

# SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



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

Reporting period: January to March 2015

*Submitted as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 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>	# 00089100 SUN – Window 02/LKA/017 ‘Civil Society’				
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Formation of Civil Society Forum to augment the implementation of Multi Sectorial Action Plan for Nutrition at ground level in Sri Lanka				
<b>Total Approved Programme Budget:</b>	US\$ 235,400				
<b>Location:</b>	Sri Lanka				
<b>MC Approval Date:</b>					
<b>Programme Duration:</b>	24 Months	<b>Starting Date:</b>	01/01/2014	<b>Completion Date:</b>	31/12/2015
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	US\$ 220,000 project US\$ 15,400 ISC			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	US\$ 118,240			<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	54%
<b>Expected Programme Duration:</b>	02 years	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	31 Dec 2015	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	0

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Achievement/ Result</b>	<b>Percentage of Planned</b>
1. Independent and sustainable multi-sectorial forum of civil society organizations structured and empowered to advocate for making	<b>1. SUN People’s Forum (SUN PF) Council Meetings:</b> Monthly executive council meetings were held as scheduled on 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February and 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 ( <i>Annex 1 - Minutes of the Executive Council meeting</i> ).	Achieved (100%)

<p>nutrition as a high priority issue in Sri Lanka</p>	<p><b>2. An Advocacy Plan for First 1000 Days of Nutrition:</b>  A two day workshop was conducted to formulate an advocacy plan for the first 1000 days of nutrition. Officers from the Ministry of Health (MoH) (representing Nutrition Coordination Unit, Family Health Bureau, and Health Education Bureau), WFP, UNICEF, leading INGO, NGOs, and SUN PF council attended to the workshop and actively involved with the development of the advocacy plan.  <i>(Annex 2 - Participant List for Advocacy Planning – First 1000 days of Nutrition).</i></p> <p><b>3. SUN PF Board Meeting:</b>  The SUN PF board meeting was held on 17th February 2015 <i>(Annex 3 - Minutes of the SUN PF Board Meeting).</i></p> <p><b>4. Project Review and Planning meeting with SCI:</b>  A project review and planning meeting was held with the Senior Manager Health &amp; Nutrition, Save the Children International. The purpose of this exercise was to review the project achievements and plan activities for the current quarter and the year.</p>	
<p><b>2.</b> Strong civil society alliance supported and monitored the Sri Lanka multi sectorial action plan in accelerating “nutrition specific” and “nutrition sensitive” interventions that with the appropriate budgetary allocation by the government and other stakeholders by 2015.</p>	<p><b>1. A Video documentary on Nutrition:</b>  A contract was signed to produce a documentary on improving Nutrition in Sri Lanka. The documentary is to be used as a resource material in the capacity building programs for Community based Organisations (CBOs)/ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). This activity is currently on going. An additional feature of the documentary was to interview a cross section of officials working in the nutrition sector of the country. Interviews are planned with</p>	<p>On track (60%)</p>

