


SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



2nd PROGRAMME¹ QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE – YEAR 2015

Reporting period: April to June 2015

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Participating UN Organization:	 World Food Programme wfp.org				
Implementing Partner(s):	Catholic Relief Services (Focal Organization). Society for Family Health (implementing Partner).				
Programme Number:	#00087074 SUN02/NPL/007				
Programme Title:	Establishing Coordinated Rwandan Civil Society Alliance Engagement in Scaling Up Nutrition				
Total Approved Programme Budget: (a)	US\$ 240,750 total project Additional to the project, cost sharing of US\$ 50,527				
Location:	Rwanda				
MC Approval Date:	14 March 2014				
Programme Duration:	18 Months	Starting Date:	June 2014	Completion Date:	November 2015
Funds Committed: (b)	US\$ 225,000 project US\$ 15,750 ISC			Percentage of Approved: (b)/(a)	100%
Funds Disbursed: (c)	US\$ 224,722			Percentage of Approved: (c)/(b)	41%
Expected Programme Duration:	18 Months	Forecast Final Date:	Early 2016	Delay (Months): 2	2 Months (June & July 14). CRS received funds on June 26, 2014. Contracts with sub-contractors were signed on

					August 1, 2014. CRS needed to conduct Sub recipient financial assessment prior to signing.
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Outcomes/ quarter :	Achievements/Results for the quarter:	Percentage of planned for the quarter:
<p>Objective 1: A Rwandan civil society alliance for nutrition is established</p> <p>Outcome 1.1 Inclusive map of CS stakeholders by district established and updated</p> <p>Output 1.1.1: CS stakeholders by district identified <i>Indicator: % of CS Stakeholders consciously supporting/implementing nutrition actions</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Planned Target: 30 Districts</i></p>	<p>1.1.1.Mapping of nutrition stakeholders at district and community level and data gathering is being carried out, and continued through the quarter. This will help to identify all local NGOs and CBOs supporting nutrition activities. The SUN CSA coordinated with WFP’s national nutrition mapping effort during the quarter.</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p>Output 1.1.2: Terms of reference that incorporate membership criteria, roles and responsibilities - <i>Indicator: Charter signed by CS actors dedicating commitment to SUN</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Planned Target: 1</i></p>	<p>1.1.2.Terms of Reference that incorporates membership and criteria roles and responsibilities has been validated by CSOs who committed to SUN during the SUN General Assembly held on 25th March 2015. Since then, additional organization have expressed interest in joining the SUN CSA and their request will be reviewed during the second general assembly meeting, scheduled to take place in the quarter to come.</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Outcome 1.2: CS Alliance coordinating mechanisms established and functional</p> <p>Output 1.2.1. : Platform events are conducted at national and district level</p>	<p>1.2.1.: Civil society mobilization meeting at district level held in 13 districts</p> <p>RNS focal points identified</p>	<p>43%</p> <p>100%</p>

<p>- <i>Indicator: # of introductory event held at national level and at district level</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>1</i></p> <p>Indicator 1.2.4 Technical Nutrition Workshops to share lessons learned with alliance members</p> <p><i>Baseline: 0</i></p> <p><i>Planned Target: 2</i></p>	<p>1.2.2.A learning event on nutrition has been organized for Civil Society organization committee representatives and RNS focal point at national level</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Objective 2: Rwandan Civil Society stakeholders contribute to scaling up nutrition</p> <p>Outcome 2.1: Civil Society Alliance strengthen national and multisectoral partnership toward scaling up nutrition</p> <p>Output 2.1.1. Nutrition related discussion activities and presentations take place at the community level</p> <p>- <i>Indicator: # interpersonal communication (IPC) sessions at community level through (CBOs cooking demonstrations)</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Planned annual target :10</i></p> <p>- <i>Indicator. # mobile video sessions at community level</i></p> <p><i>Planned target: 3</i></p>	<p>2.1.1. Organization of 10 interpersonal sessions at community level</p> <p>2.1.2. Conduct three mobile video at community mobilization events on how to prepare well-balanced meals and promote the 1,000 days campaign by using mobile video</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>
<p>Output 2.1.2. Advocacy sessions are held</p> <p>- <i>Indicator:# meetings at community level to engage CBO's, FBOs, women's organization and Right Food Groups on scaling up nutrition</i> <i>Baseline: 0</i> <i>Quarterly target: 10</i></p>	<p>2.1.3. Organization of eight meetings at community level out of eight planned for the quarter and 10 meeting at district level was organized</p>	<p>100%</p>

