



Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) CSO Network in Tanzania

This is the Official PANITA Statement as CSO platform working in Nutrition in Tanzania during the JOINT MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION REVIEW - 2016

It is our pleasure to be part of this year's joint multi-sectoral nutrition review which is a very important meeting to all nutrition stakeholders in order for us to assess the progress and the new direction as far the fight to end malnutrition is concerned. We commend this tradition and we need to cherish it. But the most important part of it; it's the continued inclusion and provision of space to give this statement.

This year's meeting is very unique as it will give us a new direction in addressing Malnutrition as we will all be able to review the end-of-term implementation of the National Nutrition Strategy (NNS) 2011–16, but also to disseminate the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plans (NMNAP) 2016-2021 with key stakeholders. We call this unique because for the very first time in Tanzania, that we will be having the overarching action plan that has highlighted the role of each sector and key players as well as devising the accountability matrix in improving the nutrition situation.

In a very special way the SUN CSO Network we would like to commend the efforts taken by our Government, especially by seeing the need of having the multi-sectoral action plan of which we believe that if we join forces will be able to accomplish all the planned activities come the end of five years

As Civil Society Network under the SUN framework, we understand that one of our key role is to work with the government and support the implementation of the new NMNAP and make it a success. This can only be achieved through bringing together all the actors who have a role in the society to change the nutrition landscape of the country in a very positive way. And therefore the SUN CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK will work together with our members:

- To popularise the document so that they can understand it
- Support the alignment of their interventions so that they positively contribute to the plan and have an impact

PANITA will also work with other actors such as Members of the Parliament, Religious Leaders and media for two purposes:

- To increase awareness of nutrition needs of the society and
- To increase mutual accountability to all actors in order to have a Tanzania free from Malnutrition

We real appreciate the Multi-sectoral approach that we see at the higher level and would like to call upon the translation of actions from higher level to local level so that the MNAP can have a meaning and yield results at all level. And we therefore call upon the nutrition officers at all level to work together and closer with Civil Society Organizations, religious leader, members of councils and all other actors within our reach in order for us all to celebrate our achievement come the end of five years

It is our prayers that God will keep us healthy and alive so that we all see the 2021 joint multi-sectoral nutrition review where will be clapping hands as we celebrate positive achievement of the NMNAP

Thank you very much for listening and wishing you all the best as we start our new journey of implementing the NMNAP.

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