	<p>MoH officials, Chairperson SUN PF council and few other officials.</p> <p><b>2. SUN PF website:</b> A website for SUN PF is being designed. Currently, the website development work is undertaken by an intern who volunteered to render his services for the task.</p> <p><b>3. SUN PF News Letter:</b> The first newsletter of SUN PF is being finalized.</p> <p><b>4. Survey of violation of breast milk code, advertisements related to food, dietary diversity and food security:</b> As a part of SUN PF's responsibility towards monitoring nutrition related activities, an assessment is planned on aforementioned areas. SUN PF Secretariat has developed a survey questionnaire and it will be piloted and finalised in May 2015. Local CBOs will carry out the survey with the technical guidance of the SUN PF. A training on data collections for CBOs is scheduled towards the end of June 2015.</p> <p><b>5. Launch of Global Nutrition Report:</b> The SUN PF launched the Global Nutrition Report on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The chief guest and the guest of honour at the launching ceremony was Hon. Minister of Health and Hon. State Minister of Children's affairs. A large number of stakeholders representing various government and non-governmental institutes including the Ministry of Health, Universities, United Nations Organizations, SUN PF and the media attended the event (<i>Annex 4 - Photographs – Launch of Global Nutrition Report</i>).</p> <p><b>6. Review of National Nutrition Policy:</b> As the first step of reviewing the national nutrition policy, a policy review committee</p>	
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	was appointed in March 2015. SUN PF Secretariat drafted the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the policy review committee. The first meeting will be held in May 2015 ( <i>Annex 5 - ToR of the National Nutrition Policy Review Committee</i> ).	
7. Civil Society alliance shared global and regional lessons learned, best practices and research outcomes among partners, while capitalization of resources maintained good governance and aid effectiveness.	<p><b>1.Teleconference with Global SUN Movement:</b> SUN PF had two teleconferences with Global SUN movement to discuss about the achievements as well as exchange the experiences so far.</p> <p><b>2.Media discussion and information sharing:</b> SUN PF used Global Nutrition Report launching event to inform the media about the status and challenges in the nutrition sector of Sri Lanka.</p> <p><b>3.Discussion held with Regional Advisor, Nutrition, WFP:</b> A discussion was organised for SUN PF council members to meet the Regional Advisor - Nutrition, WFP on her recent visit to Sri Lanka. The discussion was based on the civil society's role to improve nutrition status of the country, its effectiveness, challenges and the way forward beyond 2015.</p>	On track

<b>Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:</b>
<p><b>Result of Outcome 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At an average there was an 80 % member participation at the SUN PF council meetings. At all the council meetings, actions plans with timelines are prepared for the agreed activities. One of the significant developments at the meetings was that all the members attempt to complement each other by sharing their resource materials, best practices and other expertise.</li> <li>SUN PF Council Members provided a significant support for carrying out the project activities. The registration of local CBOs/NGOs at the district level was carried out with the support of council members. A survey of violation of breast milk code,</li> </ul>

advertisements related to food, dietary diversity and food security will be undertaken with the involvement of the council members.

- The Advocacy Plan for first 1000 days of nutrition was developed by the technical sub-committee of first 1000 days. It was a joint effort by both CSOs and MoH officials. In an environment where there is a stiff resistance by the government officials (Ministry of Health) over the engagement of civil society actors, to have agreed on the role of CSOs and to formulate an advocacy plan to eradicate malnutrition in Sri Lanka can be considered as a noteworthy achievement.
- SUN PF received recognition from the government by virtue of CEO of the SUN PF Secretariat being appointed as an advisor to the Minister of Child Development. In her advisory role now she has an opportunity to contribute towards addressing child malnutrition in Sri Lanka.

### **Results of Outcome 2**

- SUN PF contributed to the task of developing the National School Meals program by being a member in the elite committee of professionals.

### **Results of Outcome 3**

- The fact that SUN PF was given the privilege of launching the Global Nutrition Report indicates the recognition of its efforts towards addressing nutrition issues in Sri Lanka. While the event was graced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Hon. State Minister of Child Development, it was also attended by the Country Representative of UNICEF, Country Director of FAO, Deputy Country Director of WFP, Country Director of Save the Children International Sri Lanka, Country Director Plan International, several high officials representing the Ministry of Health and the media representatives.
- The launching event captured significant publicity through both electronic and print media giving widespread publicity to SUN PF and its work with CSOs. A few media links are given below:

<http://www.itnnews.lk/?p=62353>

[http://epaper.dailynews.lk/art.asp?id=2015/03/17/pg02\\_5&pt=p&h=](http://epaper.dailynews.lk/art.asp?id=2015/03/17/pg02_5&pt=p&h=)

<https://srilanka.savethechildren.net/news/launch-global-nutrition-report-2014-sri-lanka#.VRE5el4m-2k.twitter>

- The SUN PF was able to share the experiences of the civil society and private sector engagement on tackling nutrition issues in Sri Lanka in a teleconference with the Global SUN Movement.

