***Quarterly progress reports –Third quarter (2015)***

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**PROGRAMME1 QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

***as of 31.09.2015***

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| **Participating UN Organization:** | The United Nations World Food Programme | | | | |
| **Implementing Partner(s):** | Hunger Alliance of Ghana | | | | |
| **Programme Number:** | SUN Window 2-002 | | | | |
| **Programme Title:** | Formation of Coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to support Scale up Nutrition in Ghana | | | | |
| **Total Approved Programme Budget:** | US$374,500 | | | | |
| **Location:** | Ghana | | | | |
| **MC Approval Date:** | 05/12/2012 | | | | |
| **Programme Duration:** | 36 months | Starting Date: | 01/01/2013 | Completion Date: | 31/12/2015 |
| **Funds Committed:** | US$374,500 | | | Percentage of Approved: | 100% |
| **Funds Disbursed:** | US$374,500 | | | Percentage of Approved: | 100% |
| **Expected Programme Duration:** | 36 months | Forecast Final Date: | 01/04/2013 | Delay (Months): | 3 months |

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| **Outcomes:** | **Achievements/Results:** | **Percentage of Planned:** |
| To attain an independent and multi-sectoral platform for CSOs with a Focal Point and a Secretariat that seeks to advocate for making nutrition a high development priority issue in Ghana. | 1. It was mentioned in the second quarter report that a new recruitment was made by the Hunger Alliance of Ghana in the second quarter of 2015 for the position of membership and partnership coordinator. It was mentioned that Mr. Joshua Nana Yirekyi, a University of Ghana graduate in development studies had joined the management team of Hunger Alliance of Ghana as the Alliance’s Programmes and Partnership Manager. With the responsibility of working with the Executive Director to promote the Alliance’s inclusiveness, participation and ownership and to work to further strengthen the coordination of the Ghana SUN Civil Society Alliance, Mr. Yirenkyi has contributed significantly to the management and coordination of the SUN CSA platform in Ghana in various ways in such a short time of his appointment. It must also be mentioned in this third quarter report that various meetings that were held at World Vision Conference Room between June and September 2005 including the Ghana SUN CSA’s general meeting and the SUN CSA’s Communication and Advocacy Committee meetings which also promoted the spirit of inclusiveness and participation in the CSA Alliance. It must therefore be admitted in this report that with the calibre of staff available in the Secretariat of Hunger Alliance of Ghana and the tremendous support the Secretariat received from members of the SUN CSA platform as at the end of the third quarter of 2015, the Hunger Alliance of Ghana was well positioned to continue to implement its SUN activities especially activities related to nutrition advocacy and awareness creation. It is therefore relevant to mention that activity 1.6 that involved the administrative and secretarial functions of the Ghana SUN CSA Platform made a considerable progress in the third quarter of 2015. The Secretariat was still very effective in its coordination functions during the third quarter of 2015. 2. Related to activity 1.7, it must be mentioned that as indicated in the second quarter report, the websites of the SUN CSA platform and the Hunger Alliance of continued to provide the space for information dissemination about SUN implementation process in Ghana as the websites were further updated in the third quarter of 2015. As it has been admitted, in the absence of a national SUN Movement’s website, the website of the Ghana SUN CSA platform continued to provide the only resource in the form of materials and information on the status of SUN implementation process in Ghana to all stakeholders. The websites would further be updated by the end of 2015.   80%   1. Related to activity 1.8 it was mentioned in the second quarter report that a planning committee was being constituted to work with the Resource Mobilization Committee of the SUN CSA Platform and the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign Celebrity Ambassador, Mr. Noble Nketia to officially launch the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign song and help raise funds for the campaign. It must be mentioned here that in reference to this initiative, the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign dinner fundraising was held at African Regent Hotel, Airport Residential, Accra on Sunday 26th July, 2015. The well attended fundraising dinner attracted the participation of members of the Ghana SUN CSA platform, Representatives of Development Partners, Representatives of the Private Sector and Representatives of the Media. The 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign fundraising dinner was a memorable occasion to recognize and project 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign in Ghana and for that matter nutrition as a whole. Private Sector Representatives and participants in general renewed their commitment to SUN implementation in Ghana and pledged to fund the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign in Ghana. It was one of the initiatives aimed at exploring the long term funding for the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign and the activities of the SUN CSA platform beyond 2015. Over one hundred participants attended the event. The report on this activity is attached.   100% |  |
| To attain popular demand for the scale up of nutrition intervention in Ghana promoted through a national awareness raising campaign to support the SUN Movement and the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign | In furtherance of this outcome, Hunger Alliance of Ghana initiated steps to carry out the activities below during the third quarter of 2015:   1. As mentioned in the first and second quarter reports in relation to activity 2.4 that the Communication and Advocacy Sub-Committee of the Ghana SUN CSA platform met on Wednesday February 18th 2015 to take a wide range of decisions regarding the dissemination of the Ghana SUN CSA’s advocacy strategy and with the recommendation that the Hunger Alliance of Ghana apply funds allocated for the third year advocacy activity of the project to print and circulate more copies of the Ghana SUN CSA’s simplified advocacy strategy document among members and key SUN stakeholders especially the media. As a follow up to this, it must be indicated that during the third quarter of 2015, the first copies of the simplified advocacy strategy document have been printed and ready for distribution. 2. Related to activity 2.6, as reported in the first quarter of 2015 that funds earmarked for the work of the Communication Committee in 2015 was to be applied to promote the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign video on television stations, it is being reported here that during the third quarter, the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign video was aired on TV3 and UTV. It is expected that this video shall have a considerable impact on the Ghanaian society and help promote a sense of commitment on the part of government to tackle nutritional challenges of children under two years. The song “save a child today” has been airing on TV3 and UTV since July, 2015 and shall continue to enjoy airtime on TV3 till the end of the year. | 60%  70% |
| Nutrition is recognized as both a health and a developmental issue secured through the adoption and implementation of a strong National Nutrition Policy which is supported through appropriate budgetary allocation by the government and other stakeholders by 2013. | Related to activity 3.1, it was mentioned in the first quarter report that as the previous years of the project implementation were used to lobby the appropriate policy makers and public institutions such as Parliament to influence nutrition and health budgetary allocations by calling and lobbying for increased budgetary allocation for nutrition, the SUN CSA platform through the Hunger Alliance of Ghana and in partnership with the World Vision organized the 2015 Parliamentarians Round-table conference on Ghana’s food security and nutrition. This event was held at Fiesta Royale hotel Dzowolu, Accra on 8th September, 2015. It was well attended with the participation of ten (10) members of Parliament representing the Ghana Parliamentarians Against Hunger and Malnutrition Caucus as well as other appropriate Committees of Parliament, Representatives of the Media, Representatives of the United Nations agencies, Representatives of the Development Partners, Members of the Ghana SUN CSA platform and Representatives of Donors. This event which was also part of the initiative to engage Parliamentarians on right to food issues under the ECOWAS Zero Hunger initiative was a very successful event. It was used to renew the commitment of all Stakeholders especially members of Parliament, Decision making bodies and influential politicians to nutrition and to make it more relevant in Ghana’s development agenda. The report on this event is attached.  For activity 3.2 which relates to budget advocacy and lobby for adequate investment for nutrition, Hunger Alliance of Ghana has planned to again organize a round table discussion on 2016 national budget to ascertain if the budget would be nutrition sensitive. This shall be held during the 2016 national budget hearing in the first week of November, 2015. The discussion shall stimulate national commitment to ensure long term funding for nutrition interventions in Ghana and accelerate the national effort in making nutrition funding sustainable.  For activity 4.3, the project end line evaluation work has started and shall be completed end of November, 2015. The report shall be shared with all Stakeholders at a Stakeholders meeting and with the SUN Secretariat in November, 2015. | 100%  60%  50% |

