

Annual Report

2015/2016



'SUN is a global push for action to improve the nutrition of all'

Vision

Working together to end hunger and under nutrition in all its forms so that within our lifetime, every mother, child and family can realize their full potential and right to adequate nutritious food.

Mission

To ensure high quality and tailored support for efforts to scale up nutrition to reach both national and global targets.

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Board of Directors

Mrs. Kaushalya Naveratne	Senior Adviser	Sevalanka Foundation
Mr. Jonathan Justin Johnson	National Director	World Vision Lanka
Mr. Suresh Bartlett	Country Director	World Vision Lanka

SUN PF Secretariat

Dr. Dula de Silva	Chief Executive Officer 2015/2016
Mr. Prishantha Welathanthy	Project Manager 2015
Mrs. Lakshmi Madhuwanthi	Finance and Administration Officer 2015/2016
Ms. Chamindri Katuwawala	Project Consultant 2016

Executive Council

Chairperson

Mrs. Dilka Peiris World Vision Lanka

Members

Ms. R.P.M. Sandamali	ChildFund
Mr. Roshan Dalebandara	ChildFund
Ms. Visakha Tilekeratne	Nutrition Alliance
Mr. Dave Maurice	Nucleus Foundation
Mr. Methsiri de Silva	Save the Children
Dr. D.S.M Jayasundara	Save the Children (2015)
Mr. Chamindha Rajakaruna	Sarvodaya
Mrs. Achala Samaradiwakara	Sevalanka Foundation (2015)
Mr. Sathis de Mel	Arthacharya Foundation (2015)
Mr. Asanga Ranasinghe	Plan International (2015)

Advisors

Mr. Saman Kalupahana	World Food Programme
Mrs. Anusara Singhkumarwong	World Food Programme

Staff Changes

The company also lost Mr. Prishantha, the Project Manager in August 2015. He joined Save the Children International in Sri Lanka.

The following consultants were hired as short-term consultants during 2015/2016:

- Ms. Anupama Dias – Food Security Advocacy Plan
- Ms. Sulochana Peiris – First Thousand Day Advocacy Plan
- Mr. Ruchindra Fernando – Programme Coordinator
- Ms. Chamindri Katuwawala – Policy Review Study
- Mr. Raja Dahanayake – Taxation
- AS Associates – Company Audit

Activities 2015/2016

In 2015/2016, SUN PF executed one project funded by the Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) through Save the Children. The World Food Programme acted as the UN Partner.

SUN PF Guaranteed Limited received USD 168,707 for 2014 and 2015. By end 2015, SUN PF requested for a no-cost extension which was granted for the year 2016, initially for a period of six months and subsequently until December 2016.

Board meeting

SUN PF hosted the Board Meeting in August 2015. Mr. Suresh Bartlett, Chairman/Director of the company gave his resignation in August 2015. He left the island to Myanmar as the National Director of World Vision Myanmar.

Mr. Jonathan Justin Johnson, Interim Country Director was appointed as the Director.

Mrs. Kaushalya Naveratne of Sevalanka Foundation was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Director Board.

Executive Council Meetings

SUN PF conducted eight council meetings in 2015 and three in 2016. The minutes were circulated to all the Executive Council members.

Financial Audit

The company financial operations were audited for the year 2015. (Audit Report annexed)

Reporting and Taxation

Quarterly and annual reports were submitted to Save the Children. Tax returns were submitted to Inland Revenue.

Global Nutrition Report

SUN PF launched the Global Nutrition Report in March 2015. Hon. Minister of Health and Nutrition, Dr Rajitha Senarathna was the Chief Guest and Hon. Minister of Child Development, Mrs. Rosi Senanayake was the Guest of Honour.



Speech by Hon. Minister Rajitha Senarathna



Presentation of the global report to (then) Hon. Minister of Women and Child Affairs by SUN PF's Chairperson, Ms. Peiris

Good Food Festival

SUN PF collaborated with UNICEF and Nucleus Foundation to organize the Good Food Festival in 2015. The Colombo Mayor gave his cooperation and it was well attended.



Young chefs – cooking demonstrations of healthy foods by young cooks

Media Events

SUN PF organized a seminar for media personnel to increase awareness of them on the importance of educating the public on good nutrition. However due to election campaigns it was very poorly attended.

In addition, SUN Pf organized 4 Nugasewana programmes addressing young child feeding practices, Adolescent and young people's nutrition, Nutrition of the Elderly and suitable diets for Diabetic patients. This was a live programme aired in May and June 2016.

Women's Day 2016

SUN PF, Sarvodaya, World Vision, Save the Children and Nucleus Foundation celebrated Women's Day in Vavuniya. More than 1000 people participated.



Women's Day 2016

மகளிர் தினம் கானீனா தினம்

Promoting entrepreneurship, nutrition and wellbeing

போஷனை, நல் வாழ்வு மற்றும் முயற்சியானமையை மேம்படுத்தல்
உணவு உற்பத்தியில் சிறப்பாக ஈடுபடுதல்



Opening Ceremony of the Women's Day Celebrations

Business Counselling for SUN PF members



Business counselling clinics for SUN PF members from Weli Oya and Kabithigollava

During the Women's Day celebrations, over 150 SUN PF members were provided with a business counselling session in order to improve/ strengthen their income generation/ livelihood activities. Participants identified marketing problems, lack of finances, poor financial management, lack of savings, and lack of technical know-how on production of market oriented items.