**Annex 1 –  
Minutes of the Executive Council meeting**

**Minutes  
07<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Conference Hall, WFP

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**Attendees:**

Ms. Dilka Peiris(Chair) – World Vision  
Dr. Lalith Chandradasa (Advisor)  
Mr. NguyenDuc Hoang – World Food Programme  
Dr. D.S.N. Jayasundara – Save the Children  
Ms. Achala Samaradiwakara – Sewalanka Foundation  
Mr. Methsiri De Silva – Save the Children  
Ms. R.P.M. Sandamali – Child Fund  
Ms. Kanchana Weerakoon – Echo-V  
Ms. Achini Weerasinghe  
Mr. Roshana Dala Bandara – Childfund  
Mr. Asanga Ranasinghe – Plan Sri Lanka  
Mr. Saman Kalupahana – World Food Programme  
Dr. Dula De Silva – SUN Secretariat  
Mr. Prishantha Welathanthry – SUN Secretariat  
Ms. L. Madhuwanthi – SUN Secretariat

**Excused :**

Mr. William Lynch – Save the Children  
Mr. Sathis de Mel - Arthacharya  
Ms. Geethmi Wanigasooriya – Sarvodaya  
Ms. Visakha Thilakaratne – Nutrition Alliance  
Mr. Chaminda Rajakaruna – Sarvodaya  
Mr. Saman Algoda - Sarvodaya  
Mr. Dave Maurice – Nucleus Foundation  
Mr. Roshan Shajehan – Palm Foundation

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## **1. Welcome**

- Meeting commenced at 10:00AM. Dr. Dula de Silva welcomed the Council Members and introduced the new members to the Executive Council as this was the first meeting for Mr. NguyenDuc Hoang, Deputy Country Director, WFP and Dr. Shyam Jayasundera, Senior Manager Nutrition .
- After introductions of council members, meeting was handed over to the Chairperson to proceed.

## **2. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

- The minutes of the previous meeting was approved subject to one amendment. Mr. V. Sutharsan, who participated from Worldvision, was not in the attendees list. It was added.
- Council Members inquired the stage of the registration with NGO Secretariat. Dr. Dula de Silva informed that the SUN PF has submitted the application but not received a response yet.
- Council was informed that certificates will be issued to the member in due course.
- Ms.Kanchana Weerakoon from ECHO-V asked whether ECHO-V is recognized as a member of Civil Society Alliance and the Secretariat informed that ECHO –V is a Council Member.
- Council members were informed the status of the SUN PF website. The Board of Directors has concerned regarding a separate website for SUN PF and requested the Secretariat to obtain a folder from National Nutrition Secretariat or Global SUN web site. Since National Nutrition Secretariat did not have a website and not having such facility with SUN Global, SUN PF recruited an intern who is helping to develop a website for SUN PF without any cost. It was mentioned that SUN PF is maintaining a Twitter and a Facebook page.

## **3. Project progress of 2014**

- Presentation of the 2014 achievements of SUN project was presented and it was highlighted the main achievements such as setting up SUN Executive Council, establishing of SUN Secretariat. Also presented the status of membership drive, established SUN PF Nutrition Committee at district level and Technical Subcommittee. Further it was highlighted the current progress of development of advocacy plans of three thematic areas and number of workshops conducted. The focus group discussions (FGD) conducted by 1st Thousand Days Subcommittee will be used to develop advocacy plan

#### **4. Forward Plans for the next 3 months**

- The planned activities are :
  - Develop Advocacy Plan for 1st 1000 days
  - Finalize the Advocacy Plans of Food Security and Better Communication
  - Consultative workshop to review the National Nutrition Policy
  - Video documentary for SUN PF focusing stunting situation in Sri Lanka.
  - Workshop to develop research capacity of CBOs
  - Media Workshop
- It was discussed regarding the preparation of next phase of the SUN PF which will be mainly focused on Capacity Building and Mobilizing of Civil Societies. For the next phase, SUN PF will be looking for funding opportunities from NGOs and private sector. The Council requested the secretariat to inform them before accepting any funds from milk food companies.

