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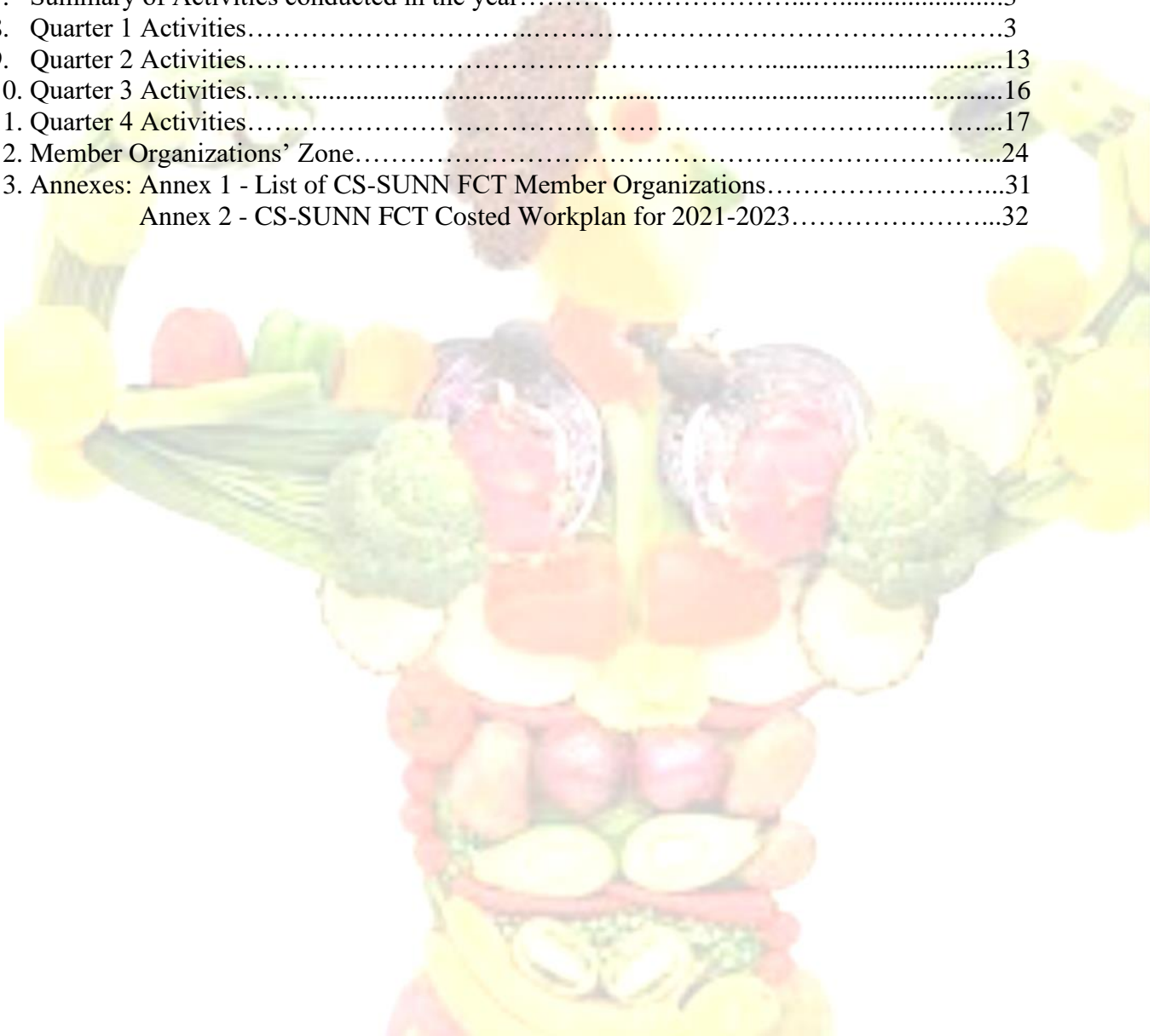
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

| | |
|----------------|---|
| ACHIEVE | Action to Control HIV Epidemic through Evidence (ACHIEVE) |
| AGM | Annual General Meeting |
| AHADEF | Adonai Health and Development Foundation |
| AMAC | Abuja Municipal Area Council |
| BoT | Board of Trustees |
| CACA | Catholic Action Committee on AIDS |
| CHAI | Clinton Health Access Initiative |
| CRYEED | Centre for Rural Youth Entrepreneurship and Environmental Development |
| CSO | Civil Society Organization |
| CS-SUNN | Civil Society – Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria |
| DFID | Department for International Development |
| EBF | Exclusive Breastfeeding |
| EF | Elohim Foundation |
| Exco | Executive Committee |
| FCT | Federal Capital Territory |
| FFVHOE | Foundation for Family values, Health Orientation and Empowerment |
| FMoH | Federal Ministry of Health |
| FoI | Freedom of Information |
| GAIN | Global Alliance for Improving Nutrition |
| GLI | Greater Life Initiative |
| HHSS | (FCT) Health and Human Services Secretariat |
| IEC | Information, Education and Communication |
| IHVN | Institute of Human Virology |
| IYCF | Infant and Young Child(ren) Feeding |
| JDPC | Justice, Development and Peace Commission |
| LGAs | Local Government Areas |
| MNCH | Maternal, Newborn and Child Health |
| MUAC | Mid Upper Arm Circumference |
| NMSPAN | National Multi-Sectorial Plan of Action for Nutrition (NMSPAN) |
| NPHCDA | National Primary Health Care Development Agency |
| NISONM/NEST360 | Newborn Essential Solutions and Technologies |
| PAN | Pediatrics Association of Nigeria |
| SDS | Social Development Secretariat |
| SEF | Sam Empowerment Foundation |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children’s Fund |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| SC | Steering Committee |
| SCI | Save the Children International |
| SCI | Save the Child Initiative |
| SEF | Sam Empowerment Foundation |
| SERDEC | Social Economic Research and Development Centre |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Malnutrition is one of the leading causes of diseases and death among women and children in Nigeria. Undernutrition, including micronutrient deficiency contributes to about one-third of all child deaths and impairs development in children and productivity on the long run. Understanding the causes of malnutrition is a step towards launching the fight against malnutrition, through harnessing multisectoral efforts and commitments by governments at all levels, civil society as well as relevant stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

In recognition of the negative effects of malnutrition on women and children in Nigeria, the Civil Society – Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) was established to advocate and respond to nutrition related issues in a bid to effect change in policies, attitudes and practices that fuel malnutrition in Nigeria.

CS-SUNN FCT was constituted in the year 2016 through the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Project which had FCT as one of the project states. The aim of the project was to mobilize and strengthen civil society capacity to scale up nutrition in Nigeria. FCT CS-SUNN started with about 6 member organizations and has now grown to a membership base of 22 committed and 18 intending member organizations advocating for improved nutrition in the FCT.

The year 2021 was yet saddled with the challenges of recovery from the menace of COVID 19 across the country, however, despite the challenges, the Alliance and her member organizations were resilient in their contributions at various levels to succor the negative impacts to food shortage, strengthen health systems to perform their service delivery roles more effectively and support the coordination functions of relevant coordinating bodies.

This report presents an overview of the joint activities of the FCT Chapter of Civil Society – Scaling Up Nutrition for the year 2021, as a group and also by the various organizations that constitute the membership of the Alliance.

ABOUT CS-SUNN

Nigeria signed and became a member of the Global Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement in 2012, with the mandate of scaling up nutrition actions in the country. Following this, the various networks that make up the SUN Movement was established in-country, among which are:

- The Government (FMOH-Nigeria County Office)
- The UN Network (World Bank & UN Agencies)
- The Donor Network (UNICEF/DFID)
- The Civil Society Network (CS-SUNN)
- The Business Network (GAIN)

Civil Society Scaling up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) is the Civil Society Network of the SUN Global Scaling Up Nutrition Movement in Nigeria. The Alliance was established in 2013 with guidance from the Global Civil society Alliance and brings together non-state actors (Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Professional bodies, Academia and various other organizations) that are interested in improving the health and nutrition status of women, children and households in Nigeria, to jointly advocate and engage to scale up nutrition interventions in the fight against malnutrition in all its forms.

The Alliance is owned by the General Assembly which is made up of all member organizations registered under it, however, its activities are managed by a 7-member Steering Committee duly elected by the General Assembly on the floor of the AGM.

CS-SUNN has local chapter representations in about 28 states of Nigeria including the FCT. FCT CS-SUNN has Through her members, CS-SUNN FCT has contributed to strengthening the capacity of health care workers in Nigeria to deliver standard quality of maternal and child health to women and their children in Nigeria through numerous campaigns on exclusive breastfeeding, advocacy to relevant partners for creation of budget lines for nutrition within the budget of all ministries, departments and agencies of the government, budget tracking to ensure release and efficient utilization of health and nutrition funds, legislative advocacy for introduction of healthy policies that promote maternal and child health including equitable access to health care services to all citizens, especially women of childbearing age and children (particularly under-5), community sensitization activities and education of women of childbearing age on nutrition through IEC, food demonstration sessions on infant and young child feeding in grassroots communities, monitoring clinical processes on exclusive breastfeeding for mothers at child birth and postnatal period among others.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to see a country where every citizen has food and is nutrition secure

OUR MISSION

To mobilize non-state actors to advocate, generate evidence, build capacity and stimulate community actions towards scaling up nutrition in Nigeria.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

As catalysts towards achieving the vision of ensuring food and nutrition security in Nigeria, CS-SUNN utilizes six key strategies under which her activities align. These strategies include:

Partnership – Nutrition is multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary. One of the thrusts of this strategy is to identify strategic partners and work with them to scale up Nutrition in Nigeria. Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) recognizes five platforms for getting the job done. These include the Governments in Nigeria (Federal, State

and Local), Business platform, Donor Platform, Civil Society and UN Organizations. While all National and International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are welcome as CS-SUNN members, CS-SUNN will carry out mapping of all NGOs working on Nutrition to identify areas in which the alliance can work with them. This will be reviewed regularly and periodically. CS-SUNN will partner with the media and community groups to ensure that they are actively mainstreamed into the SUN movement. CS-SUNN hopes to identify strategic partners to complement the ones currently in place particularly Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) that has given tremendous support so far as well as the Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF).

