



Tanzania Summary Report on the SUN Global Gathering 2019 held on 4th to 7th November 2019, Kathmandu, Nepal

1.0 Introduction

Scaling up Nutrition Global Gathering (SUNGG) is an event that brings together SUN movement member countries to take stock of progress and challenges towards addressing all forms of malnutrition. The 2019 SUNGG was held at Kathmandu, Nepal from 4th to 7th November 2019. The theme of SUNGG was *Nourishing People and Planet Together*.

The gathering was officiated on 4th November, 2019 by Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal Dr. Ishwor Pokharel on behalf of Nepal Prime Minister Honourable Khagda Prasad Oli. The gathering was attended by over 1200 participants from 61 SUN movement member countries, 4 Indian States and different international organizations.

Tanzania delegation was led by the Permanent Secretary from PMO, joined by the SUN Focal person, two members of parliaments, and representatives from TFNC, PORALG, and SUN networks USAID, UNICEF, WFP, PANITA and GAIN.

2.0 Objective

The main objective of SUNGG 2019 was to pave way for the 3rd phase of the SUN movement 2021 – 2025, which mainly focused on;

- Setting goals for phase three of the movement 2021 -2025
- Sharing knowledge, progress and challenges of SUN member countries
- Renew commitments for improving nutrition in the lead up to Tokyo 2020 Nutrition for Growth Summit

3.0 Approach

The gathering used different approaches to ensure knowledge sharing and learning from each other. This include plenary sessions, parallel workshops and exhibitions through global village.

3.1 Plenary sessions

Three plenary sessions were held during the four days of gathering which was attended by all participants. A list of panelists were identified to address various issues that are critical to the progress of SUN Movement. The discussion in plenary sessions involved high level representatives include SUN lead group members, SUN ExCom, High level leaders from different countries (Ministers, deputy Ministers, former President of Tanzania). Key topics discussed during plenary include;




- Countries renewed commitment to ensure a healthier, better nourished future from SUNGG19 to the Nutrition for Growth Summit in 2020
- 2019 SUN movement progress report launch, where it revealed the accomplishment of the Movement and lessons for phase three.



During this plenary the former President of Tanzania Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete made a speech on the role of leadership and high level political commitment in spearheading nutrition agenda in the country.

- How the SUN movement can further support countries to achieve sustainable nutrition impact for people and planet.

3.2 Parallel workshops

To ensure sharing of knowledge, progress and challenge the gathering set a total of 25 workshops which were grouped into 5 themes. For each theme a total of five workshops were conducted.

	<p>Theme 1: From planning to practice; delivering throughout the policy cycle</p> <p>The workshops under this theme emphasized on accelerate progress towards ending malnutrition through investing for impact, translating national vision to local implementation, use of data in decision making, accountable financial tracking and use of common results framework to track progress.</p>
	<p>Theme 2: Advocating and mobilizing for mass change: making nutrition everyone's business</p> <p>This theme addressed issues around increasing multisectoral and multi stakeholders' engagement in nutrition; which include ways to sustain political commitments and engagement of parliamentarians, better ways to tell our stories so that community and other key players can be reached with relevant nutrition messages.</p>
	<p>Theme 3: Building capacity for impact at scale; multi stakeholder action on universal challenge</p> <p>This theme focused on increasing awareness on challenges in food systems, the way they affects nutrition, health and environment. Bring forward the discussion on how food diets and food systems affects climate and biodiversity. It also stressed on the role of private</p>

	sectors in making food systems contribute to nutrition through sharing examples of multisectoral collaboration which include business as a key players.
	<p>Theme 4: equity, equality and empowerment; leave no one behind</p> <p>Five workshops were conducted under this theme, bringing experiences and challenge sharing and learning successful country, regional and global actions and approaches to tackling malnutrition and inequality – in tandem – and across stakeholder groups. The workshops highlighted requirements to scale up nutrition specific interventions in SUN countries to ensure universal health coverage. Countries shared lesson and challenges in accelerating</p>
	<p>Theme 5: Sharing, learning and demand driven technical assistance: Harnessing the knowledge of SUN for sustainable change</p> <p>This theme focused on ways to ensure SUN countries can achieve nutrition objectives benefiting from SUN support system. It was used as an opportunity to review JAA process and outcome so as to create a tool that will fit the purpose of joint assessment; recommended on improvement needed on support system; drew lessons for improving regional partnership from</p>

3.3 Global Village

Each member country had an opportunity to showcase country experiences, best practices and innovations in scaling up nutrition. Tanzania also showcased various interventions that are undertaken in the country through posters, reports and brochures.

4.0 Key messages from SUNGG 2019

1. Increase collaboration among SUN networks in the country; establish mechanisms that will allow SUN network to work together in scaling up nutrition.
2. Set a mechanism to track parliamentarians engagement in nutrition and how better parliamentarians can be used to influence policy change.
3. The role of nutrition sensitive sector in advancing nutrition agenda, analyzing mechanism beyond the tradition ways on how the nutrition sensitive components could improve nutrition.
4. Private sector is crucial in shaping food systems, there is a need to explore better ways to work with private sectors in collaboration with SUN Business Network.

5. How the food system operates is very critical to nutrition, countries should increase focus on food systems to ensure it contribute to the improved nutrition situation.
6. Use of other available platforms such as SADC Parliamentarians, the East and Southern SUN CSN to enhance cross collaboration in scaling up nutrition.
7. Strengthening the engagement of Civil Society in supporting implementation of nutrition activities.

5.0 Achievements

This gathering has enabled us to;

- Build common understanding on the ongoing nutrition challenges globally, and how they relate to Tanzania and ways we can respond to these challenges such as food systems, and humanitarian crises to ensure better nutrition.
- Strengthen collaboration with other member countries. Tanzania agreed with Peru and Zambia to arrange a visit to share experiences in addressing all forms of malnutrition.

6.0 Meeting with the SUN movement coordinator

On 5th November, 2019 the delegation had opportunity to meet with Ms. Gerda Verburg (SUN Movement Coordinator). From this meeting the following issues were agreed;

Consider a visit of the SUN Movement Coordinator to Tanzania. Support the initiative

to visit Peru to learn and share more on mechanisms to address malnutrition. The visit is planned in early 2020 and both countries hope to receive some facilitation and support from the SMS, particularly in the area of visibility, advocacy and communication.

The SUN Secretariat may be able to offer Technical Assistance during the development of National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (2021-2025) which is scheduled for 2020.



7.0 Actions to be taken by the country after SUNGG

- Agree on country commitment for the coming Nutrition for Growth meeting in Tokyo, December 2020,
- Preparation on the study visit to Peru February 2020

- Preparation of NMNAP II
- Preparation on Tanzania participation in the Fortification Summit (March 2020) in Bangkok
- Strengthening parliamentarians engagement in nutrition particularly in awareness creation



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