#### **5. AOB**

- Dr. Lalith Chandranda gave a feedback on the workshop – Management of Conflict of Interest.
- Dr. Lalith Chandradasa inquired the status of the Advocacy Plan for 1st 1000 days. This workshop is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Council Members were briefed regarding the Launching of the Global Nutrition Report and received positive comments from them.

#### **6. Date for the next meeting**

- Next meeting will be scheduled on 23rd of February 2015.



## 7. Close of the meeting

- Meeting was closed at 12:30PM

### **Minutes** 08<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Conference Hall, WFP

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#### **Attendees:**

Dr. D.S.N. Jayasundara(Co-chair) – Save the Children

Ms. Achala Samaradiwakara – Sewalanka Foundation

Ms. Visakha Tillekeratne – Nutrition Alliance

Mr. Dave Maurice – Nucleus Foundation

Ms. R.P.M. Sandamali – Child Fund

Mr. Rosha Dala Bandara – Childfund

Mr. Asanga Ranasinghe – Plan Sri Lanka

Mr. Methsiri De Silva – Save the Children

Ms. Uwasara – ECO- V

Dr. Dula De Silva – SUN Secretariat

Mr. Prishantha Welathanthry – SUN Secretariat

Ms. L. Madhuwanthi – SUN Secretariat

#### **Excused :**

Ms. Dilka Peiris(Chair) – World Vision

Mr. Sathis de Mel - Arthacharya

## **1. Welcome**

The council meeting started at 10:15am. Dr. Dula De Silva welcomed the participants and invited Dr. D.S.N. Jayasundara to chair the meeting.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Meeting minutes was tabled and approved without any changes.

## **3. Way Forward**

Council members decided to reappoint the new Council in June 2015 as the current council will complete its one year in June. It was decided to request Dr.Lalith Chandradasa to continue as an advisor in the Council.

Presented the activities plan for next 3 months:

- **Launching the Global Nutrition Report**  
This event is scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. The Institute of Development Studies will send the funds as SUN PF had selected to launch the report. SUN PF has planned to invite Minister of Health as the Chief Guest.
- **Technical Expert Group will be appointed to review the National Nutrition Policy.**
- **Develop a video film of 4 to 5 minute duration showing the issues depicting the effects of poor nutrition with special focus on stunting, promoting appropriate complementary feeding, introducing food groups.**
- **The SUN PF will organize training programmes for members of SUN PF on monitoring existing nutrition interventions and reports, to interpret nutrition measurements, and operational research**
- **Organizing a SUN PF Day. The SUN PF hopes to hold this event in Diyatha Uyana, Battaramulla or in the Racecourse, Colombo 07 during April.**

## **4. Outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Board of Directors**

Briefing on the outcomes of Meeting of the Board of Directors, Dr Dula de Silve said that the Board of Directors are happy about the achievements, which SUN PF has delivered within the six months in 2014. SUN PF will share the detailed financial progress as Board of Directors wanted the breakdown by activities.

## **5. AOB**

### **SUN PF's sustainability after 2015:**

- **Mr. Methsiri de Silvas asked about the sustainability of SUN PF after 2015. Ms. Visakha Tillekeratne indicated that the three subcommittees should work properly to raise funds and also appoint a fourth fund raising subcommittee.**

- Mr. Dave Maurice added that the SUN PF can consider future funding opportunities from EU as currently EU is requesting for CSO's interventions. The EU focuses to strengthen the Capacity of CSOs. The deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.
- Ms. Sadamali suggested that SUN PF can raise its funds by charging a membership fee

#### **Conflict of Interest Manual**

- Mr. Methsiri inquired about the Conflict of Interest guidelines. Dr Lalith Chandradasa mentioned this in the last Council Meeting and Dr Dula and Achala will work with Dr Lalith and give a PP at the next Council Meeting.