Advocacy – CS-SUNN has been the leading voice for scaling up Nutrition in Nigeria through advocacy. CSSUNN will position itself to deploy appropriate tactics to influence policy and ensure that governments at all levels create appropriate policies for Nutrition and food security in Nigeria in line with the National vision. CSSUNN aims to ensure that a strong National Council on Food and Nutrition is in place and that similar platforms exist at subnational levels. CS-SUNN will advocate for the existence of functional Food and Nutrition Committees at National level, in all the thirty-six states and FCT as well as in all LGAs in Nigeria. These committees will act as the technical think-tanks for Nutrition development and will work to ensure that Nutrition development is well resourced in Nigeria in line with the National Policy on Food and Nutrition. CSSUNN will work with the media to ensure that the community is mobilized to play its roles in scaling up Nutrition.

Capacity Building - CS-SUNN will develop a capacity building strategy to ensure that members and partners have the relevant skills to carry out their functions as envisaged in this strategy. Members will be trained in Policy Advocacy, Change Management, Strategic Communication, Budget Advocacy and in translating research to action. The media will be trained to have relevant knowledge on Nutrition so that they can have content to set agenda. Community leaders will be identified and trained to understand Nutrition issues and become advocates especially to their representatives in government. CS-SUNN will put in place mechanism to ensure that lessons are learnt from other Civil Society Alliances (CSAs) and Partnership Advocacy Capacity Building – Nigerian National Food and Nutrition Policy 2016 06 that such lessons are shared with members and strategic partners in-country. Lessons learnt from CSSUNN intervention in Nigeria will also be shared with other CSAs continuously especially through the global Civil Society platform- Civil Society Network (CSN).

Evidence Generation - Evidence is the main instrument of CS-SUNN for advocacy. For strategic reasons, National surveys that command respect and acceptance by government will be used for advocacy by CSSUNN. As funds become available, specific operations research will be carried out to support advocacy especially in the implementation of the National Policy on Food and Nutrition. Relevant advocacy tools will be developed from the National surveys such as policy briefs, research briefs, media briefs, position papers, infographics, scorecards etc. CS-SUNN has an ambition to become the hub for Nutrition information management in Nigeria in the shortest possible time – hopefully within the life of this strategy. From 2018, CS-SUNN has a desire to publish annually 'Nigeria Food and Nutrition Report', similar to the global report, which will present the status of Nigeria's Nutrition state by state and show where Nigeria is in terms of Scaling Up Nutrition.

Institutionalization of the Network/System Strengthening – Several failed attempts have been made in the past to have a strong and abiding Non-state Actors' platform for Nutrition in Nigeria. This strategy aims to ensure that CS-SUNN becomes a household name in Nigeria within ten years of its existence. Thus, the

purpose for which the alliance is set up will remain very visible in the implementation of this strategy. Tasks to achieve this purpose will be clarified from time to time. Systems and structures will be put in place and strengthened to ensure the discharge of the tasks. CS-SUNN will ensure that relevant skills are deployed to carry out tasks in order to deliver the best results possible. CS-SUNN will carry out self-reflection regularly in the sense of total quality management. The governance structure of the alliance will be strictly in accordance with the organization's constitution. The organization will be guided by seven values including Excellence, Honesty, Accountability, Commitment, Ownership, Recognition and Professionalism.

Service Delivery – While advocating for improved policies and funding of nutrition interventions, CS-SUNN believes in taking gradual steps towards changing the narrative. CS-SUNN, through her member organizations, implements community focused activities towards improving nutrition education and practices among women of child bearing age and households at the grassroots.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED WITHIN THE YEAR 2021

- Advocacy visits
- Nutrition Budget tracking
- FCT Quarterly General Meetings
- CS-SUNN Annual General Meeting
- Participation in forums (UN Food Systems Summit – Civil Society Dialogue)
- Joint Outreaches (Kuje and Bwari Area Councils)
- New Memberships
- Member Organizations' Activities

QUARTER 1 ACTIVITIES

The year resumed with high hopes and expectations for the FCT Alliance and for the Nigerian women and children that we serve.

JOINT OUTREACH IN KUJE AREA COUNCIL

Women and children in Godoji Community, Kuje Area Council felt the impact of CS-SUNN FCT when the Alliance visited the community for a joint outreach which held on Saturday, 13th of February 2021. The outreach held at the L.E.A Primary School Godoji and was anchored in collaboration with the Primary Health Care Centre, Godaji. Services provided were:

- Nutritional status check
- Vitamin A administration for children 6 months to 5 years
- Prenatal vitamins for pregnant women
- Deworming for children 6months to 5 years
- Nutrition education for mothers
- HIV Counseling and Testing services

Other commodities distributed were face masks which were used by all participants in course of the outreach and with respect to the COVID 19 protocol, insecticide-treated mosquito nets and water guard for water purification. In all, 15 women were tested for HIV and were all negative, 14 water guards were given out to 13 households, 17 pregnant women were given prenatal vitamins and 10 of them received insecticide treated nets, 138 persons (136 children and 2 adults) were given albendazole for deworming, 138 children were given Vitamin A. all services rendered are summarized below:

| SUMMARY | | |
|--|-----|-----------------|
| Total Women Reached | 27 | |
| Total Children Reached | 138 | (F=77, M=61) |
| Total persons given Albendazole | 138 | (Ch-136, Adl-2) |
| Total given Vitamin A | 138 | All Children |
| Total ITN distributed | 10 | |
| Total water guards distributed | 14 | |
| Total prenatal vitamins distributed | 26 | |
| Total women tested for HIV & received result | 15 | |

Medical consultation within the outreach was undertaken by representatives of the Godoji Primary Health Care Centre. Cases of malnutrition identified were also referred to the PHC for treatment and follow-up. Report and figures of the activity were compiled and shared with PHC Godoji for onward reporting on the FCT database. The outreach site was visited by representatives from Vitamin Angels who observed the process of administration of commodities (Albendazole, MMS and Vitamin A) that CS-SUNN received from the organization. Some photos from the outreach can be seen below:



Nutrition assessment being done for Children during the outreach



Section for administration of Vitamin A and Albendazole for children under 5



Section for administration of pre-natal vitamins, water guard and mosquito nets



Cross section of CS-SUNN members and staff of the PHC during the outreach

CS-SUNN member organizations present at the outreach were:

- Greater Life Initiative
- Justice Development and Peace Commission
- Sam Empowerment Foundation
- Social Economic Research and Development Centre

The outreach site was also visited by representatives from Vitamin Angels head office in Abuja.

CS-SUNN FCT Q1 GENERAL MEETING:

The first quarter meeting of the Alliance for the year 2021 held on Thursday, 25th March 2021 at Corinthia Villa Hotel, Garki II, Abuja. A total of 36 organizations were in attendance. The meeting which was fully sponsored by Save the Children International, Nigeria Office, served as an avenue for all member organization to come together to evaluate previous performance and chat a way forward towards repositioning the alliance and working hard to reduce the burden of malnutrition in the FCT.

OBJECTIVES

- i. To appraise the performance of the alliance for the last quarter.
- ii. To brainstorm on better ways to achieve the goal of the alliance

MEETING DELIBERATIONS

The meeting started at about 11.09am with an opening prayer said by Hilary Ogbozor of Elohim Foundation after which the agenda was reviewed by all present and motion for adoption of the agenda was moved by Mrs. Aji Robinson of Heal the Youth Foundation and seconded by Lady Christy Uche of Foundation for Family Values.

Welcome/Opening remark: As part of her opening remark the coordinator welcomed all members present and encouraged them to be active both physically and on the platform by contributing to issues raised at any point in time since most discussions are done on the platform. She also encouraged organization to seek assistance from the alliance in any area they lack capacity as that is one of the key functions of the alliance. She encouraged all to commit themselves to activities of the alliance so that we can succeed together.

Introduction of old and intending members: All members introduced themselves. One new organization - Catholic Action Committee on HIV/AIDS - joined the Alliance. The organization was represented by her Program Manager, Mrs. Chito Obiora. The meeting was also graced with the presence of a visiting partner – Mrs. Abiola Akanni from Vitamins Angels.

In Mrs. Akanni's goodwill message, she stated that Vitamin Angels is open to collaboration with CS-SUNN in areas that are within their coverage, especially in the provision of maternal and child health commodities like Vitamin A capsules, Albendazole and Multiple micro nutrients for pregnant mothers. She promised to discuss with the country director of her organization to fund a joint meeting with CS-SUNN FCT ExcOs, FCT PHCB and Vitamin angels to strengthen their partnership and agree on coordination role in implementing programmes within the FCT. She said they can also provide technical support like trainings in relevant areas within their training plan to the Alliance.

