


SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund



2nd PROGRAMME¹ QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE – YEAR 2015

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Participating UN Organization:	 World Food Programme wfp.org				
Implementing Partner(s):	Progressio UK				
Programme Number:	# 00089316 SUN - 02/ZWE/021 ‘Supporting Civil’				
Programme Title:	Supporting Civil Society in Realising SUN Objectives and Commitments				
Total Approved Programme Budget:	US\$ 256,000				
Location:	Zimbabwe				
MC Approval Date:	27 November 2013				
Programme Duration:	2 years	Starting Date:	1 July 2014	Completion Date:	31 December 2015
Funds Committed:	US\$ 240 000 project US\$ 16,000 ISC			Percentage of Approved:	100%
Funds Disbursed:	US\$ US\$240 000			Percentage of Approved:	100%
Expected Programme Duration:	2 years	Forecast Final Date:	30 June 2016	Delay (Months):	6 months – BR to be submitted

Outcomes:	Achievements/Results:	Percentage of planned:
Outcome 1: CSOs in Zimbabwe are effective, inclusive, integrate nutrition actions into their programs and contribute to the national priorities on nutrition	Output 1.1: ZCSOSUNA coordinating mechanisms in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 steering committee - 1 member meetings - 2 teleconferences - 2 consultative meetings with FNCs - Country SUN meetings Output 1.2: ZCSOSUNA prioritize and support members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaging the academia - DFNCs training workshops 	

<p>Outcome 2: ZCSOSUNA contribute to public awareness and national consensus about under nutrition</p>	<p>Output 2.2: ZCSOSUNA contributes to raising awareness on the Food and Nutrition strategy and national action plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press statement - Dissemination event of the national nutrition strategy - Press conference 	
<p>Outcome 3: ZCSOSUNA share learning and contribute to policy, legal and budgetary frameworks that address the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Zimbabwe</p>	<p>Output 3.1. ZCSOSUNA engage Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentary engagement <p>Output 3.2: ZCSOSUNA put in place mechanisms promoting mutual learning among members from best practices and optimal contributions to national platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mechanisms for mutual learning (face book; twitter and you tube - contributions to national platforms <p>Output 3.3: ZCSOSUNA produce reports on progress and challenges on achievement of SUN objectives at national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - report submitted to the national level - DFID official visit to ZCSOSUNA 	

Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:

Outcome 1: *CSOs in Zimbabwe are effective, inclusive, integrate nutrition actions into their programs and contribute to the national priorities on nutrition.*

Output 1.1: ZCSOSUNA coordinating mechanisms in place with links to existing CSO networks, platforms and other national mechanisms to avoid duplication

Steering Committee meetings: During this quarter, the alliance held one steering committee meeting on 10 April 2015 focussing on progress update and self-assessment report. Thus the steering committee meetings ensured that the alliance adhered to the programme result framework and monitored project milestones towards achieving set indicators.

Members meeting: One member's meeting was held in the second quarter on 30 April 2015 in which the Food and Nutrition Council presented on the Food and Nutrition Committees (FNCs), their TORs, monitoring and tracking, and the community based multi-sectoral approach pioneered in Chiredzi, Chipinge, Mutasa and Mwenezi. This meeting helped members to remain engaged and motivated in re-aligning their interventions within the SUN framework of multi-sectoral and stakeholder engagements.

Teleconferences: ZCSOSUNA secretariat had a teleconference with Anna Savarli from DFID office in Scotland deliberating on preparations for her visit to Zimbabwe on assessing ZCSOSUNA progress, challenges and recommendations as part of DFID annual review on their support to civil society on nutrition. ZCSOSUNA secretariat participated in the regional teleconference where CSO network contributed to the discussion on engagement of the media and academia in Zimbabwe.

Consultations with Food and Nutrition Council (FNC) of Zimbabwe: This quarter ZCSOSUNA secretariat held 3 consultative meetings with FNC. The first meeting was on the preparatory meeting for the ZCSOSUNA members meeting where FNC presented on taking FNSCs at ward level. The second meeting was on planning of the Global Day of Action (GDA) in which we had to agree on the date, key messages and the programme. The third meeting was on the preparation of the self-assessment workshop. These consultative meetings are fortifying relationships between ZCSOSUNA and the focal point – FNC.

Other national mechanisms: ZCSOSUNA participated in the SUN Networks workshop which brought together all the SUN Networks (government, UN, business and civil society) in coming up with the country self-assessment report. Key issues discussed were on improving the quality of the report by using qualitative and quantitative indicators using the SUN monitoring evaluation framework. Other multi-stakeholder platforms that ZCSOSUNA participated in are the Food Fortification Meetings, the Food and Nutrition Advisory group Meetings and World Breast Week planning meetings.

Output 1.2: ZCSOSUNA prioritize and support members in scaling up nutrition work in line with national processes

Engaging the academia: The academia is a key member of ZCSOSUNA in generating evidence for evidence-based advocacy processes. The secretariat held engaging meetings with National University of Science and Technology (NUST) on 25 June 2015 and the Midlands State University (MSU) on 26 June 2015 on how there could become more active in the SUN processes. The agreement was that they will be imperative in conducting capacity building for ZCSOSUNA members, presenting research findings from their masters' students on nutrition specific and sensitive issues and also participating actively in seminars and conferences arranged by the SUN movement nationally, regionally and globally.

Supporting DFNCs training: Since the District Food Nutrition Committees (DFNCs) are multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder platforms, ZCSOSUNA members participated actively in the trainings which were conducted by the National and Provincial Food and Nutrition Committees in few selected districts in the country. ZCSOSUNA secretariat participated in these trainings. This encouraged more members of civil society to participate in the information analysis and sharing of best cases of practice.

