



NUTRITION POWER THE CHANGE

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The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, created in response to the 2008 food and nutrition crisis, now faces a world remarkably different from the one in which it was founded. With the toll of malnutrition continuing to rise, the urgency for action has never been greater. By embracing the power of nutrition, we can tackle global health disparities, eradicate malnutrition and uplift lives. As we enter the final five years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, our rallying cry is clear: It's time to flip the switch, **Power the Change**, and put nutrition at the forefront of global progress.

THE GLOBAL GATHERING

Since 2012, the SUN Global Gathering has been a cornerstone event for the SUN Movement, bringing together political leaders, advocates and experts from around the world. The gatherings are vital for reviewing progress and maintaining the momentum needed to fight malnutrition in all its forms, everywhere.

The Global Gatherings underscore the power of the Movement through broad country representation and the strength of collective action. SUN Global Gatherings are instrumental in enabling and accelerating progress across countries and communities by emphasizing partnerships, people-centred country actions and innovation. Building on this legacy, the 2024 Global Gathering will highlight nutrition and its impacts on health systems, social protection, gender equality, food and agriculture, reflecting the interconnected nature of these issues.

DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS

The Global Gathering 2024, hosted by the Government of Rwanda, will unite diverse stakeholders – including political leaders, civil society, the private sector, women and youth – in nutrition decision-making and policy dialogue. It will prioritize voices from local and



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national levels, including from grass-roots organizations and micro and small businesses, to address the needs and rights of the most vulnerable.

Gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment will be featured as cross-cutting elements of the Global Gathering. And, with an increasing portion of the world facing natural disasters, instability and conflict, the 2024 Global Gathering will address the unique challenges of delivering effective nutrition action in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

POWERING THE CHANGE

The event will kick off with high-level political engagement and feature interactive discussions, workshops, knowledge exchanges and opportunities for broadening partnerships and exploring financing. These activities will pave the way for political and financial commitments aimed at advancing better nutrition for all and setting the stage for the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, to be hosted by the Government of France in March 2025.

Theme: 'NutritiON: Power the Change'

The 2024 Global Gathering will be a critical pivot point, aligning the full diversity of nutrition stakeholders in support of targeted political and financial action to end malnutrition in all its forms.

Where, when and how:

Kigali, Rwanda, 26–28 November 2024. The Global Gathering will be accessible, inclusive, and co-led and co-created by communities often underrepresented at global events. Partners from the SUN global networks have already begun working to shape the conference's overall theme, design, goals and programming.

Who will be there:

More than 1,000 representatives from local to global, from grass-roots organizations and the private sector to the highest political levels. The high-level opening on 26 November 2024 will gather heads of state, ministers, parliamentarians, heads of agencies and finance institutions, and other thought and action leaders.



2024 GLOBAL GATHERING THEME

Nutrition is both an input and outcome of sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development. It stands as a linchpin of contemporary development challenges, intrinsically linked with public health, robust and sustainable food systems, climate action, gender equality, educational opportunities, water management and social protection.

Yet, nutrition progress is falling behind, evidenced by the rising numbers of all forms of malnutrition – from underweight to micronutrient deficiencies to overweight and obesity – with severe counter-effects on the health and well-being of our people and planet. The enormity of the challenge can only be tackled when governments,

donors, international organizations, financial institutions, the private sector and civil society work together to create lasting systemic change on the ground. Stronger political leadership and increased financing are critical for success.

The ambition of the Global Gathering is to reposition nutrition at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and serve as a catalyst for change among the 66 SUN Countries and beyond, bringing countries together to share experiences and best practices with a view to unifying countries and solidifying national commitments to the Nutrition for Growth agenda.



THE AGENDA FOR
THE GLOBAL GATHERING IS STRUCTURED
**AROUND THE FOLLOWING
FOUR MAIN PILLARS**



THE NUTRITION IN FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION AND CLIMATE pillar will explore successes and challenges in bringing together food systems and nutrition agendas and leveraging the commitment, expertise and structures of the SUN Movement for accelerated action. Food quality, pricing and the private sector's role in food systems will be explored, looking particularly at the roles of micro, small and medium enterprises.