Responding to some issue mentioned within her speech, there was a suggestion that all commodities for FCT CSOs and some tertiary health facilities they service be channeled through CS-SUNN FCT while those meant for Government facilities (PHCs) be channeled through the FCT Primary Health Care Board. CS-SUNN FCT would take responsibility to disbursing the commodities to members based on their Area Council of operation and in quantities they can be able to utilize efficiently. The Alliance would also help ensure that reports are collated from members and submitted as at when due. The benefit of this suggestion is that it would help ensure that commodities are being issued to organizations programming in nutrition area, ensure accountability in utilization and eliminate duplication of efforts which would be a health risk to the beneficiaries of the commodities.

Also, there was a question on whether organizations programming in other states could use the commodities supplied their organization in the FCT for those state. Mrs. Abiola said this was not acceptable as every state has a plan for commodities supply. Commodities are expected to be utilized within the state where they are issued to ensure accountability.

Reading/ Observation/ Correction/Adoption of previous minutes: The minute of the last meeting was read by the secretary. After all necessary observation and corrections, a motion for adoption of the minutes for discussion was moved by Mr. Michael Adedotun Oke from Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation and seconded by Mrs. Patience Okoro from Pat Mgbo Foundation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CS-SUNN FCT Joint farm: The coordinator reminded us of our initial resolve to have a model farm where we can grow crops and that since the farming season is fast approaching there is need to start making plans towards the cultivation of the joint farm. Following this, a five (5) member committee was set up to oversee all processes towards ensuring cultivation of the farm, provide the general house with periodic updates on performance and areas where support is required. The members of the 5-man committee include:

1. Omenge Fredrick of CRYEED
2. Kiema Ogunlana of SEF
3. Paul Uyammadu of the Paul Mission
4. Franklin Nwagwu of AHADef
5. Ushang Aniah Joseph of JDPC

They are to inspect the farmland to ascertain its size, what type of farming will be most appropriate for the space, what time is suitable to commence the farming and what resources will be required and report back to the Exco to get necessary support to actualize the plan. Members that promised to support with seedlings were asked to do so in time. Dr. Omo Ohiokpehai promised to support the farming plan by conducting training on snail farming for interested members of the Alliance.

Stakeholder mapping/ Advocacy visit: The coordinator explained that the proposed visit to important stakeholders mapped has not been conducted and should be treated as urgent. She said that to expediate plan for the achievement of the advocacies, all member organizations will be distributed in groups and assigned stakeholders to visit.

Delisting of inactive member organizations: It was unanimously agreed that organizations will be given till the end of April to make financial commitments and update their dues or stand the chance of being delisted from the Alliance in line with the CS-SUNN Constitution. Members were encouraged to use part of the transport reimbursement they receive for coming to meetings to offset part of their dues since we now accept install mental payment.

Presentation 1: Overview of CS-SUNN vision, mission, objective and strategic focus

This presentation was made by the Deputy coordinator to all present as a way of reminding members of the shared mandates of the Alliance and to help us utilize these mandates to access our activities and determine if they are in line with the common objectives of CS-SUNN as a national body and make amends in any area we are derailing.

Discussion on issues affecting CS-SUNN member organization: It was agreed that a survey tool be developed for members to complete and relate any issues affecting their smooth relationship with the alliance in a bid to enable the exco analyze and provide clarifications or solutions to such issues thereby strengthening the bond of member organizations with the Alliance. The responsibility for design of the survey tool was given to the M&E team.

Modalities for fundraising: Aside membership dues it was suggested that we do crowd funding to have a go fund me account as a follow up to this. A six (6) member committee was formed to undertake this task. The members are:

1. Fredrick Omenge of CRYEED
2. Aji Robinson of Heal the Youth Foundation
3. Nelly Reuben Talent Groom Foundation
4. Victor Adajili of SERDEC
5. Franklin Nwagwu of AHADef
6. Kiema Ogunlana of SEF (Team Lead)

Presentation 2: Advocacy Skills and strategies was undertaken by Lady Christiana Uche of Foundation for Family values. She took members through the various skills required for advocacy which are necessary and key to the responsibilities of the Alliance. Members were taught how to map stakeholders and identify influencers. Extensive deliberations were made on the difference between Advocacy and Lobbying,

The coordinator announced the topic for capacity building at Quarter 2 meeting as “**Relationship between Nutrition, Micronutrients and Anemia Prevention**” which will be presented by Mrs. Aji Robinson of Heal the Youth Foundation.

AOB

1. **Advocacy visit to minister of state for FCT:** The coordinator explained that there was an attempt to visit the minister of state for FCT which was not fruitful as a result of bottlenecks created by the SSA. A date for the official visit is still being awaited.
2. **Report of February joint outreach:** The report was presented by the deputy coordinator She reported that the outreach was conducted in Godoji community, Kuje Area Council and was used to reach a total of one hundred and thirty-eight (138) children (77 females and 61 males) with various services like growth monitoring, Vitamin A and de-worming. Also, 27 women of reproductive age were reached with education on nutrition and good hygiene practices, Multivitamins for the pregnant women, Insecticide Treated Nets, Water guard and HIV Counseling and testing among other services. All participants (CS-SUNN representatives, women, children, PHC Godoji staff etc) were provided with refreshments during the outreach. The coordinator said that going forward. Our joint community outreaches will be organized in a way that member organizations located in a particular Area Council will plan and execute the activity through support from the alliance and the Exco. This is in a bid to minimize the high cost of transport that may be spent to convey representatives of member organizations from one Area Council to another to participate in the outreach.
3. **Visit to FCT PHCB:** The Coordinator reported that the Exco paid advocacy visit to the Executive Secretary FCT PHCB to update him on the activities of the Alliance and seek for improved partnership with the Alliance in improving the nutritional status of women and children in the FCT. She lamented however, that the FCT PHCB is still unable to differentiate between CS-SUNN national body and CS-SUNN FCT and so they seem to be more interested in the financial support the Alliance can provide to the Agency. She reported that the E.S was invited to the current meeting but did not turn up nor send a representative as requested on the invite.

4. **Report from State Coordinators' Meeting:** The Coordinator reported that a meeting of all CS-SUNN state Coordinators was convened by the National Secretariat from December 15-16, 2020. The meeting was used to conduct capacity building for the coordinators in various areas. She notified the meeting of the new Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy and promised to make a presentation on the policy at the next meeting. She also notified the meeting of the plan to change the nomenclature of state level ExcOs to align with what obtains at the Steering Committee level and also the request for state chapter to produce state specific advocacy documents (briefs, fact sheets etc) monthly to support their advocacy activities
5. **Submission of report:** Members were encouraged not to relent in the submission of their activity reports quarterly which would be collated to form the state report. All reports for organizational quarter one activities are to be completely and submitted on or before the 5th of April 2021.
6. **Finance:** Some organizations paid their dues and collected receipt for payment made. The financial report for the quarter could not be read as details of the current account balance could not be obtained before the end of the meeting.
7. **Appreciation:** Members observed a session to applaud Save the Children International for their immense support in hosting CS-SUNN Meetings, It was agreed that an appreciation letter would be written to the organization on behalf of the FCT Alliance.

Adjournment: Having exhausted all deliberations for the day, motion for adjournment of the meeting was moved by Mr. Segun Olorunfemi of Society for Behavioural Therapy and Health, seconded by Paul Uyamadu of The Paul's Mission.

Closing: The meeting came to a close at about 3.30pm with a closing prayer lead by Emem Akam of Talent Groom Foundation.



← *Cross Section of participants during the meeting*

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE QUARTER

- Improving Exclusive Breastfeeding in Nigeria: CS-SUNN Social media Campaign held on Tuesday, 23rd March 2021

QUARTER 2 ACTIVITIES

ADVOCACY VISIT TO FCT NUTRITION CHAMPION:

The Executives of CS-SUNN FCT Alliance, paid visited the FCT Nutrition Champion, Mrs. Bukola Azeez on Wednesday, 14th April 2021 at the FCT Health and Human Services Secretariat. The essence of the visit was to solicit for increased support to the Alliance and to seek for advice on how to address some challenging issues being faced by the Alliance in their work within the territory, especially with the Primary Health Care Board. Useful information were harnessed from the visit and the exco promised to utilize these information as they continue in the struggle to improve food and nutrition security for women and children in the FCT. She received copies of the CS-SUNN 2021 Year Planner and Diaries on behalf of the honorable secretary and promised to convey details of the visit to him.



CS-SUNN FCT Exco Members and the FCT Nutrition Champion, during a visit to the champion

JOINT COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN BWARI AREA COUNCIL

Within the quarter, the joint quarterly community outreach by members of the CS-SUNN FCT Alliance was held in Jabu and Kuduru communities in Bwari Area Council of the FCT. The community outreach was conducted on the 14th of May 2021. Services provided at the communities were:

- i. Nutrition education for mothers. This session was anchored by Mrs. Idem Victoria of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, FCT Chapter – member of CS-SUNN FCT. She educated mothers on exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding. Participants learned the importance of early initiation of breastfeeding, the correct way to position the child while breastfeeding and the advantages of exclusive breastfeeding to the child, the mother and the community at large.
- ii. Food demonstration: This session was also anchored by NSN and used to demonstrate to mothers and caregivers the local ingredients and processes required in the preparation of healthy and nutritious foods for their children/households. They were educated on the nutritional value of most locally available food materials that they can find within their community and how to use them to prepare complementary foods for their children to avoid malnutrition.
- iii. Nutrition assessment for children under 5: MUAC reading and the weight for under five children were taken to ascertain their nutritional status.
- iv. Deworming and vitamin A supplementation for under-5 children who are due for the service
- v. Provision of prenatal vitamins: Prenatal vitamins was provided to all pregnant women that were present and educated on how to use it. The women were then attached to a health worker to follow up on them.
- vi. Provision of birth control pills and education on its use: Women within child bearing age were educated on the importance of child spacing as a way of reducing maternal mortality. They were also educated on the use and effectiveness of each contraceptive method. Contraceptive pills were then given to mothers who desired them for child spacing.
- vii. Treatment referrals to Primary Health Centre Jabu and Kuduru for cases that require follow-up.

