

# Technical Assistance to the Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

The Technical Assistance to Strengthen Capabilities (TASC) project, funded by UK aid, responded to priority requests for support to the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and the SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) and to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) from September 2020 to December 2021. TASC was a follow-on TA facility from the Maximising the Quality of Scaling Up Nutrition Plus (MQSUN+) programme (2015-2020) and as such followed the same approach established under MQSUN+.

## Technical assistance to the SUN Movement

4  Country capacity strengthening for nutrition

4  Development of country priorities for action

4  Support to SUN Governance

3  Knowledge Management and Learning

This brief describes the support provided to the SUN Movement which covered four thematic areas including i) Country capacity strengthening for nutrition (4); ii) Development of country priorities for action (4), iii) Support to SUN Governance (4), and iv) Knowledge Management and Learning (3).

The TASC project responded to 15 requests from SUN Movement to help maximise the quality and effectiveness of its nutrition-related policy and planning, to support evidence generation, lesson learning and to develop nutrition capacity.

Many of these deliverables are held in soft copy by the SUN country focal points (SUN FP), multi-stakeholder platforms (MSP) and SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS). They are not available on the public domain, but can be requested through the contact persons at SMS or directly with the country SUN FPs.



## Country Capacity Strengthening for Nutrition

Four assignments aimed to strengthen capacity at country level for improving national planning processes (National Nutrition Plan review), equipping countries with the right tools (costing model), enabling participation in global processes (São Tomé), or Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Functional Capacity Strengthening (FCS).

### National Nutrition Plan (NNP) review

To review the NNPs of 13 countries using the **SUN Good Plans Checklist** to advise countries where existing or future NNPs might be strengthened and support SMS to monitor existing NNPs.

1 Individual country briefs	2 External summary report
<b>What's next?</b> For countries that are updating their plans, or about to, to take into account these recommendations	
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### Costing model

To define the scope of a tool for costing NNPs and develop a draft proposal with workplan setting out the process for the development and roll-out of the costing tool.

1 Planning report	2 Draft proposal for the implementation phase of the costing tool development
<b>What's next?</b> To secure funding to build and implement the costing tool	
<b>Alex Key (Development Initiatives)</b>	<b>SMS</b>

### São Tomé support

To support São Tomé to prepare a roadmap for the Food Systems Summit (FSS) and prepare commitments for the Nutrition 4 Growth (N4G) event.

1 Country brief for the FSS deliverable	2 Draft N4G commitments
<b>What's next?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSS Country brief was not ready by the FSS event, country planning to submit it retrospectively</li> <li>Finalise and validate the N4G commitments</li> <li>Follow up and ensure FSS commitments and N4G commitments are acted upon</li> </ul>	
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### Functional Capacity Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation (FCS M&E)

To monitor the process of the nutrition leadership training for francophone focal points and document any behaviour change that may have arisen as a result.

1 Brief note on the analytics gathered during the training	3 A report on the interviews carried out after three months, drawing comparisons with findings from the end of training evaluation
2 Short report presenting the findings from the end of training evaluation	
<b>What's next?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand capacity strengthening beyond the SUN FP and include key country stakeholders that support the FP</li> <li>Discern the optimum capacity strengthening approach for country stakeholders</li> </ul>	
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## Development of country priorities for action

Supporting the development and resourcing of national nutrition priorities is a central part of TASC TA.

### Madagascar finalise National Nutrition Plan (NNP)

Finalise the NNP and develop the National Action Plan for Nutrition IV (PNAN IV).

- 1 Draft nutrition policy
- 2 Draft nutrition plan

**What's next?** Partners have committed to finalise the policy and plan and develop the M&E framework. Share the policy and plan widely as part of the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) discussions, a dissemination plan has been developed to present at N4G to facilitate dissemination of the plan and the policy

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**Danielle Hanta Marie Vololontiana** (SUN FP)

### Gabon finalise National Nutrition Plan & costing plan

Finalise a costed action plan for the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy (PNSAN) 2017 – 2025 and agree a way forward for implementation.

- 1 PNSAN 2017–2025
- 2 Completed budgeting framework
- 3 Roadmap and timetable for future action post-assignment

**What's next?** The costed action plan to inform implementation by all partners and to help mobilise resources for nutrition

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### Budget analysis

To support country teams to perform a budget analysis.

- 1 Somalia budget analysis
- 2 Training PowerPoints Tajikistan, Burkina Faso
- 3 Mali hand-over note
- 4 Madagascar hand-over note
- 5 Francophone webinar presentation
- 6 Summary report

**What's next?** SMS to continue to follow up with countries as COVID-19 eases. DI will continue discussions with Bangladesh partners to build a nutrition financial tracking system for the country as a follow-up project after TASC

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### Guinea Financial Gap Analysis (FGA)

To identify the gap between the budget of the costed plan and the committed resources and support preparations for a Resource Mobilisation Round Table (RM RT) event to raise funds to fill the gap.