#### **SUN PF video documentary**

- Mr. Dave Maurice suggested that if the SUN PF is interested, it is possible to get the support from Right Frame Network who works with the USAID. It has developed about 200 audios, videos and documentaries related to good food, agriculture and nutrition. Council Members requested a meeting at the next Council meeting The conflict of interest of involving Mr Vasantha Duganna Rala (VDR) was also stated.

#### **Civil Society Alliance working with CSO in the field**

- Ms. Visakha Tillekeratne said that Viluthu, where she is a consultant would like SUN PF to observe the interactive nutrition training workshops they conduct for communities at very low cost. She requested SUN PF to critic the training. The trainings are conducted by Viluthu are in Gomarankadawela and Echchalampattu.
- Mr. Dave Maurice mentioned that the mother support groups in the North, were informed to stop their food processing activities by PHIs if they do not have separate buildings and tiled floors. They were producing Jeewa Posha under micro credit project. It was suggested to appoint Mr. Madarasinghe as a consultant and give technical support for CBOs. Mr. Dave Maurice said that Nucleus Foundation will take care of consultation charges.
- Ms. Visakha Tillekeratne suggested that SUN PF CSA can support the mother groups to conduct awareness programmes to introduce low cost food preparations and also make one dish meals and improve hygiene and sanitation.

### **Women's Day in Vavuniya and Visibility Event**

- Mr. Dave Murice invited SUN PF to take part for Women Day organized in Vavuniya and organize the SUN PF day.
- Ms. Visakha Tillekeratne requested the Council to support newspaper supplements containing key nutrition messages for Women's Day. This will cost about \$ 1500. Also newspaper articles have been drafted. These would be circulated for comments and corrections.
- Ms. Visakha Thilakaratne suggested a visibility event, with a decorated Double Decker Bus carrying nutrition related messages. This should be organized to go around the Country.

### **Build the link with Government**

- Mr. Dave Maurice suggested to communicate with the Government to inform about the SUN and write to SUN Global Committee nominating SUN PF as the Official SUN focal point
- The Council inquired about CSOs linkage with Government as National Nutrition Council do not exist anymore. Ms. Visakha Thilakaratne suggested that SUN Civil Society Alliance need to meet the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning to discuss about the SUN and the Multi Sector Action Plan for Nutrition
- Ms Visaka suggested SUN PF to work closely with the National Nutrition Society.

### **Update of technical Subcommittees**

- Ms. Visakha Thilakaratne mentioned that Communication Advocacy Plan will be finalized by next council meeting and requested to include in the agenda.
- Ms. Achala Samaradivakara said that Food Security Advocacy plan will be finalized in next workshop.
- A 2 day workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> is organized to finalize the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 days Advocacy Plan. Ms. Sadamali invited all Council Members to participate and contribute to the workshop.

### **6. Date for the next meeting**

- Next meeting will be scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### **7. Close of the meeting**

- Meeting was closed at 12:00PM

## Annex 2 - Participant List for Advocacy Planning – First 1000 days of Nutrition

No	Name	Organization Name	Designation
1	Dr A Banduseana	HEB	Consultant Community Physician
2	Dr T.T.Sonnadara	HEB	MO
3	Shakilla Jabbar	Unicef	M & E Officer
4	Asanga Ranasinghe	Plan Sri Lanka	Grants Manager
5	Ayesha Lokubalasoorya	FHB	CCP
6	Dr. Sapumal Danapala	FHB	CCP
7	Roshan Dela Bandara	Child Fund	DIM
8	R.P.M.Sadamali	Child Fund	Technical Specialist
9	Dr S.N.Jayasundara	Save the Children	Senior Manager Health & Nutrition
10	Dr.Shanthi Gunawardena	Nutrition Coordination Division	Director
11	K.A.N.C.S.Kuruwita	Nutrition Coordination Division	Assistant Director
12	Dr A.S.Abeysundara	FHB	MO
13	Dr C. De Silva	FHB	Deputy Director
14	Dr P.V.C.Chiranthika Vithana	FHB	Consultant Community Physician
15	Dr N.A.A.S.Thilakarathne	FHB	MO
16	Dr.H.S.Jayawickrama	FHB	Consultant Community Physician
17	Prof. Harendra de Silva	Prof of Prediartict -Kalaniya	
18	Dr R.P.S.Rajapaksha	MOH Hambanthota	
19	Methsiri de Silva	Save the Children	Consultant
20	Dilka Peris	World Vision Lanka	Sector Spe. H & N
21	Jagath Kanaharachchi	Divaina/Island	Journalist
22	Saman Kaluphana	WFP	Programe Officer
23	Achala Samaradiwakara	Sewalanka	National Coordinator
24	Vishaka Thilakarathna	NNA	Director
25	Achini Weerasingha		
26	Dr Dula de silva	CEO	SUN PF
27	Prishantha Wealathanthri	Project Manager	SUN PF