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| **Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:** |
| 1. The decision to start full promotion of the 1,000 Days of the Child song (both video and audio) on television is also appropriate for the visibility of SUN and 1,000 days campaign in Ghana. The video of the song alone shall be used to influence many Ghanaians to appreciate the need to join the 1,000 Days of the child campaign. As the video is being aired on TV3 and UTV which have nationwide coverage, it is expected that the video shall be used to promote national ownership of the campaign and bring 1,000 Days of the child issues to the centre of public discourse for appropriate attention. 2. The organization of 1,000 Days of the Child campaign fundraising dinner on July 26th 2015 in line with activity 1.8 provided the opportunity to explore long term funding for the 1,000 Days of the Child Campaign and for nutrition as a whole. It was also another opportunity to bring Private Sector operators on the main SUN platform and to help strengthen the business network of the SUN further. The contribution of the business network is also very important for the sustainability of SUN in Ghana and the fundraising dinner for 1,000 Days of the child campaign proved that the private sector could also be engaged adequately in the SUN implementation process in Ghana. 3. By organizing the 2015 round table dialogue on Ghana’s food security and nutrition for Parliamentarians and high level officials, the completion of activity 3.1 has contributed significantly towards the engagement of members of Parliament and high level officials in the SUN implementation process in Ghana which also provided the medium to mobilize the capacity of these high profile persons to stimulate national debate on nutrition in order to make it a national development priority. |
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