Other commodities given out were family planning/birth control commodities for women requiring such, insecticide-treated mosquito nets for both pregnant and lactating mothers, water guards, Tom Brown for identified malnourished children among others.



Photos showing CS-SUNN representatives during courtesy/planning visit to community leaders & PHCs in Bwari



Photos of some mothers at the outreach



Nutrition Education session at outreach in Jabu



Service delivery section during the outreach in Jabu Community



Left: Kuduru Leaders welcoming the team



Right: Service delivery at Kuduru outreach



Food demonstration corner at the outreach



Women and their children enjoying our sumptuous meal and sharing learnings from the process



Pharmacist from Greater Life Initiative administering prenatal vitamins to pregnant women at Kuduru Outreach

CS-SUNN FCT QUARTER 2 GENERAL MEETING:

The second quarter meeting of the FCT Alliance held on Friday, 17th of June 2020 at Sam Empowerment Foundation Conference Room, 12 Karaye Street, Garki II, Abuja. The meeting agenda were as follows:

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcome/ Opening remark
3. Introduction of new members
4. Reading of minutes of the last meeting
5. Correction/adoption of minutes
6. Matters arising from the minutes
 - Sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)
 - Development of a membership satisfaction survey tool
 - Recreation of Sub-teams
 - Update on cultivation on joint farm
 - Update on Crowd funding
 - Appreciation letter to Save the Children
7. Capacity Building session (Topic: Relationship between nutrition and anemia by Aji Robinson, Health the Youth Foundation)
8. AOB
 - Budget tracking exercise
 - Activities Report Submission by organizations
 - Update on registration with Health and Human Services Secretariat (HHSS)
 - Report of joint outreach held in Q2
9. Closing remarks.
10. Adjournment /Closing prayer/Lunch

The meeting started at about 10:40 am with an opening prayer said by Mr. Michael Adedotun Oke after which the agenda was reviewed. Motion for adoption of the agenda for discussion was moved by Ngozi Ossai of CHEDI and seconded by Nwagwu Franklin of AHADDEF.

Welcome Remark: The welcome remark was presented by the Coordinator. In her remark she appreciated all organizations that made it to the meeting for their commitment to the Alliance and encouraged them not to relent in their efforts in improving nutrition actions for women and children in the FCT. She also encouraged all organizations to show more commitment in ensuring that the sub-teams are functional, as it is through the activities of the sub-teams that the work of the Alliance and its impacts will be projected and also, the functionality of the sub-teams will help ensure that the 3-year workplan of the Alliance is put to use.

Recognition of new members: One new organization - Women friendly initiative – represented by Rosemary Adaji attended the meeting for the first time.

Apologies: Silverleen Aroh of Save the Child Initiative and Kiema Ogunlana from Sam Empowerment Foundation.

Minutes: The minute of the last meeting was read by the Secretary after which observations and corrections were made by all members. Motion for adoption of the minutes for discussion was moved by Korie Everistus of FFVHOE and seconded by Mrs. Chika Edebeatu of GLI.

Matters Arising from the minutes:

- ***Sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA):*** The coordinator made a presentation on the SEA Policy and promised to share the document on the CS-SUNN FCT WhatsApp platform for all to study it and be conscious of it in their work with community people, staff of other member organizations and partners.
- ***Membership Satisfaction Survey Tool:*** This task was assigned to the Deputy coordinator who was not available to give feedback on it. Feedback would be obtained at the next meeting.
- ***Recreation of sub-teams/working groups:*** The existing sub-teams were recreated to avoid duplication. Some teams were merged into others and rebranded. Following this, five sub-teams emerged:
 - i. Program planning and implementation team
 - ii. Advocacy team
 - iii. Capacity building team
 - iv. Monitoring Evaluation Research and learning
 - v. Resource Mobilization and Donor relations

It was agreed that a google form be designed and sent to Executive Directors of all member organizations for them to the sub-team they would like to belong to, based on their area of strength; after which the Exco will collate same and generate a comprehensive list of sub-teams and their members.

- ***CS-SUNN FCT Joint Farm:*** The secretary reported that she had not been able to visit the farmland due to the incident of her mother's loss. She assured the meeting that she will prioritize the visit and report back before the next meeting.
- ***Meeting between PHCB and Vitamin Angels:*** The meeting did not hold as proposed because Dr. Francis Ohanyido, the Country Representative of Vitamin Angels in Nigeria lost his father but the Coordinator assured that the exco will schedule a visit with the organization soon and agree on the date and modalities for the joint meeting with PHCB.
- ***Crowd funding:*** Mrs. Aji Robinson reported that their team assigned this responsibility has not been able to meet with it as the leader of the team – Mrs. Kiema Ogunlana of SEF was yet to give the team directive on this. She assured the meeting that the team will work on the task and report back by the next meeting.
- ***Appreciation to Save the Children:*** The coordinator informed members that an appreciation letter and a plaque have been produced in appreciation to Save the Children International, Nigeria, for their unrelenting support to the CS-SUNN FCT Alliance over the years. She added that the duo will be submitted alongside the FCT Alliance's 2020 Annual Report. She explained that the proposed advocacy/courtesy visit to SCI could not hold because CS-SUNN National also proposed to visit

and the two visits cannot be done therefore, despite requesting first, the FCT CS-SUNN had to reconsider the plan for the visit in order to give the National Secretariat the chance to conduct theirs.

Capacity Building Session

The capacity building session was facilitated by Mrs. Aji Robinson of Heal the Youth Foundation on the topic: **Relationship between nutrition and Anemia.**

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1. The coordinator reported that the Deputy Coordinator had a domestic accident that affected her leg and as a result of that has not been able to resume work for long but that she is recuperating. In response to this, Mrs. Patience Okoro said that matters relating to the welfare of members should be brought to the knowledge of all members so that they can extend their gesture towards such member. It was agreed that the incident would be reported on the general WhatsApp platform for members' notice.
2. Budget tracking: Members present agreed that the budget tracking exercise should be conducted by all members present at the meeting and not just a few selected organizations. In line with this, member organizations were divided into groups and assigned different SDAs and Area Councils to visit for the tracking and report back within one week. The teams are as follows:

Team 1: NSN, FFVHOE, PMI assigned to track the 2018, 2019 and 2020 Nutrition budget of FCT PHCB, HHSS, DPRS.

Team 2: Talent Groom Foundation, CACA and JDPC assigned to track the budget of Hospitals Management Board, FCT SDS and FCT Education Secretariat.

Team 3: Heal the Youth Foundation and Greater Life Initiative assigned to track the budget of FCT WASH program FCT Agric and rural development Secretariat, FCT UBEB.

Team 4: SEF and AHADDEF assigned to track the budget of AMAC Secretariat (Nutrition Unit)

The following organizations were also assigned to track the budgets of the nutrition unit at Area Councils:

- Women Friendly Initiative assigned to track the budget of Kuje Area council
- Pat Mgbo Initiative and Adolescent Care Support and Empowerment Initiative assigned to track Bwari Area Council
- Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation assigned to track Gwagwalada Area Council.

On completion of the tracking exercise, the M&E team will collate all reports from the teams and use in developing a harmonized budget tracking report for the FCT which will be used to plan advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders.

3. The coordinator also informed the meeting that CS-SUNN FCT has successfully been registered with the FCT HHSS and encouraged individual organization to get registered too.
4. Reports: Mrs. Pat of Pat Mgbo Initiative gave a report on the joint outreach conducted by CS-SUNN FCT in (Jabu and Kuduru) of Bwari Area Council. She was unable to provide figures of the number of persons reached as the details were with the secretary, who also didn't come to the meeting with the records. The data from the outreaches will be collated and attached to the activity report. The

event however was very successful and it recorded the presence of the community heads of the places visited and a large turnout of women and children.

Closing remark: The Coordinator appreciated all organizations that made it to the meeting for their time and commitment and encouraged everyone to stay focused on CS-SUNN vision. Despite the fund constrain, she appealed to all organizations to keep doing their bit and be hopeful that their efforts will yield great rewards in no distant time.

Adjournment/Closing: Motion for adjournment of the meeting was moved by Mrs. Aji Robinson of Heal the Youth Foundation and seconded by Mrs. Chito Obiora of CACA. Closing prayer was as said by Mr. Okechukwu Chibueze of Sam Empowerment Foundation and the meeting closed at about 2.31pm.



Cross section of members at the Q2 General Meeting

NUTRITION BUDGET TRACKING IN THE FCT

In the month of June 2021, following agreements reached from the Q2 meeting, the FCT Alliance initiated the process for nutrition budget tracking within the FCT Secretariats, Departments and Agencies (SDAs). Objectives of the budget tracking exercise were:

- To determine the level of nutrition funding in the FCT
- To harness information that will be utilized in conducting budget advocacy in favour of nutrition in the FCT
- To familiarize the Alliance with all secretariates and agencies in the FCT and foster improved collaboration for future activities in the area of nutrition within the FCT.