Outcome 2: *ZCSOSUNA contribute to public awareness and national consensus about under nutrition*

Output 2.2: ZCSOSUNA contributes to raising awareness on the Food and Nutrition strategy and national action plan

Press statement: ZCSOSUNA produced a press statement which was published in the Daily News of 12 May 2015. The statement was targeted at the Parliamentary Portfolio Committees of Health, Nutrition and Agriculture. This resulted into more members of parliament, senior policy makers and research students from different universities seeking more information from the alliance on nutrition. Follow <http://www.zcsosuna.org/2015/04/16/featured-post-4/>.

Dissemination event of the National Nutrition Strategy: ZCSOSUNA was actively involved in the national dissemination event of the Zimbabwe National Nutrition Strategy 2014 – 2018 on 5 June 2015 at Hauna Growth Point, in Mutasa district, Manicaland Province. The event was organised by Ministry of Health and Child Care with active involvement of all SUN Networks both at the planning and implementation stage. World Vision and PACDEF as members of ZCSOSUNA participated at the event by exhibiting their work and products from farmers. The secretariat had various visibility materials that further increased the visibility of the alliance. More than 1000 people attended the event.

Press conference: ZCSOSUNA successfully mobilised other SUN Networks and government senior officials in jointly launching 5 key nutrition messages at press conference in Harare on 19 June 2015. The event aimed at disseminating shared messages to advocate for better child nutrition with the overall goal of reducing stunting in Zimbabwe. The messages are:

- Enhancing ZIMASSET in eradicating hunger and malnutrition among Zimbabwean citizens.
- Collaboration across social, economic, business sectors to scale up nutrition
- A multi-sectorial approach to ensure nutrition security in Zimbabwe
- Scaling up nutrition Movement: Addressing under-nutrition and stunting
- Better nutrition/health increase productivity in agriculture, industry and other sectors.

The UN, civil society, donor, Food and Nutrition Council as the Focal Point, Ministry of Health and Child Care, the Member of Parliament who is Zimbabwe Nutrition Champion and the representative from the Office of the President and Cabinet gave the key messages. Follow this link - https://www.facebook.com/pages/Zimbabwe-Civil-Society-Organisations-in-Scaling-Up-Nutrition-Alliance/1532729683657120?sk=photos_stream&ref=page_internal. Twenty journalists attended the press conference and have disseminated the key messages through both electronic and print media. For example, the TV broadcasted the occasion; it was aired out during the news bulletin through Star FM, the 263 chart, the Spiked and the Sentinel. Follow this link on the video: <http://263chat.com/2015/06/video-global-day-of-action-event-19-june-2015/>. (See annex 1: videos on key messages on the Global Day of Action SUN Networks)

Outcome 3: ZCSOSUNA share learning and contribute to policy, legal and budgetary frameworks that address the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Zimbabwe

Output 3.1. ZCSOSUNA engage in the development and formulation of Government commitments and help ensure the voice of local communities are taken into account in national and global financial, legal, programmatic and political commitment on Scaling-Up Nutrition

Parliamentarian Engagement: ZCSOSUNA engaged the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Health, Nutrition and Agriculture on 5 May 2015 to raise awareness among the policy makers of the Global SUN Movement and influence parliamentarians for better nutrition strategies and increased budgets. More than 28 members of parliament attended the event and admitted that there were not preview of the SUN Movement and the Nutrition for Growth Commitments (N4G) committed by the government of Zimbabwe. They promised to ensure nutrition is debated in parliament and the national budget is nutrition sensitive. Follow this link for more information. <http://www.zimsentinel.com/?p=1570>.

Output 3.2. ZCSOSUNA put in place mechanisms promoting mutual learning among members from best practices and optimal contributions to national platforms

Mechanism for mutual learning: The alliance continued updating twitter and face book pages for them to be more interactive. In addition, more information has been shared through you tube. The work on the website has also been updated and constant updates are being posted.

Contributions to national platforms: ZCSOSUNA contributed to the SUN country network platform in planning and facilitating a country SUN workshop. The workshop was on sharing self-assessment reports from all the SUN Networks in the country. The contributions from ZCSOSUNA and other networks assisted in improving the Zimbabwe SUN self-assessment report submitted to the SUN Movement Secretariat in Geneva.

ZCSOSUNA participated at the regional workshop on strengthening effective engagement to scale up nutrition in East and Southern Africa Region in Nairobi, Kenya from 10-12 June 2015. The alliance contributed to the country presentation on knowledge sharing that was presented by the SUN Focal Point. The alliance also contributed into the business engagement platform that was held on 26 June 2015 led to formation of the interim steering committee of the business network in Zimbabwe.

Output 3.3. ZCSOSUNA produce reports on progress and challenges on achievement of SUN objectives at national level

Reports submitted to the national level: ZCSOSUNA produced and submitted a self-assessment report to the government SUN Focal Point as input into the country report.

Assessment of ZCSOSUNA progress, challenges and recommendations: The secretariat hosted Anna Sarvali – DFID policy officer who assessed the progress, challenges and proffered recommendations for improvement for ZCSOSUNA. The exercise was conducted from 15 – 19 June 2015. Meetings and project visits were done in which the DFID official interacted with different stakeholders – UN, donor, government and civil society representatives as well as farmers and ordinary women.

¹ The term “programme” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

Annexes

Annex 1: *Videos on key messages on the Global Day of Action*