<p>Indicator 2.1.3 # of mobile video unit produced</p> <p><i>Baseline: 0</i></p> <p><i>Planned Target: 3</i></p>	<p>Three mobile videos out of three planned were organized</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Objective 3 Rwanda Nutrition civil Society actors are linked to SUN stakeholders</p> <p>Outcome: 3.1: Alliance members participate in SUN Learning Network with other SUN CSAs</p> <p>Output: 3.1.2. Rwanda Nutrition CS alliance coordinates with SUN UN and donor networks.</p> <p><i>Indicator 3.3 % attendance to SUN meetings/conference calls</i></p> <p><i>Baseline: 0</i></p> <p><i>Planned Target: 1</i></p>	<p>3.1.1. Participation in the Launch meeting for East Africa for the Global Nutrition Report in Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam</p>	<p>100%</p>

Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:
<p>Outcome 1.1 Inclusive map of CS stakeholders by district established and updated</p> <p>1.1.1 Mapping civil Society stakeholders</p> <p>In collaboration with WFP, UNICEF and REACH consultant, a template including the core nutrition actions to be mapped by stakeholders has been prepared, discussed and approved by MOH and the National Food and Nutrition Technical Working Group in different meetings during the quarter. A stakeholders list has been updated and reviewed and the tool has been sent to each of the listed stakeholders for completion.</p>

In addition to the mapping at national level, the mapping of nutrition partners at district level is being conducted. This mapping will cover all small local organizations acting at district level, including the CBOs, FBOs and WBOs working in nutrition

1.1.2 Review of Civil Society Alliance Terms of Reference that incorporates membership criteria, roles and responsibilities of the alliance and official registration of the SUN alliance as a Rwanda civil society organization

The final TOR was validated by 59 CSOs who committed to be member of civil society alliance during the first General Assembly. During the first General Assembly meeting, CSOs proposed to the SUN civil society elected committee to proceed to official registration as a Rwandan Civil Society Organization with the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB). CRS supported this process in collaboration of the executive members by :

Reviewing the legal status of alliance according to RGB requirements,

Preparing all request documentation including the SUN work plan and budget

All official registration documents of SUN members

The agreement on the legal status by all members.

The process is still ongoing and will be finalized by notification of registration of the SUN CSA by Rwanda Governance Board

Outcome 1.2: CS Alliance coordinating mechanisms established and functional

1.2.1.: Organization of learning event for the district SUN focal point

The elected focal point of civil society in each district leads civil society engagement from their district in the alliance and represents the district in national coordination efforts. The purpose of the event was to learn about the nutrition situation in Rwanda and its consequences and learn about the role of the SUN focal point and RNS focal point in the district in scaling up nutrition. RNS focal points, SUN focal points and representatives of 13 districts were invited in the event including Kirehe, Gakenke, Nyamagabe, Musanze, Burera, Muhanga, Kamonyi, Nyanza, Gatsibo, Kayonza, Rwamagana and Kicukiro. During the meeting, it was found that DPEM committees (committees to spearhead and coordinate implementation of District Plans to Eliminate Malnutrition) are in place but are not functional in all districts. In order to scale up nutrition, SUN CSA with the help of SUN focal point in all districts need to advocate, sensitize people on nutrition through civil society, and activate DPEM committees at all levels. Participants in the meeting proposed CRS and RNS team to plan to meet the governor and mayors and sensitize them on SUN objectives and activities in the district.

1.2.2. Organization of District competition on organizing a district mobilization event around nutrition in the district

Following the establishment of the national-level CSA, CRS has collaborated with RNS and district staff to organize civil society sensitization meetings at district level. During these meetings, a district-

level SUN Civil Society Focal Point has been elected. The SUN Civil Society Focal Point has the mandate to lead civil society engagement from their district in the Civil Society Alliance. To date, 13 districts have been mobilized.

Objective of the Competition is to support district-level efforts to scale up nutrition and to continue to mobilize civil society organizations in a district competition for a small grant to hold events that mobilize district-level civil society actors around nutrition.

Types of activities to be supported: Public events on nutrition-related topics (workshops, conferences, community discussions, theatrical events, concerts on topics such as 1,000 Days, methods for promoting dietary diversity at the household level, household budgeting for good nutrition, growth monitoring, linkages between good hygiene and nutrition, male engagement in household nutrition, government actions on nutrition including DPEMs, recommended complementary feeding practices), advocacy to district governments around nutrition, particularly around DPEMs.

Each project from the district will be awarded by an amount between \$500 - \$1500 for district-level community mobilization events and advocacy activities around nutrition.

During the quarter, CRS received applications for the small grants competition and at quarter's end was screening recipients.