In view of this, notification letters were sent to the authorities in the targeted SDAs informing them of the planned exercise and the planned period for its implementation (29th June to 2nd July 2021). It was also used to request for their compliance with the team on visit to their locations. Nine (9) SDAs and four (4) Area Councils were targeted for this exercise and these include:

- a. Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat
- b. Department of Planning, Research and Statistics, FCTA Secretariat
- c. Education Secretariat

- d. Health and Human Services Secretariat
- e. Hospitals Management Board
- f. Primary Health Care Board
- g. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency
- h. Social Development Secretariat
- i. Universal Basic Education Board
- j. Abuja Municipal Area Council
- k. Bwari Area Council
- l. Kuje Area Council
- m. Gwagwalada Area Council

Member organizations were used to conduct the budget tracking exercise. To prepare them for the task, training on the use of the budget tracking tool to capture budget information as it relates to nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific activities was conducted within the Q2 meeting. On completion of the training, organizations were divided into four groups and assigned locations to visit. The groups and the locations visited can be seen below:

| Groups | Organizations | Places Visited |
|---------|--|--|
| Group 1 | Greater Life Initiative | 1. FCT Universal Basic Education Board (UBEB) |
| | Heal the Youth Foundation | 2. Abuja Municipal Area Council (Nutrition Unit) |
| | Sam Empowerment Foundation | 3. FCT Agriculture Secretariat, 4. FCT Rural Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASSA) |
| Group 2 | Adolescent Care Support and Empowerment Initiative | 1. FCT Primary Health Care Board |
| | Foundation for Family Values, Health Orientation & Empowerment | 2. Bwari Area Council (Nutrition Unit) |
| | NSN FCT Chapter | 3. Health and Human Services Secretariat 4. Department of Planning, Research and Statistics, FCTA Secretariat |
| Group 3 | Justice Development and Peace Commission | 1. FCT Education Secretariat |
| | Talent Groom Foundation | 2. Hospitals Management Board |
| | Catholic Action Committee on AIDS | 3. Social Development Secretariat |
| Group 4 | Women Friendly Initiative | 1. Kuje Area Council |
| Group 5 | Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation | 1. Gwagwalada Area Council Secretariat (Nutrition Unit) |

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| Activities Undertaken | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Printing and Submission of letters - Follow-up calls and visit to schedule a date for the budget tracking exercise. - Budget tracking exercise |
| Highlights of Discussion Points during the Budget Tracking Exercise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sighting of budget - Administering of budget tracking tool (Please see excel sheet for detailed report) |

FINDINGS FROM GOVERNMENT SECRETARIATES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Within the budget tracking exercise, various government secretariats, departments and agencies that have a stake in nutrition were visited. Also visited was the Nutrition Unit of the FCT Primary Health Care Board saddled with the responsibility of coordinating nutrition interventions in the FCT. The following unveils finding from the various government bodies visited:

FCTA - Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat: The CS-SUNN team visited FCTA-Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat on the first of July 2021. At the office, the team met with the nutrition desk officer for the secretariat - Mrs. Toyin Oladoja. From her report, the visiting team gathered that:

- i. The secretariat does not have a nutrition budget and it is difficult to create one due to the nature of the budget template currently in use which has no provision capturing nutrition activities and budget.
- ii. Despite the unavailability of a budget, the nutrition unit submits a budget for their activities annually and is granted some funding through **Project Support** budget which is used to implement the nutrition budget.

Some nutrition activities implemented by the focal person through project support funds include:

- a. Training of women and men in Bwari, Kuje, AMAC, Kwali, Abaji and Gwagwalada Area Councils to grow vegetables like pumpkin, green leaves (spinach) and tomatoes.
- b. Training of women on planting, processing and preservation of their farm produce so they can produce all year round. In addition to the trainings, improved seedlings are made available to them.
- c. Training of women on how to cook their vegetables to preserve the nutrients as well as how to preserve the vegetables by drying them in an airy place and storing them in nylon bags, where there is no provision for zip-lock bags.
- d. Training of women on how to mix manure to help boost soil fertility
- e. Demonstration farming in selected schools, sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Observations:

Most of the well-funded activities of the FCT Agric Secretariat depend on funds from non-governmental organizations and donors that come through sponsorship received by the FCT Agric Development Project (ADP) office, a unit under extension zonal office, in Gwagwalada. Most of the funds have been for programs targeting Women in Agriculture (WIA).

Below is the summary of the budget of the FCT Agric Secretariat for the period, 2017 to 2021:

| Year | Budgeted | Budget Head | Appropriation | Expenditure | Balance |
|------|------------|---|---------------|-------------|------------|
| 2017 | | | 1,500,000 | 400,000 | 1,100,000 |
| 2017 | 5,000,000 | FCT Nutrition Interventions - Trainings (Project support) | 1,900,000 | | |
| 2018 | 5,000,000 | FCT Nutrition Interventions (Project support) | 0 | 0 | |
| 2018 | 20,000,000 | Women in Agriculture | 20,000,000 | 4,645,000 | 15,355,000 |
| 2019 | 5,000,000 | | 4,800,000 | 4,800,000 | |
| 2019 | 15,000,000 | Women in Agriculture | 15,000,000 | 3,420,000 | 11,580,000 |

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|------|------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 2020 | 4,900,000 | | 4,900,000 | Not released | |
| 2020 | 15,000,000 | Women in Agriculture | 15,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 13,500,000 |
| 2021 | 15,000,000 | Women in Agriculture | 15,000,000 | 362,500 | 14,637,500 |

The nutrition focal person, Mrs. Toyin, requested for collaboration with CS-SUNN FCT to expand the training conducted at the rural levels and add more aspects like animal protein farming (fish farming and poultry rearing) and provision of starter packs for trainees to enable them practice what they learned from the training to generate income for themselves and their households.

FCT Universal Basic Education Board: At the Universal Basic Education Board, the team was attended to by the nutrition focal person, Mrs. Blessing Inah-Sunday. It was noted that the department does not have a nutrition or home economics budget but that nutrition activities implemented are in partnership with Nutrition Department, EPRS, FCDA Area 11 or the FCT Primary Health Care Board, however, a workplan of public health interventions is submitted to the Nutrition department annually but no allocation is received.

As a follow-up, the team visited the Director, FCT Primary School Services. She said that about 120 schools in FCT are marked for the school feeding program but lamented that the program is not properly funded because, when the program started, ₦70 was allocated for feeding each child per day but due to increment in food prices without corresponding increase in feeding allocation per child, most vendors engaged still provide services to schools but the children are not properly fed. This, to her, makes the program ineffective. To CS-SUNN budget tracking team, the school feeding program is not properly coordinated with the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs undertaking the responsibility of dealing directly with the food vendors and not empowering the benefitting schools and UBEB to monitor or make inputs to the activities of the food vendors in schools served.

To further probe and get clarification on the management of the school feeding program in the FCT, the budget tracking team visited the office of the Director Social Mobilization, Alh. Kudu Dangana, who could not be seen at the point of visit; however, the officer that spoke to the team on his behalf did not provide the team adequate details as requested because, according to her, the school feeding program is not under the jurisdiction of the FCT but operating at the National level.

Department of Planning, Research and Statistics (DPRS) FCTA Secretariat Area 11: The DPRA, FCTA reported that the office does not have a nutrition budget. All nutrition activities they participate in activities are coordinated by the FCT Primary Health Care Board, Area 3 Garki.

FCT Primary Health Care Board: The budget tracking team was attended to by the FCT Nutrition Officer who first mandated CS-SUNN to do a memorandum of understanding with the Board before they would be attended to. On completion of the MoU, the team received some documents showing the nutrition budget of the Board from the year 2018 to 2021. The documents received from the nutrition officer can be seen attached to this report.

Hospital Management Board: Discussion with the Head of Nutrition, Mrs. Kulu Wakil, revealed that the Board has no budget for nutrition as all nutrition interventions carried out at both facility and community levels are funded through personal contributions, such interventions as feeding/managing a malnourished child with local nutrient and dense food. The unit has however, submitted a nutrition budget for the year 2021 to the Director Finance and Admin which is still awaiting approval and release.

FCT Social Development Secretariat: At the social Development Secretariat, the team was attended to by the Head of Tourism, Mrs. Jimoh. She reported that their nutrition budget was embedded in the budget for the annual Abuja Food Fare, however, funds for the fare have not been released for the past three years.

FCT Education Secretariat: The education secretariat was reported to not have a nutrition budget and so referred the team to the home-grown school feeding program unit. The coordinating office for the home-grown school feeding program, when visited, reported that funds for the program does not pass through the office, rather is expended directly by the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, while the school feeding program only monitors the implementation process of the program and is also responsible for training vendors that conduct the cooking for schools.