- 1 Financial analysis report and presentation
- 2 RM RT Roadmap
- 3 RM RT Agenda
- 4 RM RT Thematic summaries and presentations
- 5 Assignment completion report

**What's next?** Update the FGA with new data from the government, disseminate the updated analysis at the round table event

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## Support to SUN Governance

TASC has provided technical assistance to strengthen the governance of the SUN Movement. The assignments below complement the TA requested by FCDO to support the implementation of the SUN Strategy 3.0 through the SUN Movement Operationalisation Group, which is described in the Technical Assistance to FCDO brief.

### Joint Annual Assessment (JAA) revision

To develop a revised JAA tool and guideline and sensitise countries through orientation sessions.

- 1 Updated JAA tool and guideline
- 2 Country Orientation PowerPoint
- 3 JAA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**What's next?**

- Based on the experience of using the revised tool, some revisions may be necessary
- As the mutual accountability framework and SUN MEAL indicators are discussed within the Movement, this may necessitate further revisions to the JAA tool

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### Global Support System (GSS) logframe

To facilitate the GSS to develop an overall GSS logframe 2021–2025 with joint work plan to support the GSS application for funding, aligning between the GSS logframe and the SUN 3.0 strategy, and between individual workplans and the GSS logframe.

- 1 GSS joint logframe
- 2 GSS joint workplan

**What's next?** GSS to implement the log frame and workplans

[Emily Heneghan \(Networks/SBN\)](#) SMS

### Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) & 360 degree Tool

To support the SUN Movement to agree and finalise the MAF and develop a 360 degree survey.

- 1 Mutual Accountability Framework  
*(The SUN Lead Group discussed and endorsed on 15 Nov 2021)*
- 2 360 degree survey

**What's next?** For Executive Committed (Ex Com) and GSS to support implementation of the MAF and 360 accountability tool

[Maria Pizzini \(SMS\)](#)

### SUN Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning (MEAL)

To provide project management support to SMS to enable the selection and approval of SUN MEAL indicators of success.

- 1 Draft indicators *(The SUN Lead Group endorsed the SUN MEAL indicators)*
- 2 Summary report

**What's next?** For ExCom and GSS to support implementation of the indicators, they may need to be updated as other tools (e.g the MAF and the JAA) are revised based on country feedback

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## Knowledge management and learning

TASC and the SMS have documented best practice from specific countries and disseminated learning documented by MQSUN+ in a toolkit. It is hoped this learning will be taken up by stakeholders and reflect in positive nutrition outcomes and more effective TA.

### Multi-Sectoral Platforms (MSP toolkit) dissemination

To improve uptake and use of the multi-sectoral planning toolkit dissemination.

<p>1 <b>Planning Phase</b> <i>Planning report summarising the dissemination approach</i></p>	<p>2 <b>Implementation phase</b> <i>Toolkit dissemination webinar PowerPoint</i></p>
<p>3 <b>Landing page on SUN website</b></p>	
<p><b>What's next?</b> For those who participated in the webinars and for those who know about the toolkit to use it as they provide TA and share it</p>	
<p><b>Sergio Teixeira</b> (<i>Nutrition International</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Carrie Hemminger</b> (<i>PATH</i>)</p>	

### Best practice case studies

To facilitate peer-to-peer learning amongst SUN member countries through four case studies available in English, French and Spanish on best practices and lessons learned.

<p>1 <b>Digital Solutions</b> <i>Burkina Faso</i></p>	<p>2 <b>Nutrition Sensitive</b> <i>Kenya and Honduras</i></p>	<p>3 <b>Information Systems</b> <i>Peru, Burkina Faso, Vietnam and Indonesia</i></p>
<p>4 <b>Coordination</b> <i>Benin, Senegal and Burkina Faso</i></p>		
<p><b>What's next?</b> All the case studies will go on the SUN website and SMS will continue to disseminate them. The networks can do the same</p>		
<p><b>Sonia Ancellin-Panzani</b> (<i>SMS</i>)</p>		

### Effectiveness of Technical Assistance (TA)

To assess the effectiveness of MQSUN+ TA design and provision and further understanding of its uptake, onward use and added value. Identify best practices and lessons learned in order to inform the future design and provision of TA.

<p>1 <b>Six country case studies</b> (<i>Guinea, Honduras, Madagascar, Somalia, Tajikistan and Yemen</i>)</p>	<p>2 <b>Synthesis report</b></p>
<p>3 <b>Guidance note</b></p>	
<p><b>What's next?</b> Focus on wide dissemination of the case studies, synthesis report and checklist and upload to relevant websites. This ensures TA providers and those requesting TA can access and use the findings and guidance to design and implement more effective and country led / owned TA</p>	
<p><b>Sonia Ancellin-Panzani</b> (<i>SMS</i>)</p>	