Outcome 2.1: Civil Society Alliance strengthen national and multisectoral partnership toward scaling up nutrition

2.1.1 CSO members Organize and conduct interpersonal communication (IPC) sessions at community level through (CBOs cooking demonstrations)

10 IPC sessions planned during this quarter with a maximum of 25 participants have been organized in 10 sectors of 6 districts and reached in total 250 persons. The audience groups of these IPC sessions were caregivers of children under five years of age and pregnant women. Key messages provided were:

- Nutrition during pregnancy
- Exclusive breastfeeding for six months
- Importance of hygiene
- Children immunization
- Balance diet and composition of complete diet all the time
- Infant and Young child nutrition

During the IPC sessions, nutrition knowledge gaps were identified and these gaps created a learning opportunities.

The following table demonstrates the locations where IPC were conducted and the number of people reached.



IPC done at Health center in Nyanza Health center, Butare District

2.1.2. Organize Mobile Video Unit (MVU) to support 1000 days campaign

MVU is used to educate more people on nutrition using films showed to educate population on nutrition: how to prepare well balanced meal and promote the 1,000 days campaign. The mobile video increases the knowledge of caregivers on good nutrition and health.

During this quarter three sessions of mobile were conducted in different areas of the country. One session conducted in May was done in Ruhango District, Byimana sector and reached up to 300 people, another two sessions were done in June one in Rwamagana district, Mwirire sector and reached to 267 people, and the last session was conducted in Kicukiro district Gahanga sector where 250 people were reached.

Before the mobile video, mobilization events communicating the messages on nutrition, and sessions informing the audience about the time and venue of the MVU session were carried out during the day and MVU in evening of the same day. The key points in implementation of all these activities involved community based organizations, local stars or artists and stakeholders including participation of local leaders in the event.



Mobile Video Unit show



Mobilization Event before the mobile video show

2.1.3. Organize and conduct meetings at community level to engage CBOs, FBOs, women's organization and Right to Food groups on scaling up nutrition movement

During the quarter, eight meeting sessions were done at district level and ten meeting sessions were conducted at community levels. The objective of these meetings was to sensitize local leaders and other stakeholders about the 1,000 days campaign and prevention of child stunting as well as to mobilize and bring together nutrition focused Civil Society Organizations in scaling up nutrition. The meetings conducted at community level targeted CBOs leaders, FBOs, women's organization and Right to Food Groups on scaling up nutrition. Meetings conducted at district level targeted alliance members. Other participants in these meetings were staff in charge of nutrition at health centers, hospitals and local leaders. In total these meetings reached 175 persons at district level and 212 persons at community level.

The message delivered during these meetings focused on working together to scale up nutrition. The presence of local leaders and health centers nutritionists facilitated the discussions about new cases of malnutrition reported in the area as well as different strategies that can be used to prevent malnutrition such as working together in educating Rwandan population especially pregnant women and caregivers of children under five years old. These coordinated meeting sessions have contributed to improve the coordination without duplicating efforts. It has also ensured that nutrition civil societies, stakeholders and other involved members of the community understand the needs and priorities of communities and collaborate effectively regarding scaling up nutrition.

Outcome: 3.1: Alliance members participate in SUN Learning Network with other SUN CSAs

3.1.1. Communication with SUN Global Movement

Regular communication by online correspondence during preparation of the Global Nutrition report was done in order to share with the SUN global on the achievements in establishing the Rwanda SUN Civil Society Alliance.

3.1.2. Participation in the Global Nutrition report launch meeting for East Africa organized in Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam

Three members of the Executive Committee of the Rwanda SUN Civil Society Alliance participated in the East Africa Global Nutrition Report Launch meeting held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, May 2015. The meeting was attended with other SUN representatives from different East African Countries including Uganda, Burundi, Malawi, Kenya, and Tanzania. The objective of the meeting was to share the achievements, challenges, and mode of action for the Global Nutrition cases specifically in East Africa. The discussion focused on the SUN civil society strategies used to prevent malnutrition and child stunting in East African countries. Each represented country shared their methods used, challenges and action to be taken regarding nutrition. For Rwanda, there is a need to strengthen the SUN CSA and establish it as an independent organization, have a permanent

coordinator to follow up regularly on SUN activities and operations; and to continue to collaborate with other stakeholders locally and internationally.



The pictures above were taken during the Global Nutrition Report Launch Meeting

Activities planned for the quarter to come

During the quarter, the following activities will be performed:

- Continue the registration process of SUN CSA with Rwanda Governance Board
- District sensitization and establishment of district SUN CSA Committees in 17 districts
- Organization of a second general assembly
- Organization of learning event for 17 district SUN focal point and organize district competition around nutrition event to mobilize civil societies
- Organize meetings to strengthen Civil Society Alliance partnership toward scaling up nutrition at community level.