FCT Rural Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA): At RUWASSA, the team met with the following persons:

- Mr. Ismaila Mohammed (S.A Technical)
- Mrs. Obirika (Head of Water Supply)
- Mrs. Abigail Patricia Ekpenusi (Head, Partnering)
- Engr. Chuks Chukwuwetalu Onubogu (Head, Procurement)

The representatives disclosed that RUWASA previously operated as the Department of Rural Water Supply under the FCT Water Board, and so, all budgets drawn previously by the department were under the budget of the FCT Water Board. It was stated that RUWASSA was made an agency in November 2020 and so are yet to develop the first independent budget for the Agency. It was also reported that the Minister for FCT has plans to establish Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) departments in all the Area Councils and also install public toilet facilities at designated places; the later project is being handled by Development Control Department. RUWASSA appealed that CS-SUNN carries the Agency along in their WASH related programmes in order for RUWASSA to capture, record and measure data generated from such programmes and also to avert duplication of efforts/activities within communities of intervention. Two vital projects were identified as urgent for the FCT; these are:

- Sensitization on open defecation in the FCT following the recent outbreak of cholera in some Area Councils. On this, it was noted that the FCT Minister has declared a state of emergency on open defecation in the FCT and has flagged off a campaign (#Ending Open Defecation by 2025) to address it.
- Needs Assessment of FCT communities to determine their water bodies and water sources

CS-SUNN assured the new agency of her support and commitment to ensuring that nutrition-related challenges facing individuals and households (particularly women and children) in the FCT are addressed. It was unanimously agreed that CS-SUNN and RUWASSA will plan an intervention for one ward in a selected Area Council as a way to commence the partnership. RUWASSA requested that CS-SUNN FCT shares her workplan for the year with the agency so as to harmonize it with the agency's workplan.

FINDINGS FROM AREA COUNCILS

Also visited during the FCT nutrition budget tracking exercise were some Area Councils, particularly AMAC, Kuje and Gwagwalada Area Councils. Finding from the Area Councils did not show availability of resources for implementation of nutrition interventions at the grassroots levels. Below is a summary of findings from each of the Area Councils:

Health Secretariat, Gwagwalada Area Council: Visit to the secretariat was paid on Monday 26th, July, 2021 to the Area Council Nutrition Officer. No nutrition budget allocation to the unit or the secretariat as a whole was reported.

Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC): The team was unable to meet with the Nutrition Focal Person at the AMAC Secretariate at the various times visited so was unable to capture the report of the Area Council.

Kuje Area Council: In Kuje, the budget tracking team met and interacted with the following officers:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Igbokwe (Nutrition Coordinator)
- Mr. Yunusa Agabe (M & E Officer)

From the interaction, the team gathered that Kuje Area Council has budget for nutrition activities but face the challenge of budget release as the funds are either not released at all or not completely released. The template below shows the trend of budgeting and release of funds for nutrition at Kuje Area Council.

Quarter
(Indicate the
months and
year being
tracked)

January to December
(2021,2020,2019,2018)



NUTRITION SENSITIVE INTERVENTIONS

| S / N | Program/ Activities | Period / Year | Amount Budgeted | Domestic fund (provide specific info on MDA) | Donor fund (fund from other organization) | Amount Released | When released | Amount utilized | Amount yet to be released | Reasons for non-release | Adherence to task (Yes/No) | Output/ Outcome | Remarks |
|-------|--|---------------|-----------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Maternal & Newborn Care: Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) | 2021 | 7,000,000 | Kuje Area Council Budget Plan | Nil | 0.00 | NA | NA | N7,000,000 | Lack of funds | No | Successful distribution of Vitamin A, deworming tablets and ORS during MNCH week | Funds for 2021 is yet to be released. Commodities distributed was received from FCT PHCB. |
| 2 | Maternal & Newborn Care: Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) | 2020 | 7,000,000 | Kuje Area Council Budget Plan | Nil | N2,500,000 | 2020 | N2,500,000 | N4,500,000 | Lack of funds | No | . | The department budget was sighted |
| 3 | Maternal & Newborn Care: Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) | 2019 | 7,000,000 | Kuje Area Council Budget Plan | | N2,000,000 | 2019 | N2,000,000 | N5000,000 | Lack of funds | No | | The department's budget was sighted. However, Skeletal information was available as the officer we spoke was not in charge of IMCI as at this period. |
| 4 | Maternal & Newborn Care: Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) | 2018 | 7,000,000 | Kuje Area Council Budget Plan | | N2,500,000 | 2018 | N2,000,000 | N5,000,000 | Lack of funds | No | Effective delivery of MNCH activities | |

Quarter
(Indicate the
months and year
being tracked)

January - December
2019 to 2021



NUTRITION SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS

| S / N | Programs/ Activities | Period / Year | Amount Budgeted | Domestic fund (provide specific info on MDA) | Donor fund (fund from other organization) | Amount Released | When released | Amount utilized | Amount yet to be released | Reasons for non-release | Adherence to Task (Yes/No) | Output/ Outcome | Remarks |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| KUJE AREA COUNCIL (HEALTH DEPT) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Nutrition specific activities | 2021 | N3,000000 | Kuje Area Council budget plan | Nil | 0.00 | Nil | 0.00 | N3,000000 | Lack of funds and COVID-19 inference | No | | Kuje Area Council has a dedicated budget line for nutrition. The copy of the budget was sighted by CS-SUNN representatives |
| 2 | Nutrition specific activities | 2020 | N3,000000 | Kuje Area Council budget plan | Nil | 0.00 | Nil | 0 | N3,000000 | Lack of funds | No | There was distribution of 300 cartons of RUTF to vulnerable households. This was received from FCT PHCB. | Kuje Area Council has a dedicated budget line for nutrition. The copy of the budget was sighted by CS-SUNN representatives |
| 3 | Nutrition specific activities | 2019 | N3,000000 | Kuje Area Council budget plan | WFI donated her demonstration clinic for nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive activities. The facility is in use till date. | 3,000,000.00 | 2019 | 0 | 0.00 | NA | Yes | A very successful breastfeeding week was held. Three (3) bicycles and 3 wrappers were given to babies that won the most-healthy-babies competition. Over | Kuje Area councils' First Lady was instrumental to the huge success recorded. She supported nutrition agenda |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | 500 children received consolation prizes. Also, six hundred (600) mothers benefitted from cash transfer. | from release of the budget to its execution. |
| 4 | Nutrition specific activities | 2018 | N3,000000 | Kuje Area Council budget plan | WFI support IYCF coordination, food demonstration, breastfeeding week, NACS and nutrition education | 2,500,000.00 | 2018 | 2,500,000 | N500,000 | Lack of funds | Yes | Nutrition specific activities were carried out successfully. | Details of activities carried was not handy as the nutrition officer at the period was on transfer to another area council. |



SOME CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING NUTRITION PROGRAMS AS REPORTED BY SOME FOCAL PERSONS

- Delay in obtaining nutrition budget approvals and release of funds by the SDAs.
- Some letters were minuted wrongly to persons/officers that do not have a stake in nutrition
- Lack of capacity building initiatives, however, the Nutrition officer takes advantage of the WhatsApp group she created for nutrition officers to do refresher training.
- Lack of stipend for facility and community based non -technical personnel
- Poorly equipped nutrition corners
- Stoppage in IYCF programmes

OBSERVATIONS

- It was observed that those who should be saddled with the responsibility of food and nutrition in most of these MDA's are not involved in development of budget proposals for their units and do not have the opportunity of capturing activities that would address food and nutrition needs of women and children.
- While the SDAs have no nutrition budget of their own, nutrition activities at the Area Councils are only implemented during the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Weeks. There is need for the SDAs to prioritize nutrition, have their own funds and workplan and be able to continuously deliver nutrition services on their own, without dependence on the FCT Primary Health Care Board, as is currently the practice.
- There is need for training of staff at the Area Councils on record keeping and reporting and also in various programme areas as they are unable to differentiate between nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific programmes.
- They must be carried along in the planning, implementation and various documentation and budget spending. The development of solid partnership with the civil society is necessary for accountability and transparency.
- Wrong prioritization of representatives in some agencies. For instance, in FCT UBEB, the Director Mobilization is a member of the home-grown school feeding programme, with less knowledge on nutrition. It will be ideal to include the nutrition focal person of the agency as part of the committee so as to ensure vital interests in children's nutritional status are represented and protected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- There is need to engage and possibly build capacities of stakeholders on the need for nutrition budget to be included in their budget and ensure that it is utilized appropriately. In the coming year 2022, CS-SUNN FCT will prioritize nutrition budget advocacy to all the Secretariates, Departments and Agencies of the FCT.
- There should be a monitoring body, independent of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, set up to monitor implementation of the homegrown school feeding programme in the FCT. The body should comprise of civil society organization, particularly CS-SUNN FCT.

PHOTOS FROM BUDGET TRACKING EXERCISE



The budget tracking team during the visit to the Nutrition unit/Officer at Kuje Area Council

MEETING WITH CS-SUNN WITH FCT RUWASSA

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Attendance list generated from the budget tracking meeting with RUWASSA



Photos from budget tracking exercise at the FCT Primary Health Care Board, Nutrition Unit

PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE QUARTER

- i. **Regional Webinar** tagged “**Nutrition budget analysis approach: experiences sharing, reviewing successes and reflecting on challenges**” jointly organized by Action Against Hunger (ROWCA), Scaling Up Nutrition (secretariat and Civil Society Network), FAO and Alive and Thrive on 28th and 29th April 2021 through online platform. The event was used to discuss the different approaches to budget analysis for nutrition in view of the multisectoral vision to contribute to global discussions on the current methodologies for nutrition budget analysis.
- ii. CS-SUNN FCT members participated (both virtually and physically) in the **United Nations Food Systems Summit - Civil Society Dialogue for Nigeria** held on Saturday, 19th of June 2021 at the Bolton White Hotel, Area 11, Abuja. The Food Systems Summit is an initiative of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 and with the aim of awakening the world to the fact that everyone must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food. In Nigeria, the event was convened by the Permanent Secretary of Budget and National Planning with support from CS-SUNN National Secretariat. It brought together various categories of nutrition stakeholders within the civil society space to dialogue on the right of citizens to sustainable access to safe and nutritious foods guided by the United Nations Five Action Tracks which are:
 - ❖ Action Track 1: Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all
 - ❖ Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
 - ❖ Action Track 3: Boost Nature-Positive Production
 - ❖ Action Track 4: Advance Equitable Livelihoods
 - ❖ Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

Some organizations that participated in the meeting were Alive and Thrive FHI360, Action Against Hunger (ACF), Save the Children International, Nigeria (SCI), Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Aliko Dangote Foundation, SUN Global Secretariat, etc. A total of 179 participants (84 Females and 95 Males) registered for the dialogue.

