) and its impact on health (advertisement ethics/right information flowing to influence children through media).

### **Challenges**

- As the CSANN-district chapter is extending, sometimes it is difficult to manage effective communication with all members.

Civil society alliance is not registered so sometimes creates problem in management of its fund and on its legal authenticity.

### **Lessons learnt**

- The CSANN executive committee will now be the part of the team to develop terms of reference and on selection process of the consultant expert. The move will enable the team to have common understanding and work smoothly in future.
- The design and/or language of advocacy materials should be pre- tested and relevant to target group.

## Annex 1: Revised Action Plan



Budget plan upto  
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