



Geneva, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014

Dr. YIM Chhay Ly,  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Chairman of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development  
Kingdom of Cambodia

Dear Dr YIM Chhay Ly,

I received with great pleasure the letter you sent on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 informing the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement of the intention of the Kingdom of Cambodia to join the Movement. I am delighted to read about the high level commitment of the Government in fighting malnutrition, the existing collaboration between the Government and the Development Partners, and the significant progress achieved in recent years in improving the health of women and children. You indicate that despite this progress, a high proportion of children in Cambodia are stunted. You state that joining the SUN Movement will be an important means for supporting national efforts to scale up the programmes that help reduce levels of malnutrition among Cambodia's people.

I write on behalf of the Chair of the SUN Movement's Lead Group (Anthony Lake) and myself. We are pleased to welcome Cambodia to the Movement. We will do all we can to ensure that membership of the SUN Movement enhances the impact of efforts underway within Cambodia for the optimal nutrition of all people. We are also confident that Cambodia will make a valuable contribution to the efforts of others within the Movement.

I would like to provide some background information about the SUN Movement and to share with you a briefing document that may be of interest to the Government of Cambodia.

The SUN Movement brings together countries whose leaders have made commitments for scaling up nutrition. It links these SUN countries with organizations that are dedicated to supporting the implementation of their commitments. The organizations are formed into networks: within the SUN Movement there are networks of a) development partner organizations, b) entities from the UN system, c) civil society groups and d) business enterprises. There is increasing involvement of scientific researchers in enabling the Movement to access up-to-date expertise. The Movement is led by the national governments of SUN countries: the SUN networks align their support behind priorities identified by each country. The governments of countries that have joined the SUN Movement generally demonstrate strong political leadership for actions that will result in all people realizing their right to food and enjoying good nutrition.

To date 52 countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America have become members of the SUN Movement. Cambodia will be number 53. SUN countries generally show progress in their efforts for scaling up nutrition: they have involved different sectors of Government and in-country stakeholders in their efforts (including donors partners, UN system entities, civil society, businesses and academic organizations).


The Government Focal Points from all SUN countries come together in the SUN Movement's Country Network. It is a forum for the sharing of country experiences and for informing the Movement's other networks about the needs of countries. The Country Network meets by teleconference every two months. We hope that the Government of Cambodia's national SUN Movement Focal Point will participate in the SUN Country Network's teleconferences, and will be joined by other in-country stakeholders as often as is feasible.

Development partners – including bilateral donor agencies and foundations, as well as the organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations System - are all increasing their support for national efforts to reduce malnutrition. It will be helpful if the Government's SUN Focal Point could agree - with the in-country development partners – on the identification of a donor organization that will convene and coordinate the representatives of development partners within Cambodia. This “donor convener” will coordinate the involvement of the donor community and encourage the alignment of the donors' support for the implementation of national nutrition plans.

In the long term, we anticipate that Cambodia's involvement in the SUN Movement will lead to increased in-country support for nutrition from development partners. Should the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia require assistance in accessing the support of these partners, the SUN Movement Lead Group and its Secretariat will do all it can to be helpful in line with Government requests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any specific matters on which you would like further information.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Nabarro', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Nabarro  
SUN Movement Coordinator  
Special Representative of the UN Secretary  
General for Food Security and Nutrition