### **Annex 3 - Minutes of the SUN PF Board Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF SCALING UP NUTRITION PEOPLE'S FORUM  
(GUARANTEE) LIMITED HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 12.00 P.M. AT THE WFP  
CONFERENCE HALL #2, JAWATTA AVENUE, COLOMBO 05.

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Present: Mr. Suresh Bartlett

Ms. Kaushalya Naveratne

By invitation: Dr. Dula De Silva

Ms. D. Peiris – World Vision

Mr. P. Welathanthry

Ms. T.D.L. Maduwanthi

In Attendance: Mrs. S.N.D. Fernando – Company Secretary

Mr. Suresh Bartlett was appointed as Pro-tem Chairman. The attendees were welcomed to the second meeting of the Directors of the Company.

#### 1. MINUTES –

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Directors held on 25th September 2014 were unanimously confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING -

Chairman indicated that any matters that need to be followed up should be noted and that a check list should be made for the next meeting of the action that has been taken. Mr.

Bartlett inquired from Dr. De Silva about the Financial Procedure Manual and was informed that this had been completed and was approved by the Council.

### 3. PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS -

#### 1. Achievements of Project Activities -

Mr. P. Welathanthry commenced a presentation on the SUN PF project. The Directors were informed that the SUN PF Secretariat was established and that the office was furnished and that there were three staff members. Mr. Welathanthry stated that the Council has agreed to accept the Global SUN Civil Society Alliance Good Governance Manual. Mr. Bartlett inquired about the practices adopted in other countries and Dr. De Silva informed that all countries connect once in two months to share information. He was also of the view that there would be more progress if all come together rather than a single movement doing their own 'thing'. The Partnership Agreement had been signed with Save the Children Sri Lanka. The Executive Council had been set up and consisted of nine non-governmental organisations and the first meeting had been held at the Presidential Secretariat. Six Executive Council meetings had been held during the period June - December 2014. World Vision holding the position of the Chair and Save the children being the Co-Chair.

The Board was informed that SUN Orientation workshops had been held in 11 districts with the active participation of the staff of the Government Agent's office. The workshops were conducted in each district with approximately 3-4 hours being spent to explain nutrition aspects at national and district level. The Puttlam district had not been covered as yet. 271 CBO's and NGO's joined the SUN PF in 2014 and SUN PF has set up District Nutrition Committee's in all 11 Districts. Dr. De Silva explained that the agenda for this year was to develop their capacity and mobilise them. The schedule of the SUN PF members were presented and the Directors noted that in addition to the 271 Civil Societies there were 10 Council members. The cost of conducting a workshop in a district was approximately Rs.100,000/= to Rs.150,000/= Dr. De Silva explained that funding was limited and this hampered the SUN PF from covering all the other districts.

The three Technical Sub-committee's were to develop advocacy plans for –

1. Improving food security, economics and nutrition (final stage)

2. Nutrition during 1st 1000 days (planning stage)

3. Communication for better nutrition (final stage) and it is expected to complete all three plans in March this year and a meeting is scheduled to be held on 26th/27th March to discuss the outcomes.

