

Myanmar SUN CSA: Member Workshop Report

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I. Background on the SUN CSA

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) is a global movement that aims to unite governments, civil society, businesses and individuals worldwide to end undernutrition. In May 2013, the Government of the Union of Myanmar signed onto the SUN Movement, demonstrating its commitment to improving the nutrition, health and wellbeing of its citizens. The SUN Civil Society Alliance (CSA) in Myanmar was launched in February 2015. The goal of the CSA is to unite civil society organizations to ensure a voice is given to a range of small, independent, regional and national organizations to contribute to the national dialogue and achievement of SUN priorities.

II. Purpose and objectives of the workshop

On August 28th, 2015, the Myanmar SUN CSA hosted a workshop in Yangon for all existing and potential new members. The purpose of the workshop was to strengthen the newly formed CSA through learning, participatory strategic planning, and experience sharing. Specific objectives of the workshop were:

1. To raise the awareness of CSA members on how to facilitate nutrition activities in their communities;
2. To raise the awareness of CSA members on how to monitor the Order of BMS Marketing in their communities;
3. To develop a strategic plan for the CSA in 2016 that is in line with the activities of members and their identified capacity development needs.

III. Description of workshop activities

Workshop sessions included:

- “How does nutrition relate to our work?” –Dr. Thet Aung (World Vision)
- “Introduction to the Order of Marketing of Formulated Food for Infants and Young Children” (i.e. the Code) and “Monitoring the Order using the KoBo Collect mobile app”- Swe Linn Maung (Save the Children)
- “Participatory Facilitation Skills” – Dr. Saw Eden (LEARN Project)
- Strategic planning session (group work)- All participants

Workshop participants actively discussed nutrition issues in Myanmar, including:

- Myths and beliefs related to breastfeeding;
- Actions taken by health workers to promote breastfeeding, including contributions from the Yangon Public Health Department;

- The role of food fortification in Myanmar;
- How to report violations of the Order from different media sources.

During group work to develop a strategic plan for the CSA in 2016, participants identified:

- Key activity areas, including:
 - Awareness raising
 - Advocacy with government at local, regional, and national levels
 - Capacity building for CSA members
 - Support to communities: nutrition training and livelihoods development
- Responsible parties and key stakeholders, including:
 - SUN CSA Secretariat
 - CSA member organizations: INGOs, LNGOs, CBOs
 - Village Development Committees in communities where CSA members work
- Indicators and methods of measurement

IV. Workshop Participants

Thirty-seven different NGOs participated in the workshop (26 local NGOs and 11 INGOs). NGO representatives came from Yangon Division, Chin State, Shan State, Ayeyarwaddy Region and Magway Region. Additionally, two government representatives, from the Yangon Regional Public Health Department and the Myanmar Health Assistant Association (MHAA), participated in the morning sessions. Please see attendance list for a full list of participants.

Six local NGOs officially joined the CSA, signing membership agreements at the close of the workshop. An additional nine NGOs are planning to submit membership agreements.

V. Follow-up actions

- SUN CSA Secretariat is now consolidating the results of the strategic planning group work sessions, which will help to shape the Strategic Plan for 2016. After results are organized into a shareable document, they will be sent to all CSA members for review and additional feedback.
- SUN CSA Secretariat will continue a mapping exercise to collect information about CSA members. Members will be asked to provide details about their work by completing a survey either by phone or email. This information will help the Secretariat identify existing capacities of CSA members and capacity development needs as well as opportunities for exchanges, joint activities, and cross learning.
- SUN CSA Secretariat will update and share membership information to all CSA members.

Image 1: Participants discussing what makes a good facilitator during Participatory Facilitation Session conducted by Dr. Saw Eden (LEARN Project)



Image 2: Dr. Thet Aung (World Vision) presentation “How does nutrition relate to our work?”



Image 3: Participants presenting the results of group work to develop a strategic plan for the Myanmar SUN CSA in 2016



Myanmar SUN CSA Workshop Attendance List

Table 1: Local NGOS

No.	Local Organizations
1	Rhododendron Integrated Development Association (RID)
2	Zewaka Foundation
3	Thirimay Women's Development Cooperative Society Ltd;
4	May Doe Arr Man
5	Pyin Nya Ta Zaung
6	People Hope Community Development
7	Sympathy Hands Community Development Organization
8	Swan Saung shin
9	Lin Yaung Chi
10	Pin Lae Pyar Yae Phan Tee Shin
11	Myanmar Enhancement to Empower Tribal (MEET)
12	Pann Pyoe Lett Foundation
13	Myanmar Baptist Convention (MBC)
14	Chan Myae Metta Cooperative Society (CMMCS)
15	Khumi Youth Development (KYD)
16	Nomin Woman Development Group (NWDG)
17	Green Kennedy Group
18	Green Network
19	Kyel Sin May
20	Network Activity Group (NAG)
21	Chin Youth Organization (CYO)
22	Kyaukme District Women Development Association (KDWDA)
23	May Myanmar Women's Development Cooperative Society Ltd;
24	Youth Network (Lasio-Northern Shan State)
25	Freeland Organization
26	New Generation

Table 2: INGO Participants

No.	INGO
1	PACT Myanmar
2	Action Contre La Faim (ACF)
3	PSI Myanmar
4	TDH-Italia
5	PLAN
6	Marie Stopes International (MSI)

7	World Vision Myanmar
8	Path
9	HKI
10	SCI
11	German Agro Action (GAA) / Welt Hunger Hilfe

Table 3: Government representatives

No.	Department
1	Yangon Regional Public Health Department
2	Myanmar Health Assistant Association (MHAA)