

TAN

Technical Assistance
for Nutrition



About TAN

The Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN) programme is intended to help strengthen the capacity of countries within the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement to deliver policies and programmes that reduce malnutrition. The anticipated programme impact is increased coverage of quality multi-sectoral plans and interventions that address the underlying and immediate causes of malnutrition.



The TAN programme aims to deliver:

- Coordinated provision of Technical Assistance (TA) that helps national SUN focal points overcome gaps in capacity in design and delivery of multi-sectoral national nutrition plans;
- Improved learning and accountability across the SUN Movement that influences decision making by the SUN Movement's leadership, networks and national governments;

- Sustained national and international leadership that drives prioritization of and investment in nutrition in the first 1000 days.

The TAN programme is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID). It runs for 5 years (2015 – 2020) and is aligned with the SUN Movement Road Map for the strategic period 2016 – 2020.

TAN partners

The 4 partners funded under the TAN programme are:

1	Nutrition International	Technical Assistance
2	MQSUN+ consortium *	
3	ENN	Knowledge Management
4	SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS)	Core funding provided under the TAN grant

* PATH (consortium lead), Aga Khan University, Development Initiatives, Health Partners International, and NutritionWorks

What type of Technical Assistance can SUN countries receive through TAN?

Under the TAN programme MQSUN+ and Nutrition International provide TA support on:

- Budget analysis and financial tracking
- Review and development of national nutrition action plans
- Development of a Common Results Framework (CRF) (including readiness assessment of CRF costing)
- Development of costed multi-sectoral nutrition action plan
- Contextual analysis to prioritize interventions (both in humanitarian and development contexts)
- Preparing topic specific guidance documents
- Supporting capacity building and communication activities

Who can access TAN Technical Assistance?

Countries that have joined the SUN Movement can access technical assistance from TAN partners Nutrition International and MQSUN+. TAN resources, whether they be technical assistance or knowledge management, aim to catalyse and support country efforts to scale up nutrition.



The TAN programme provides support where there is no technical assistance available to meet the need in country. The “demand driven model” of the TAN ensures that expertise, knowledge and technical support reaches countries in a timely and appropriate manner. Most requests for TA are generated through the SUN Focal Point who convenes the multi-stakeholder platform and ensures that relevant country stakeholders are engaged.

What TAN knowledge products and services are available?

SUN countries have many opportunities to document learning, experiences, and challenges, and, to access a rich archive of resources and research relating to nutrition scale up. As the lead KM provider under TAN, ENN conducts documentation of country level experiences relating to scaling up nutrition. This learning is curated, synthesized and shared through written publications, videos and podcasts. ENN also hosts two web portals – www.en-net.org (open peer-to-peer exchange forum) and www.NutritionGroups.org (an online collaboration space for sharing within closed groups).

The two TA providers also produce KM products which can be utilized for TA such as guidance notes, technical briefs, summaries and lessons learned documents.

The SMS also plays a central role in facilitating learning and sharing across the Movement. The SMS curates the SUN Movement website including blogs, in-practice case studies, guidance tools and resources, as well as producing regular newsletters and SUN Movement updates. They also facilitate the quarterly SUN country network calls and Joint Assessments.



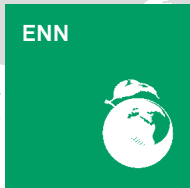
Founded in 1992, Nutrition International is a global organization dedicated to delivering proven nutrition interventions to those who need them most. Working in partnership with countries, donors and implementers, our experts conduct cutting edge nutrition research, support critical policy, and integrate nutrition into broader development programs. In more than 60 countries, primarily in Asia and Africa.

Ottawa
Washington DC



Following on the success of MQSUN+ (2012 – 2016), Maximising the Quality of Scaling Up Nutrition Plus provides technical assistance to DFID, SUN countries, and the SMS to catalyse multi-sectoral country efforts to scale up nutrition impact, maximise the quality and effectiveness of nutrition-related programmes, support evidence generation and knowledge uptake, and develop nutrition capacity. MQSUN+ is led by PATH through a partner consortium including Development Initiatives, NutritionWorks, Health Partners International, and Aga Khan University.

60 SUN countries (October 2017)
3 states of India



ENN (formerly Emergency Nutrition Network) was set up in 1996 to improve practice and strengthen the institutional memory of the emergency food and nutrition sectors. Today, ENN works to strengthen evidence and know-how for effective nutrition interventions using a variety of approaches and vehicles to capture and disseminate nutrition related programmatic learning and technical evidence. ENN works with and supports a broad global network of practitioners and policymakers to facilitate dialogue, exchange and documentation.

Tajikistan
MQSUN+ supported the evaluation of a CRF and costing of a National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Plan (2017)

Oxford UK
Geneva

TAN regional teams for Asia and Africa – ENN KM specialists and Nutrition International-TAN teams

Philippines
Nutrition International supported the evaluation of the Philippines Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017 – 2022 (2016)

Togo
MQSUN+ supported the evaluation of the previous National Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition (2012 – 2015) and the development of a new National Nutrition Plan and Policy (2017)

Tanzania
Nutrition International supported the development and finalization of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (2016)



The SMS plays an important role in helping SUN countries to track and communicate progress being made in line with the strategic objectives of the Movement. Through this, the Secretariat is in a unique position to capture and share inspiring stories from across the Movement. The secretariat plays a facilitation role in organising regional and global workshops in collaboration with support networks that foster sharing and learning across SUN Countries. By collecting and analysing information from SUN countries, the secretariat is also able to inform the Movement's stewardship on arising priorities.





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