Challenges facing Nigeria food systems and recommendations to solving those challenges were discussed in a break-out session under each of the tracks. CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator facilitated the break-out session for Track 3. All challenges and recommendation documented were collated and used to develop the communique from the meeting. As part of conclusions to the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the active participation of CSOs in supporting the Nigeria food systems will contribute to the momentum needed to address inequality and power imbalances – at household, community and national levels with well-structured governance food systems to deliver safe healthy nutritious diets as well as poverty reduction and sustainable, equitable livelihoods.

- iii. **Pooled Fund II Closeout Meeting.** On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June 2021, CS-SUNN FCT was represented in a meeting convened by the CS-SUNN National Secretariat to officially closeout the Pooled Fund II Project implemented in Enugu, Gombe, Kano, Kaduna and Oyo States. The aim of the Pooled Fund project was to promote engagement of additional relevant actors in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder national plans for nutrition in Nigeria. The phase II of the project lasted from January, 2020 to February, 2021 with a four-month extension to June, 2021 in order to cover for the time lost due to the COVID 19 pandemic. At the

meeting, pooled fund II project states made presentations on their achievements within the project implementation period and key points considered as quick wins were picked from the presentations for replication in the FCT.

QUARTER 3 ACTIVITIES

NUTRITION BUDGET TRACKING EXERCISE IN THE FCT

The nutrition budget tracking exercise started in Quarter 2 was completed in quarter 3. The exercise lasted from the month of June to the month of August 2021. Report of the budget advocacy exercise is as already reported under quarter 2.

Due to shortage of funds, the FCT Alliance could not conduct any joint community outreach within the quarter.

ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER PARTNERS IN THE QUARTER:

- ***World Breastfeeding Week 2021***

As part of activities to commemorate World Breastfeeding Week, 2021, CS-SUNN FCT member organizations attended a one-day strategic meeting on Women Leaders as Change Agents for Exclusive Breastfeeding, convened by the CS-SUNN FCT National Secretariat in collaboration with Save the Children International, Nigeria at Corinthia Villa Hotel, Garki II, Abuja on Thursday, 5th of August 2021.

The annual celebration of the World Breastfeeding Week aims at increasing awareness on the health and wellbeing outcomes of breastfeeding on infants, young children and mothers. The WBW 2021 strategic meeting was designed to bring together religious leaders, traditional leaders, Civil Society Organizations and Professional Women groups and bodies to discuss issues affecting exclusive breastfeeding (EBF) practices in Nigeria and make commitments towards its improvement. The activity was used to build the capacity of women as change agents for promoting, protecting and supporting exclusive breastfeeding in Nigeria while disseminating key religious messages on Maternal Infant and Young Child Feeding.

At the meeting, the CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator, in her goodwill message, congratulated all children and mothers on the event and made a commitment that, as advocates and foot soldiers for improved nutrition in the FCT and Nigeria and in realization of the role of exclusive and continued breastfeeding in averting about 13% deaths among children under 5, member organizations in the CS-SUNN FCT Alliance will continue to protect breastfeeding in the FCT and Nigeria by:

- Increasing sensitization using various channels, including outreaches and media engagement, to ensure that families take the decision for EBF
- Continuing to push for maternity protection as a vital step towards enabling breastfeeding and empowering parents for a successful implementation of recommended breastfeeding practices
- Providing breastfeeding counseling, basic PSS and practical feeding support to all pregnant women and mothers with infants and young children
- Supporting the govt to enforce control guidelines for breast milk substitutes and promoting the baby friendly initiative
- and ultimately, support the campaign to attain the 50% target for EBF by 2030 in Nigeria through households and community focused advocacies

The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2021 was - 'Protect Breastfeeding, A Shared Responsibility' - with the slogan for Nigeria being, "Join Hands! Support Exclusive Breastfeeding".



- ***FCT Food and Nutrition Committee Meeting***

CS-SUNN FCT participated in the FCT Committee on Food and Nutrition Meeting held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Conference Room, Department of Economic Planning, Research and Statistics, FCT Health and Human Services Secretariat, FCDA, Area 11, Abuja. The meeting was supported by the USAID-Funded Integrated Health Project (USAID-IHP) and was primarily used to review the joint nutrition workplan for FCT developed by the committee and to receive reports of committee members' actions towards implementing the plan. It was noted with concern that all SDAs assigned with responsibilities on the workplan have not implemented any activities listed on the plan. CS-SUNN FCT however noted with concern that civil society components were completely missing on the plan despite that CS-SUNN FCT workplan (2021-2023) have been shared with the Nutrition Unit of the FCT Primary Health Care Board. CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator appealed for the harmonization of the Alliance's operational plan with that of the committee so that the activities and achievements of the civil society organizations who are also nutrition stakeholders in the FCT can count.

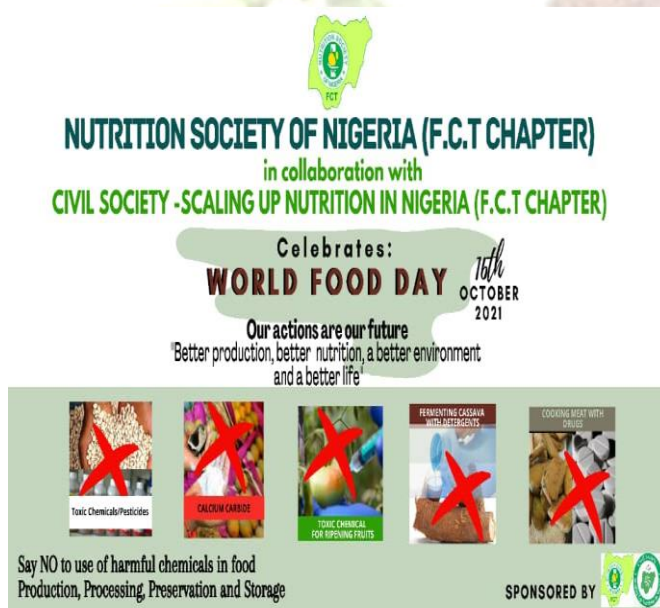


Photos from the quarter 3 meeting of the FCT Committee on Food and Nutrition

QUARTER 4 ACTIVITIES

WORLD FOOD DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT

CS-SUNN FCT, in collaboration with the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN), FCT Chapter held an event of Saturday, 16th of October 2021 at Wuse Market to commemorate the 2021 World Food Day. The event was used to sensitize the public, with special focus on women of child-bearing age, on the need to eat right so as to ensure healthy living for themselves, their children and entire households. Part of the activities for the day involved a sensitization tour round the market where fliers and educational messages on nutrition were disseminated. At the end of their tour, the team and participants converged at a convergence point where more information and education on healthy feeding practices were provided all participants. There was also a session for question where participants received clarification to issues bothering on nutrition.



Left: Activity Banner; Right: Group photograph showing some members during the event

NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA F.C.T CHAPTER

16 October, 2021
WORLD FOOD DAY
OUR ACTIONS ARE OUR FUTURE

HARMFUL DANGEROUS FOOD PRACTICES CAN CAUSE DEATH CANCER STOOING KIDNEY FAILURE HEART DISEASES

- 1 Avoid the use of toxic chemicals to kill fish
- 2 Avoid the use of chemicals and pesticides to store beans, grains
- 3 Avoid the use of chemicals to store chicken, turkey
- 4 Avoid the use of substance like (carbide) to ripen banana, plantain
- 5 Cooking meat with drugs is harmful to the body
- 6 Avoid cooking of food with nylon, use local leaf instead
- 7 Avoid using detergents to ferment cassava (fufu, garri)
- 8 Avoid roasting of food (meat/fish) with car tyres,

HARMFUL FOOD PRACTICE CAN KILL YOU?