Sharing Good Practices

Global SUN Civil Society Alliance invited SUN PF to document good practices. We submitted two case studies to SUN Global Movement. Both were accepted and widely disseminated.

The SUN PF developed a monitoring format to test the knowledge and practices of the Marketing Code of Breast milk substitutes and Nutrition Interventions. This was shared with the Global Civil Society Alliance.

The SUN Secretariat shared the process of registration of the CSA and articles of association with Kenya and Cambodia. The Secretariat helped the World Health Organization in Sri Lanka to form the NCD Alliance.

Capacity Building

In 2015, SUN PF Secretariat joined World Vision to conduct a training Programme in Neluwa.

The Monitoring Format developed by the Secretariat to assess the knowledge and practices related to the Marketing Code of Breast Milk Substitutes and Nutrition interventions were administered to the people with the assistance of World Vision and Save the Children.

SUN PF conducted nutrition training Programmes in collaboration with Sarvodaya, Child Fund and Sevalanka. These were well attended. We trained 371 in 2015 and 327 in 2016.



Training programme for community members in Weli Oya

Advocacy

Southern Province's Provincial Parliamentarians met in May 2016 to discuss nutrition status of their constituencies and about issues and challenges related to food security and nutrition in their area. The local parliamentarians expressed their concerns and requested the chief minister to strengthen nutrition interventions in their area. The Provincial Director and the Consultant Community Physician presented nutrition profiles on individual areas. This gathering was organised and sponsored by SUN PF.

Advocacy Guidelines

Multiplied across an entire nation, malnutrition can cost up to three percent of country's GDP. It is estimated that every dollar invested in nutrition in the first 1000 days can yield 30 dollars in return.

The SUN PF developed an Advocacy Guideline to positively engage the CSOs to scale up nutrition. The areas covered include Nutrition during first 1000 days of life, Food Security and Better communication. Three subcommittees of the SUN PF worked tirelessly to finalize the document.

SUN PF Documentary and Commercials

SUN PF produced a documentary on nutrition in 2015 and a TV commercial in 2016. The commercial was aired on Rupavahini during the Nugasewana programme.

Civil Society Findings of the Implementation of the National Nutrition Policy

The review study which was carried out in three phases is now at its final verification stage. In May 2015, a preliminary meeting with 13 key health and nutrition experts representing the GoSL, Academia, UN organisations and National and International NGOs launched reviewing the six objectives of the NNP (2010). The study later developed into conducting stakeholder meetings with key govt. and non-govt. officials at national and district levels. To assess the degree of reach of the policy interventions to the community level, the study facilitated focus group discussions with 308 community members representing different target groups of the NNP.

The report is expected to be presented to key officials at the Ministry of Health alongside civil society recommendations to strengthening the national nutrition interventions.

Networking

SUN PF has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. SUN PF joins the teleconferences with Asia Group's Civil Society Alliance and Global Civil Society Network. We are a member of the NCD Alliance in Sri Lanka. SUN PF attended Global SUN Gathering in Milan in 2015.

Case Studies

Case Study for the Global Report on Excluded Groups.

Sri Lanka developed a case study; *Ending malnutrition for every last child in Sri Lanka* on excluded groups for Save the Children UK's Global Excluded Groups Report. The case study highlighted an excluded group in Weli Oya division in the Mullaitivu district. This was developed following a one-day capacity building training programme by SUN PF Secretariat. The training focused on communicating practical solutions to upgrade the community's nutrition status.

Case study on community understanding on the marketing code of breast milk substitutes

Global SUN Alliance invited Sri Lanka to report on practices of marketing code of breast milk substitutes. Accordingly a case study was developed and submitted.

Financial Summary as at 30th May 2016

Description	Available Funds (USD)	Expenses up to May 2016 (USD)	Balance (USD)
Establishment of SUN PF, Council Meetings, Membership Drive, legal fees, Audit, Advocacy Plans	20636	20218	418
Visibility, Media Events and awareness campaigns, Policy study	51212	42024	9188
Capacity Building of CSA	11818	11385	433
SUN PF Secretariat, Travel, Office Rent, Telephone, Stationary, Equipment	84941	63246	21695
Total	168607	136873	31734

SUN PF Way Forward

The current project of SUN PF is ending December 2016. This project was the first phase of SUN Civil Society Alliance in Sri Lanka. The activities were focused to create a civil society network to work together in scaling up nutrition. SUN PF was able to expand its membership to cover 13 districts. Now we have 284 member organisations.

The next phase is to strengthen the capacity and partnerships, and empower the communities to actively engage in decision making. In order to carry this out, SUN PF needs to identify resources for 2017 and beyond. Therefore the next six months of 2016, the SUN PF secretariat with the assistance of the executive council will develop the concept note and identify the probable partners/donors to resource the alliance. SUN PF will work with the donor community to secure funding.