



# Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Alliance (SUN CSA) - Kenya

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Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) is a country led global movement to end malnutrition in all its forms. Kenya is among the 61 member countries committed to end malnutrition in all its forms by 2030. Kenya joined the SUN movement in 2012. The movement in Kenya is structured in to various network with different roles including; the government network, the UN network, the academic network, the business network and the civil society alliance.

Kenya's SUN Civil Society Alliance (SUN CSA) was set up in October 2013 to 'Mobilize Civil Societies to Champion Scaling up Nutrition in Kenya. The SUN CSA is registered as a local NGO. This registration as a legal entity in Kenya gives the network the authority and mandate to influence improved nutrition through strategic advocacy, policy engagement and coordination of network members.

The network was officially launched on the first SUN Global Day of Action on 9th May 2014. The Civil society makes a unique contribution to the Scaling up nutrition by:

- 1. Advocating** – through social mobilization, advocacy and campaigning – to raise awareness of the impact of malnutrition and encouraging governments make fighting it a priority; The network primarily undertakes capacity building of civil society organizations and other stakeholders to scale up nutrition advocacy at national and county level.
- 2. Implementing** – through programming we are reaching affected communities and delivering multi-sectoral interventions (nutrition-sensitive and specific interventions);
- 3. Monitoring** – from a local to a global level we are tracking progress, by monitoring nutrition expenditure, collecting data to ensure no one is left behind and holding governments accountable for their promises.

## MANDATE

SUN CSA in Kenya has a mandate to mobilize and develop the capacity of civil societies; inform the general public on food and nutrition matters and hold the government accountable. The CSA is part of the global SUN movement and works to empower the youth and women at community level on demand for protective foods.

## MEMBERSHIP

The network is composed of 63 NGO partners spanning multiple sectors and backgrounds, and a youth chapter comprising 38 youth groups with 1,054 members. The network has devolved chapters (coordination platforms) in 17 Counties.

## VISION

An independent and credible voice that influences actions towards improved nutrition at strategic levels in Kenya and beyond.

## MISSION

To influence/ advocate for improved nutrition at all levels through strategic advocacy, policy advocacy engagement and coordination of members.

## CORE VALUES

1. **Good governance and integrity:** all stakeholders to transparently and honestly demonstrate the impact of collective action.
2. **Innovative and Creativity:** the stakeholders to use innovative, cost effective and more creative ways to deliver quality services.
3. **Equity and Justice:** The concept of inclusion and fairness is expected among the members.
4. **Partnership and Participation:** The network believes in open multi-stakeholder partnerships that bring proven solutions and interventions to scale and active participation of members

## STRATEGIC APPROACH

1. **Advocacy on Nutrition at National and County level** - to promote scaling up nutrition at national and county level.
2. **Learning, Communication and Information Sharing** - to enhance collaboration and linkages between SUN CSA members and partners.
3. **Institutional strengthening and development** - to enhance the capacity of SUN CSA to improve on efficiency and effectiveness in executing its mandate.

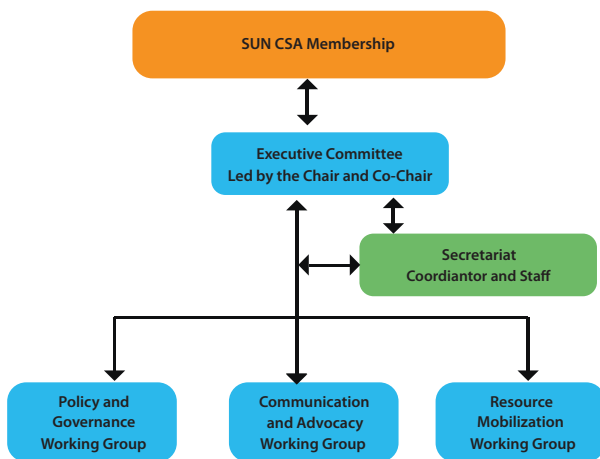


# Leadership

## and network management

The network's supreme authority is the general assembly which meets once a year through a general meeting. The executive committee is elected by the general assembly to provide policy direction and resource mobilization supported by three sub committees. The secretariat headed by the National Coordinator manages the daily operations of the network.

### SUN CSA structure



### SELECTED ACTIVITIES

1. Decentralization and institutionalization of SUN CSA through County Chapters.
2. Media engagement through establishment of a framework to support media training and mobilization.
3. Legislative engagement through establishment of Parliamentary Nutrition Caucus at National and County level.
4. Policy engagement by ensuring coherence of nutrition policies and legislation.
5. Nutrition budget conversation through national and county round table discussions and Domestic Resource Mobilization for nutrition.
6. Social accountability, mobilization and advocacy at County level by working with County First Ladies.
7. Strengthening multi-sectoral platforms through coordination and elevation of nutrition coordination to a higher office with convening powers.
8. Evidence generation through research e.g. Budget analysis, COVID-19 research, human resource for nutrition assessment.
9. Identifying, training and working with nutrition champions.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Fostering policy Coherence

- The network and members supported counties in development of costed multi-sectoral nutrition action plans (CNAPS). The network has supported the development of 23 CNAPS and the launch of 18 CNAPS.
- Engagement with County governments and legislators to ensure resources for implementation of CNAPS are secured.

## Improving Coordination at all levels

- Engagement with office of the president to elevate coordination of nutrition services to higher office with convening powers for multisectoral actions.
- Mobilisation of participation of the Council of Governors and County Assembly Forums.
- Technical support to policy dialogue and coordination meetings at national and county level.

## Resource mobilization

- Five nutrition financing round table discussion held where commitments were made for nutrition financing
- Supported planning and convening of the national nutrition symposium with mobilisation of commitments from senior government officials.
- Assessment of nutrition budget allocation, expenditure tracking and analysis.



## Advocacy at National and County level

- Signed MoU to facilitate engagement of 45 County First Ladies in nutrition advocacy.
- Engagement with Women Parliamentarians on going, in the process of creating Parliamentary Nutrition Caucus.
- Identified nutrition focal persons in national assembly and senate.

## Media engagement for information sharing

- Identified over 80 journalists sensitized to increase accuracy on nutrition reporting.
- Established partnership with Health TV Africa to facilitate engagement of 67 media stations on nutrition reporting.
- Development, translation and dissemination of nutrition messages to 10 different languages
- Development of nutrition radio and TV spots on going.

## COVID-19 response

- Technical assistance to incorporation of nutrition considerations into the COVID-19 response plans and policy guidance at National and County level.
- Supported training of 150 CHVs on homebased care and nutrition considerations in the COVID-19 context
- Purchased PPIs for 4,500 CHVs and 500 Health workers.
- On-going support to gap assessment through KAP study on health workers responding to COVID-19.
- Dissemination of COVID-19 prevention and nutrition messages through County First Ladies and youth champions.
- Dissemination of COVID-19 prevention and nutrition messages through radio and TV spots.



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