The Micronutrient Initiative provides SUN member countries with technical support to increase their capacity to meet nutrition targets and transform the lives of millions of people.

Malnutrition holding back entire nations
More than 2 billion people worldwide suffer from malnutrition. When whole populations lack the nutrition they need to survive and thrive, nations suffer enormous lost potential. Widespread malnutrition adds extra burden to health care budgets, and can compromise educational outcomes, reduce workforce productivity, and constrain national economic growth. Countries are now coming together to address malnutrition head on.

Removing the barriers
Although many governments are committed to scaling up nutrition, a lack of resources, of relevant data, and of technical capacity to design, deliver and track the progress of multi-sectoral nutrition programs can often make it very challenging to turn their vision into reality. The Micronutrient Initiative (MI) has developed a mechanism to provide support and assistance to countries that have joined the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement in their effort to improve the nutritional status of their populations – especially women and children.

Deploying technical expertise via the Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism (N-TEAM)
The Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism (N-TEAM) is a global hub of technical expertise that provides technical support to governments, particularly for the planning, research, delivery, as well as the tracking and surveillance of nutrition programs. The objective is to help countries scale-up nutrition for the benefit of populations most at risk such as women, adolescent girls and children under five.

N-TEAM uses a country-driven, coordinated approach to ensure that all partners committed to improving nutrition outcomes – whether they are donors, national governments, civil society or community groups – are connected and consulted, and that all systems for nutrition delivery are harmonized to achieve maximum impact.
Supporting DFID’s Technical Assistance for Nutrition Project (TAN)

Providing Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN) is a project led by the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID) which seeks to improve the capacity of SUN countries to design, deliver, and track the progress of nutrition programs and to generate, learn from and adopt knowledge of what works. MI has received £10 million from DFID to provide technical assistance to help national SUN focal points in select countries overcome gaps in capacity for the design and delivery of multi-sectoral national nutrition plans, tapping into its global hub to source and deploy the expertise needed.

TAN services include technical assistance for: costed plan development, evaluation, monitoring and reporting, scale up support, and surveillance. In addition, as part of TAN, MI can also provide governments with short and long-term expert advice on best practices for scaling up their nutrition programs. Ultimately, the TAN project aims to accelerate the achievement of better health and nutrition status for populations by ensuring that governments are better equipped to act swiftly to scale up nutrition in their countries.

Geographic Scope under TAN

As part of its support to TAN, over the next five years MI is making technical assistance available to the following 20 countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

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Supporting the global nutrition movement

Founded in 2010, Scaling Up Nutrition, or SUN, is a unique Movement founded on the principle that all people have a right to food and good nutrition. It unites people—from governments, civil society, the United Nations, donors, businesses and researchers—in a collective effort to improve nutrition. Within the SUN Movement, national leaders are prioritizing efforts to address malnutrition. Countries are putting the right policies in place, collaborating with partners to implement programs with shared nutrition goals, and mobilizing resources to effectively scale up nutrition, with a core focus on empowering women. www.scalingupnutrition.org

About the Micronutrient Initiative

MI is a global leader on nutrition. We deliver high impact interventions and drive new approaches that contribute to the global effort to scale up nutrition. Every year, working in collaboration with donors, governments and partners, we reach close to 500 million of the world’s most vulnerable, especially women and children, with critical nutrition interventions. www.micronutrient.org