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**ANNUAL NARRATIVE progress report**

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| Participating Organization: UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF) |  | Priority Sector covered: NUTRITION |
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| Programme1 No. and Programme Title: MPTF - Window 1  Addressing gaps on multi-sectoral costing and financial tracking for nutrition |  | Report Number: 1 |
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| Reporting Period:Jan 2015-Dec 2015 |  | Programme Budget: **US$ 320,000** |
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| List Implementing Partners: |  | Programme Coverage/Scope: |
| REGIONAL OFFICES OF UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF) |  | UNICEF Regional Offices (West and Central Africa RO [WCARO], Eastern and Southern Africa [ESARO], Latin America and Caribbean [LACRO], East Asia [EAPRO], South Asia [ROSA]) |

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| Abbreviations and acronyms: |  | Programme Duration/Closed Programme: |
| *SUN Scaling Up Nutrition.*  *CO Country office; RO Regional Office*  *WCARO West and Central Africa RO;*  *ESARO Eastern and Southern Africa RO;*  *LACRO Latin America and Caribbean RO;*  *EAPRO East Asia and Pacific RO; ROSA RO* South Asia |  | * 15 months * No-cost extension and budget revision was approved by the SUN MPTF on 3 August 2015. |

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# NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

# Purpose

The expected **outcome** of the *“Addressing gaps on multi-sectoral costing and financial tracking for nutrition”* project is to support SUN Countries joining the exercise to develop common results frameworks and cost national and sub-national plans for nutrition in order to guide coordinated implementation by stakeholders and to mobilise the required resources to address gaps and sustain results.

Regional workshops organized within the framework of this project aimed to accelerate efforts of countries to report on nutrition-relevant budget allocations to increase the dialogue and alignment among sectors and to mobilize resources towards improved nutrition. This project covered Asia, Africa and Latin America. **(MPTF Logframe Window 1 – Key area of Change + Outcome A)**

The main implementing partners were UNICEF Regional Offices (West and Central Africa RO [WCARO], Eastern and Southern Africa [ESARO], Latin America and Caribbean [LACRO], East Asia [EAPRO], South Asia [ROSA]). The UNICEF Regional Offices were responsible for organizing **Three Regional Workshops on Tracking Domestic Resources** Asia, Africa and Latin America, and a further **two Regional Workshops on Costing and Planning** will take place in Asia and Latin America. This involved logistics and

1. **Resources**

*Financial Resources:*

Total Approved Programme Budget for this project is US$ 320,000.

A no-cost extension and budget revision was approved by the SUN MPTF on 3 August 2015. The no-cost time extension from 31 August 2015 to May 2016 was requested so as to allow for the scheduling of the final Asia workshop. A budget reallocation was submitted, although the total project remained the same. (The final workshop was estimated to be lower than planned, with the anticipation that no additional funds would be required).

1. **Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements**

UNICEF’s Regional Offices, working with the support of the SUN Secretariat, were able to organize 4 regional workshops in Latin America, Africa (Francophone and Anglophone) and Asia on Tracking Domestic Resources and Costing and Planning (Latin America) in April 2015.

This capacity building and knowledge sharing exercise included representation from 32 countries, and importantly was inclusive – with participation of multiple stakeholders from national government (multiple sectors), civil society (including NGOs and academia), UN agencies, donors and the private sector. Including these multiple stakeholders allowed for the rich discussions that not only covered the step by step process for budget analysis for nutrition, but also the implications for efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and for advocacy.

No major risks were faced in implementing these workshops.

1. **Results**

Below is a summary and assessment of the outcomes achieved during the reporting period. Workshop outputs and reports, including lessons learned were shared in the Quarterly Report and Annexes, submitted 24 August 2015. There have been no further activities since this last report.

**Outcome 1:**

**Three Regional Workshops on Tracking Domestic Resources** will take place in Asia, Africa and Latin America to create a space for participating countries to share the methodologies, data sources and estimated figures for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive budget allocations across relevant sectors.

**Achievements/Results: Fully achieved.**

**Four tracking Domestic Resources workshop were held in April 2015 in:**

* **Asia** (Bangkok) for Bangladesh, Indonesia, Maharashtra State, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Tajikistan and Vietnam.
* **Latin America** (Guatemala) for Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru.
* **Africa** (Abidjan – Francophone) for (le Bénin, le Burkina Faso, le Burundi, le Cameroun, les Comores, la Côte d’Ivoire,

Madagascar, le Mali, la Mauritanie, la République Démocratique du Congo, le Sénégal, le Tchad et le Togo)

* **Africa** (Entebbe – Anglophone) for Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, South Sudan, The Gambia, Uganda and Zambia

**In total, government representatives from 32 countries (including 2 observing countries) participated.** In addition,multiple stakeholder groups including the United Nations, Civil Society, Private sector and Donor organizations participated.

Countries had made significant progress with the 3-step process for budget analysis and were able to improve their understanding in key areas including;

* how to reach an estimate of the total budget relevant to nutrition across key sectors
* understand with key ministries how investments can improve their effectiveness and reach
* how the findings can be used for advocacy
* how budget analysis forms part of a wider effort to track financial resources

Country-specific results and conclusions are available in the workshop reports.

**Outcome 2:** Building on previous Costing and Planning workshops held in Africa in 2014, a further **two Regional Workshops on Costing and Planning** will take place in Asia and Latin America.

**Achievements/Results: Partially achieved.**

**One Regional Workshop on Costing and Planning** **Domestic Resources workshop took place in April 2015 in Latin America (back to back with the Tracking Domestic Resources workshop).** This joint workshop took place inGuatemala with participation of four countries: for Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru.

Country-specific results and conclusions are available in the workshop reports.

1. **Future Work Plan**

The final Asia workshop is scheduled to take place in Bangkok for 25-27 April 2016 for CEE/CIS, ROSA and EAPRO SUN countries plus a few additional prospective SUN countries. Participants included government representatives from planning, health and finance sectors and multiple stakeholder groups including the United Nations, Civil Society and Donor organizations.

The workshop’s main objectives are as follows:

* To get an estimate of the total budget allocated for nutrition across the key sectors and identify changes over time.
* To better understand with key ministries and departments how the identified investments can improve their effectiveness and coverage.
* To share analyses of the costs of not investing in improving nutrition (the costs of malnutrition)
* To discuss how the findings can be disseminated and used for advocacy in making the investment case with different audiences.
* To provide examples of best practices and quality costing of nutrition actions (specific and sensitive) across sectors
* To discuss how this exercise can become part of more comprehensive efforts to track financial resources and undertake quality costing exercises at different levels to hold responsible parties accountable and leverage increased investment for nutrition. Linked to this how the SUN Movement and resource persons or institutions can provide timely and adequate support.

The estimated budget remains the same as that submitted in August 2015 ($83,822). UNICEF EAPRO is seeking additional funds to address any shortfalls. A donor statement for 2015 is provided for reference.