EMBEDDING NUTRITION ACROSS HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION will look at opportunities and successes in scaling up nutrition actions through these sectors in light of World Health Assembly (WHA) targets and with a view to prioritizing nutrition in sectoral interventions and national plans. Focus will be placed on the first 1,000 days, adolescent girls, and nutrition-specific interventions while also exploring the key entry points for mainstreaming nutrition across social protection systems and programmes.



IN FINANCING FOR NUTRITION, we will collectively explore opportunities to mobilize the influencing powers, knowledge, networks and resources within the SUN Movement to optimize and increase domestic and global financing for nutrition. This includes showcasing best practices, leveraging the potential of development financing agencies and mechanisms not traditionally used for nutrition, and creating space to discuss investment opportunities and capacity-strengthening needs and solutions.



THE RESEARCH INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATORS FOR ACTION pillar will highlight breakthroughs in nutrition – from cutting-edge products to groundbreaking research and evidence – while celebrating successes and sharing lessons learned. The pillar will also dig into the latest evidence on nutrition and explore new innovations. Participants will engage on the effective use of evidence and data for nutrition decision-making and advocacy.

THE AGENDA WILL ALSO HELP **ENSHRINE GENDER AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE MOVEMENT THROUGH THE FOLLOWING FOUR GOALS**

IDENTIFY AND SCALE UP EVIDENCE-BASED, TRIED AND TESTED INTERVENTIONS that address the unique nutritional needs of women, girls and youth and consider the drivers and impacts of gender-based discrimination.

GIVE WOMEN, ADOLESCENTS AND GIRLS A SPACE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND IDEAS, be part of the solution, and step up for and within their own rights.

EXPAND THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NUTRITION COMMUNITY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT for nutrition and bring together other stakeholders and institutions to strengthen policy cohesion. Ensure implementation investment to address malnutrition in all its forms and empower women, adolescents and girls as community health workers, vendors, caregivers, farmers, business leaders, political decision-makers and drivers of change.

STRENGTHEN THE INTEREST AND ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH IN NUTRITION. This is the topic of the 2024 Lead Group meeting on the eve of the Global Gathering's opening ceremony. Taking forward the deliberations of the Lead Group across all four pillars, the Global Gathering will test how to use SUN as a platform for young people and adolescents to interact with the breadth of nutrition actors, from the highest-level decision-makers and advocates to practitioners working in the most remote areas in SUN Countries.





THE DRIVING OF PROGRESS THROUGH ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS AND STRONG COLLABORATION

for inclusive, sustainable, non-partisan political action and traction for legislation, administrative structures, budgets, policies and shock-responsive programming that recognize people at the centre of improved nutrition.



ACCELERATED PRACTICAL ACTION:

Countries are better equipped to adopt, cost and contextualize successful, evidence-based approaches shared by other SUN Countries to help attain their nutrition targets, identifying practical opportunities for collaboration among key stakeholders.



LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

on practical means to support the repositioning of nutrition at the heart of the SDGs through national agendas.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES



THE AMPLIFICATION OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' VOICES IN NUTRITION DECISION-MAKING,

advocating for and creating systematic mechanisms for their leadership and participation in all stages of decision-making and enabling them to become powerful agents of change.



INCREASED FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES,

showcasing successful financing models and bankable projects by better defining cross-sectoral investment opportunities and leveraging resources from domestic, bilateral and innovative financing.



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Sponsors are critical to the success of the inclusive discussions at the Global Gathering.

Join a dedicated group of supporters to co-sponsor the event and ensure the voices of those on the ground are heard and transmitted to political and financial leaders and decision-makers.

Sponsoring is vital for the development of a fully inclusive and accessible programme supported by innovative technologies and accessibility measures, including translation and interpretation.

A range of match-funding opportunities are available to interested sponsors to expand funding already committed by the SUN Secretariat and the SUN Civil Society Network.

Commitment to the 2024 Global Gathering supports the co-creation of all aspects of event programming alongside diverse SUN partners engaged in the preparations, including local civil society groups and advocates at the country level and in low- and middle-income countries.

Please contact 2024gg@scalingupnutrition.org to discuss sponsorship opportunities.



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as we Power the Change for a future in which nutrition is at the forefront of global progress!

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