

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is active in over 50 countries, galvanizing the support of multiple stakeholder Networks, including the UN Network for SUN (UN Network), to reduce malnutrition. The UN Network was officially established in June 2013 by the Principals of five UN agencies working in nutrition (FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO), and provides an entry point through which United Nations entities engage in a coordinated manner with SUN processes and efforts. The UN Network can catalyse action to end malnutrition in all its forms, by bringing together United Nations agencies at the global, regional and country levels to advance nutrition targets and objectives at all levels, in support of the achievement of all SDGs and the Agenda 2030, with a specific focus on Goal 2, as endorsed by the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025).

The UN Network's **global membership** is currently made up of FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. **At the country level**, membership of the UN Network includes all United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies and other agencies and institutions active in nutrition. The UN Network encourages full participation of all United Nations entities active in nutrition in a given country as this contributes to the harmonization and effectiveness of the United Nations. The UN Network comprises United Nations agency nutrition focal points, usually technical and programme staff, and is led by a chair who is a senior United Nations staff member (i.e. representative or deputy), nominated by the UNCT and who serves on a rotational basis. Other United Nations agency representatives and senior staff are also encouraged to participate in UN Networks at country level.

The UN Network is guided by the **UN Network for SUN strategy (2016-2020)**, which provides a guideline for United Nations actions to support countries in achieving national nutrition goals aligned with the SUN Movement strategy. The UN Network results framework outlines the following five outcomes, against which progress on the implementation of the UN Network strategy will be measured. At the country level UN Networks are expected to develop an **annual work plan** relevant to the country context, drawing from activities outlined within the UN Network strategy.

With the aim of strengthening national capacity for nutrition governance and the scale up of nutrition actions, the UN Network contributes to:

- **Outcome 1:** Increased awareness of the causes of malnutrition and potential solutions.
- **Outcome 2:** Strengthened and increasingly resourced national policies and programmes.
- **Outcome 3:** Increased human and institutional capacity to support the scaling up of nutrition actions at all levels.
- **Outcome 4:** Increased efficiency and accountability of national efforts.

With the aim of increasing the effectiveness of United Nations agencies' activities in support of country nutrition efforts, the UN Network contributes to:

- **Outcome 5:** Harmonized and coordinated UN nutrition efforts.

In support of achieving outcomes 1-4, UN Networks at country level will identify and adapt to country context a number of activities that contribute to the UN Network results framework. In support of achieving Outcome 5, the UN Network Steering Committee recommends that UN Networks at country level undertake the following actions, as a means for meeting stakeholder expectations surrounding greater UN Network coordination and harmonization:

1. Develop a **UN Nutrition Inventory** to understand agency specific contributions to nutrition.
2. Develop and implement a **UN Nutrition Strategy/Agenda**, aligned to national priorities.
3. Track and report progress of the UN Network reporting through a **UNN Dashboard**.
4. Engage in **joint UN advocacy and communication** efforts.
5. Develop **joint programming** and harmonized approaches.
6. Develop **resourcing strategies** to support the roll-out of the UN Network strategy.