



Scaling Up  
**NUTRITION**

ENGAGE • INSPIRE • INVEST

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**ENGAGE**

governments, civil society, the UN system, donors, business and scientists

**INSPIRE**

each other to discover new ways of working collectively

**INVEST**

in priority actions for everyone's right to good nutrition

WHAT IS SCALING UP NUTRITION?

The Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is a renewed effort to eliminate malnutrition, based on the principle that everyone has a right to food and good nutrition. The Movement's vision is to, by 2030, ensure a world free from malnutrition in all its forms. Led by governments and supported by organisations and individuals - collective action ensures every child, adolescent, mother and family can realise their right to food and nutrition, reach their full potential and shape sustainable and prosperous societies. The Movement is unique by bringing different groups of people together - governments, civil society, the United Nations, donors, businesses and scientists. It is transforming the way in which people work together by empowering people to put in place effective systems and to increase investments. SUN Countries and their supporters are working towards the World Health Assembly targets on maternal, infant, and young child nutrition by 2025, in addition to relevant targets for preventing and controlling non-communicable diseases.



60 countries are leading a global movement to end malnutrition in all its forms.

WHY NUTRITION?

Today, more than one third of young children suffer from some form of malnutrition with devastating consequences for health, learning, future earning potential, economic development, resilience and security. There is strong evidence, mostly generated by economists, to show that eliminating malnutrition in young children has multiple benefits.<sup>1</sup> It can:

- Boost Gross National Product by 11% in Africa and Asia
- Prevent more than 1/3 of child deaths per year
- Improve school attainment by at least one year
- Increase wages by 5-50%
- Reduce poverty as well-nourished children are 33% more likely to escape poverty as adults
- Empower women to be 10% more likely to run their own business
- Break the inter-generational cycle of poverty



WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Go to [www.scalingupnutrition.org](http://www.scalingupnutrition.org)

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<sup>1</sup> Haddad, L. Child Growth = Sustainable Economic Growth: Why we should invest in nutrition. May 2013.

# 60

countries  
committed  
to Scaling Up  
Nutrition

Afghanistan  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Comoros  
Congo  
Costa Rica  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
El Salvador  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana

Guatemala  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Haiti  
Indonesia  
Kenya  
Kyrgyzstan  
Lao PDR  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mozambique  
Myanmar  
Namibia  
Nepal  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Pakistan

Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
Philippines  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
Somalia  
South Sudan  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tajikistan  
Tanzania  
Togo  
Uganda  
Vietnam  
Yemen  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

**3** Indian States:  
Jharkhand  
Maharashtra  
Uttar Pradesh

## HOW DOES THE SUN MOVEMENT WORK?

The SUN Movement's unique value is its emphasis on building an enabling social, economic and political environment, which is fit to ensure that children everywhere reach their full potential. This is done through four strategic objectives: expanding and sustaining an enabling political environment; prioritising and institutionalising effective actions that contribute to good nutrition; implementing effective actions aligned with Common Results Frameworks; and effectively using and significantly increasing financial resources for nutrition. SUN Countries are addressing malnutrition through a multi-sectoral approach, involving:

### Specific Actions for Nutrition

-  **Feeding practices & behaviours**
-  **Fortification of foods**
-  **Micronutrient supplementation**
-  **Treatment of acute malnutrition**

### Nutrition-Sensitive Strategies

-  **Agriculture & food systems**
-  **Clean water & sanitation**
-  **Education**
-  **Women's empowerment**
-  **Employment & social protection**
-  **Health care**
-  **Support for resilience**
-  **Community-led development**

## SUN BY THE NUMBERS

