



# Towards food and nutrition security for all

**UNSCN – CFS**  
*Making connections*

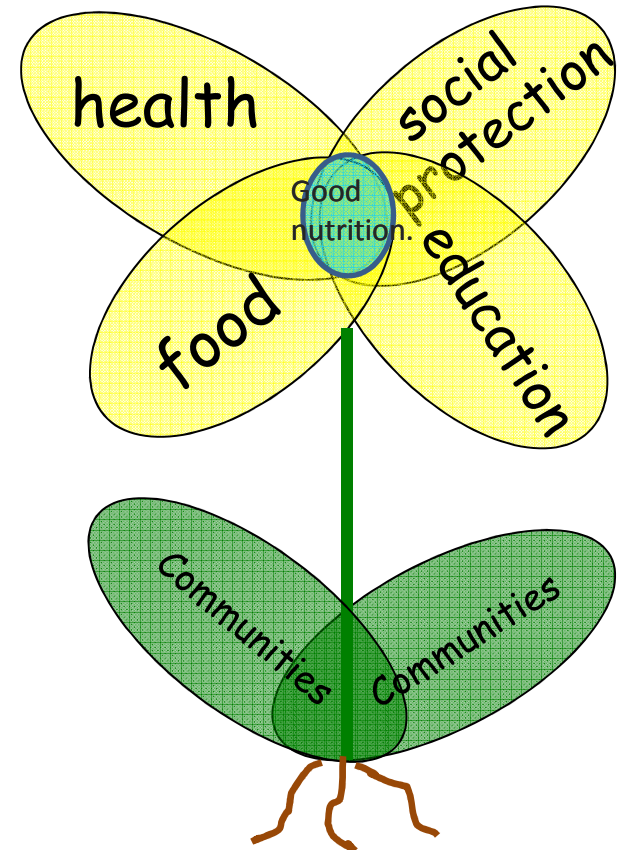
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4. How can CFS and SCN better link up?

# What is nutrition ?

- An outcome .....
- but also a major input for development.





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## We need to remember

- Children under five and pregnant/lactating women are the most vulnerable and affected
- Undernutrition contributes to over 30% of child deaths
- 195 million under fives are stunted
- A lot more has to be done to achieve MDG1 hunger target
- Undernutrition is associated with chronic diseases later in life

*Concerted and cross sectoral efforts can save 1 million lives per year and ensure better lives and futures for children and their families*



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# Solutions exist Tackling both immediate and underlying causes

**Nutrition specific actions:** e.g. treatment of severe acute malnutrition, breastfeeding and complementary feeding, micronutrient, nut. education etc.

**Nutrition sensitive development investments** – food security, agriculture, social protection, education etc.



First  
1000 days



Households

## Both are interlinked!



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## Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)

The UNSCN is a tripartite committee (UN agencies, bilateral partners and NGOs/CSOs including academia) mandated to be **a point of convergence** in harmonizing nutrition policies and activities and providing initiative in the development and harmonization of concepts, policies, strategies and programmes in response to nutritional needs of countries. (ECOSOC, 1977).

Currently undergoing a reform in order for being more inclusive, improving working processes and governance so as effective global institutional arrangements related to nutrition are in place

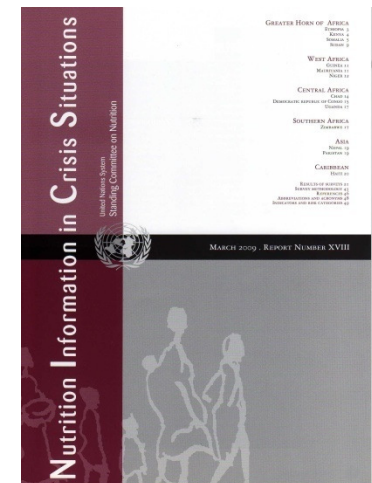
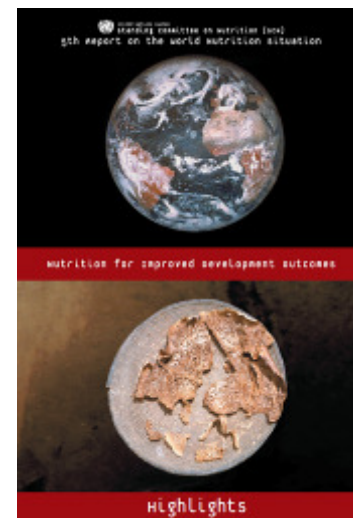
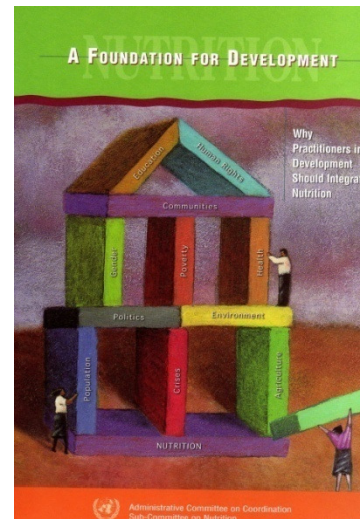


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## Improved global institutional arrangements will perform 5 functions

- Harmonization of concepts, policies, strategies
- Enhancing dialogues, linkages and partnerships between constituencies
- Knowledge exchange of practices and networking
- Monitoring and tracking progress
- Provide strategic global leadership in nutrition

- Reports on the World Nutrition Situation
- Statements and briefs
- SCN News
- Website and electronic networks







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# Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN-Roadmap)



- Taskteam led by SRSG Food Security and Nutrition developed SUN Road Map, supported by UN reference group (FAO, WHO, UNICEF, WFP) and 5 WGs administered by the UNSCN.
- Identifies what needs to be done (i.e. combination of nutrition specific actions & nutrition sensitive development policies)
- Builds on existing experiences and structures, identifies further tools, processes and mechanisms for increasing impact

**Leadership rests with governments and intergovernmental bodies**



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# SUN Road Map

*1000 days: change a life,  
change the future*

- Road Map presented at an high level event hosted by US Secretary of State & Ireland's Minister for Foreign Affairs with Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, at the UN General Assembly MDG Summit side-event.
- Governments of Uganda, Nepal, Brazil, Malawi, Ghana, NGOs and business sector participated in the side event
- SUN Initiative and UNSCN reform process will progress jointly



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## Making connections

- **Need to strengthen nutrition within CFS by bringing a nutrition lens to all of its workstreams and using nutrition indicators as measures of success**
- **This will add a solid intergovernmental base to improve nutrition, save lives and ensure food and nutrition security for all**
- **Additional discussion: Side event, Thursday, 14. Oct. At 0830, Iran Room**