Mr. Welathanthry presenting another slide explained that SUN PF has worked with Partners to train the 271 CBO's and NGO's on Nutrition in the 11 districts, provided technical assistance to Consumer Voice – Sri Lanka, represented the civil societies at the National Nutrition Focal Point meetings and provided technical assistance to partner organisations. Chairman indicated that it was important to get the participation of the Family Health Bureau in all aspects and at all levels.

Commenting on Way Forward it is proposed to –

1. Launch the Global Nutrition Report as the Global Nutrition Alliance had sent the funds for the launch and they had requested that the Civil Society Alliance launch it. It is hoped to invite a few Ministers of the Government for the launch.

2. Appoint a technical expert group to review the implementation of the National Nutrition Policy and suggest relevant changes.

3. Develop a Documentary to improve nutrition. It was suggested that this be done in the Sinhala/Tamil languages with English sub titles.

4. Training SUN PF members to monitor existing nutrition interventions and reports, interpret nutrition measurements and operational research methodology.

5. To organize a SUN PF day during the Nutrition Month.

2. Financial Progress -

The statement on Cost Categories, Allocation, Expenses and Balances as at 31st December 2014 were presented and noted. Chairman indicated that the main expenditure line items for each 'Outcome' be shown in the future financial presentations. The Board was informed that monthly accounts were prepared and submitted to Save the Children and that the audit of accounts would commence soon after 31st March 2015.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

Dr. De Silva was of the view that SUN PF had made a lot of progress and that everything was



going as planned. It is expected to conduct an awareness program for the media hopefully in March 2015. The Executive Council had suggested that a web site be developed and Dr. De Silva indicated that a young boy had volunteered to do it but the Directors cautioned against this as it would need to be constantly updated and monitored and suggested that it would be better to include data on Sri Lanka on the SUN Global web site rather than having a separate web site.

The SUN PF Annual Report was circulated to the Directors and Dr. De Silva requested that the Directors go through the Report and revert with their comments. It was suggested that a shorter version of it be recorded on a CD.

There being no other business the meeting ended.

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CHAIRMAN

**Annex 4 - Photographs – Launch of Global Nutrition Report**



*Hon Minister of Health at the launch*



*Hon State Minister of Children Affairs at the Launch*



*Professor Harendra De Silva speaks about the challenges faced by Sri Lanka in tackling Malnutrition*



*Dr. Renuka Jayatissa, Consultant Nutritionist speaks on Sri Lankan nutrition profile*



*Presentation of Global Nutrition Report by the Chair of SUN PF Council to Hon. Minister of Health*

## **Annex 5 - ToR of the National Nutrition Policy Review Committee**

### **Draft Terms of References**

National Nutrition Policy Review Committee – SUN PF

Good nutrition is essential for development. The country has achieved almost all MDGs except nutrition targets. The National Nutrition Policy (NNP) for Sri Lanka was first developed in 1986. It was reviewed in 2010 and the existing NNP was endorsed by the Parliament in February 2010. The NNP was to be updated in 2013 and planned to be revised in 2018. However, the NNP was not updated in 2013. The SUN PF is given the task to review the implementation of the NNP and suggest the results to the government.

As revealed in the NNP the low birth weight prevalence is 16.6% (DHS 2006/2007), under 5 underweight 21.1%, under 5 wasting 14.1%, under 5 stunting 17.3%. The DHS 2006/2007 also showed significant geographical disparity. Still the National prevalence of low birthweight remains as 16%, under 5 underweight has increased to 23%, and stunting has fallen to 13%. The district disparity is still unacceptable, Nuwara Eliya stunting rate remains around 25%.

The NNP Policy Review Committee is expected to critically evaluate the policy under the following headings:

1. Topics the NNP cover
2. How they are being implemented
3. What is the implementation coverage
4. Who are the stakeholders
5. What Coordination Mechanism exist
6. How Monitoring and Evaluation are being implemented
7. Identify gaps in the design, contents and implementation

(The TOR will be finalized at the first committee meeting)