



# TAN Project

## Building countries' capacity to scale up nutrition

Nutrition International 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. Nutrition International 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.

### Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism (N-TEAM)

Knowledge, data, and evidence form the foundation for sound decision making and capacity building for nutrition. Nutrition International believes in an evidence based approach to advocacy, multi-sectoral country planning, setting of nutrition agendas, as well as the planning, tracking and surveillance of nutrition programs.

With this belief in mind, Nutrition International established Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism (N-TEAM) – the mechanism through which governments and other nutrition stakeholders can access Nutrition International's world class nutrition specific technical expertise.

Our centre of technical excellence is focused on knowledge translation, creates knowledge products, and proudly partners with other thought leaders on best practices in technical guidance, research, policy, planning and implementation. The objective is to help countries scale up nutrition – through improved capacity, stronger integrated programs, and ultimately expansion of sustainable country-led solutions.

## Supporting DFID's Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN) Project

### 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. Nutrition International 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 provided by Nutrition International include technical assistance for: costed plan development, evaluation, monitoring and reporting, scale up support, and surveillance. As part of TAN, Nutrition International can 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.

### Nutrition International's Geographic Scope under TAN

As part of its support to TAN, over the next five years Nutrition International 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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**SUN Movement Global Gathering 2015 in Milan, Italy.  
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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](http://www.scalingupnutrition.org)

### About Nutrition International

Founded in 1992, Nutrition International is a global organization dedicated to delivering proven nutrition interventions to those who need them most. Working in partnership with countries, donors and implementers, our experts conduct cutting-edge nutrition research, support critical policy formulation, and integrate nutrition into broader development programs. In more than 60 countries, primarily in Asia and Africa, Nutrition International nourishes people to nourish life. [www.NutritionIntl.org](http://www.NutritionIntl.org)