Food provide our bodies what we need to

- To stay alive, be active, move and work
- To build new cells and tissues for growth
- To stay healthy and to heal us
- To prevent and fight against infections

Good food practices

- Fruits should be allowed to be fully ripe before harvesting or plucking
- Harmful chemicals should not be used in food production, processing and storage
- Use good and healthy cooking methods in preparation, preservation and packing of foods

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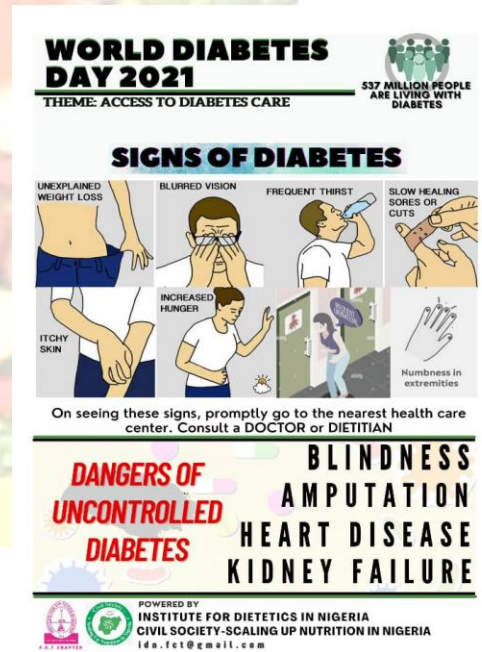
Some IEC Materials developed for the event

WORLD DIABETES DAY

World Diabetes Day by CS-SUNN FCT was commemorated on Saturday, 13th of November 2021 at the Chief Palace, Kuchingoro Community, Abuja, FCT. The commemoration event which was organized in collaboration with the Institute of Dietetics, Nigeria (IDN) featured nutrition education, sampling of various nutritious food items, deworming and Vitamin A supplementation for children. The education session was facilitated in various languages, for the understanding of all community members attending the event. Fliers containing information on signs of diabetes and the dangers of uncontrolled diabetes were also distributed during the event.



Photo showing CS-SUNN FCT and IDN members during the event/homage to the Chief of Kuchingoro



Left: Cross-section of education session during the event; Right: Educational material produced

CS-SUNN FCT QUARTER 4 GENERAL MEETING:

The quarter 4 meeting of the Alliance held on Tuesday, 14th of December 2021 at Sam Empowerment Foundation Conference Room, Garki 2, Abuja.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 11 persons from the following organizations:

- Greater Life Initiative (GLI)
- Sam Empowerment Foundation (SEF)
- Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC)
- Adonai Health and Development Foundation (AHADEF)
- Talent Groom Foundation
- CHEDI
- Foundation for Family Values (FFVHOE)
- Catholic Action Committee on AIDS
- Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation
- Heal the Youth Foundation

Opening: The meeting started at 10:30am with an opening prayer said by the Coordinator. This was followed by the review and adoption of the agenda for the day's meeting. Motion for adoption of the agenda for discussion was moved by Mr. Victor Idajili of SERDEC seconded by Lady Christy Uche of FFVHOE.

Opening Remarks: The Coordinator welcomed all organizations present and appreciated them for making efforts to attend the meeting in the midst of preparations towards the festive period. She reminded members of their commitment to improving the nutritional status of women and children and urged them to use any and every opportunity they come across to make impact towards this goal, no matter how little as little gradual efforts lead to great impact.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting was read; after corrections and observations, motion for adoption of the minutes for discussion was moved by Mr. Nwagwu Franklin of AHADEF, seconded by Mrs. Chito of CACA.

Matters Arising from the minutes:

Budget tracking and Advocacy: The Coordinator emphasized the need for the Alliance to do more in implementing the workplan that was developed so as to ensure the effort at developing the plan is not futile. She spoke passionately on the need to prioritize nutrition advocacy in the FCT in line with the findings made during the nutrition budget tracking exercise. According to her, if CS-SUNN FCT does not have the much funds it requires to implement nutrition activities in the FCT to the point of making impact, the Alliance can channel its effort towards advocating for increased budgeting and funding of nutrition in the FCT by the Government. She therefore emphasized that, in the coming year, the Alliance will prioritize advocacy visits to all the Area Councils and FCT Secretariats, Departments and Agencies to further push for the creation of nutrition budget lines within their annual budgets so as to enhance implementation of priority interventions identified by their nutrition units.

Identification of partners and wards: She urged the advocacy sub-team to take the issue of advocacy seriously to coopt new members into the Alliance and also have CS-SUNN FCT enlisted among organizations supported by implementing partners. She emphasized that the FCT workplan should be included in the advocacy materials to be used for visits as there may be potential partners that may take interest in funding a line item on the workplan or even the entire workplan. She revealed that a partner has already shown interest in working with CS-SUNN FCT to implement the quarterly outreaches and use the platform to revive and strengthen the food and nutrition committees at Area Council levels. She reminded members of the plan to select and work in two wards in each of the Area Councils of FCT and concentrate

all program efforts there so that within a period of time the Alliance can measure the impacts of her work in the FCT.

Identifying and training of nutrition advocates at ward levels: The announced that the time is right for the Alliance to identify nutrition advocates at ward levels, as contained in her workplan. This will be done in collaboration with the Area Council Nutrition Officers and supervised by CS-SUNN member organizations within the Area Council of operation. The identified nutrition advocates will be trained on Advocacy, EBF, IYCF and other aspects of nutrition. These advocate, when trained, will become CS-SUNN foot soldiers within each Area Council and will be used to conduct stepdown of the trainings they have received to groups of women and adolescent girls. this initiative, when implemented will help the Alliance achieve their vision of monthly nutrition education with mothers at community levels without much spending on this by the Alliance.



Photos from the CS-SUNN 2021 Quarter 4 General Meeting held in Abuja

ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER PARTNERS IN Q4

- ***Nutrition Education at Borno Women Summit in Abuja***

Lady Christie Uche of Foundation for Family Values, Health Orientation and Education (FFVHOE) represented CS-SUNN at a workshop organized by Integrated Women and Youth Empowerment Centre (IWAYEC) on Wednesday, 17th November 2021 at the Women Development Centre, Central Area, Abuja. The workshop with the theme: “Strengthening grassroots women political participation and leadership for effective governance” brought together rural women from LGAs in Borno State. Lady Christie at the event, made presentation on the importance of adequate nutrition to children and the household.



Lady Christie Uche (FFVHOE) making her presentation participatory at the event

- ***Joint Commemoration of 2021 World Pneumonia Day***

(World Pneumonia Day Theme: Stop Pneumonia, Every Breath Counts)

On Friday, 19th November 2021, CS-SUNN honored an invitation from Save the Children International, Nigeria to attend the World Pneumonia Day event which held at Hawthorn Suites, Garki II, Abuja. Pneumonia is the world’s biggest infectious killer of children and adults. On average, it alone kills more children than the combined mortality rate caused by AIDS, measles, and malaria. It is the lack of oxygen in the lungs that makes us realize how important oxygen is to our bodies, and makes lung health a priority worldwide. Nigeria contributes the highest number of global pneumonia child deaths. According to UNICEF, 19% of child deaths in Nigeria, in the year 2018 (443 deaths per day and 162,000 deaths in total), were due to pneumonia and it was the biggest killer of children under-five in 2017.

Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia observed the first World Pneumonia Day in 2009. Their aim was to bring the facts of the severity of pneumonia to public knowledge and to join hands to bring global attention to the neglected condition of pneumonia. The theme of the event for the year was “Healthy Lungs for All”.

The year in which the first World Pneumonia Day was observed, it was killing approximately 1.2 million children each year. Within four years of observing this day at an international and global scale, in 2013, WHO and UNICEF launched an Integrated Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Pneumonia and Diarrhea. In the next four years in efforts to establish as much control over Pneumonia and Diarrhea, the first public-private partnership to support governments achieve the Global Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhea (G.A.P.P.D.) was made under the name “Every Breath Counts”.

Other than this, several other initiatives have also been taken at various levels to counter the attacks made by pneumonia, which still acts as the major infectious killer of children and adults.

Twelve years after, World Pneumonia Day is still being celebrated, to spread awareness among people to understand the need to stand together and demand action in the fight against this disease. It is also aimed at campaigning for the provision of enough protection against the disease and making treatment centers accessible to the people suffering from the disease.

Details of World Pneumonia Day 2021 Event

This World Pneumonia Day, stakeholders in Nigeria again examined how crucial oxygen is for us and what can be done in the fight against pneumonia. The presence of COVID 19 and other prominent

respiratory ailments. To commemorate the day, Save the Children (SCI) Nigeria convened a one-day event attended by various stakeholders among which include the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), World Health Organization, USAID, CHAI, CS-SUNN and other key stakeholders in the FCT. The event started at about 9:40am with the recitation of the second stanza of the national anthem, followed by introduction of participants.

Opening Remark: An opening remark was presented by Dr. Salma Ibrahim Anan, Director Family Health Department, represented by Dr. Sarah. In her remark, she appreciated all representatives from various organizations present at the meeting. She said the event will afford the Ministry and other stakeholders the opportunity to assess progress towards reducing the incidence of pneumonia related deaths among children under the age of five years and to advocate for support for under-five health in Nigeria. According to background statistics provided in her presentation, children under the age of 5 years accounts for 19% of Nigeria's population and are vulnerable to a range of biological, physiological and psychosocial influences within the wider environment. More than 75% of deaths in Nigerian children are due to preventable and treatable conditions and these include newborn deaths (29%), deaths due to malaria (20%), pneumonia (17%) and diarrhea (19%) with malnutrition underlying 53% of these deaths. She also lamented the slow progress towards reducing pneumonia related deaths, in relation to the other infectious diseases largely because the pneumonia control has been forgotten on global and national health agenda. On this basis, Pneumonia control is central to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of less than 25 deaths/1000 live birth by 2030 in Nigeria.

She reported some activities and advance steps that government has taken towards pneumonia control and reducing under five mortalities; such steps as

- development of the National Pneumonia Control Strategy and Implementation Plan which promotes an integrated approach to pneumonia control through multi-sectoral actions
- establishment of partnership between the Ministry of Health and United Oxygen which resulted in the establishment and upgrade of existing Oxygen plants in the country. The later significantly reduced mortality from COVID 19 in most of the recipient states.
- Incorporation of Integrated Community Case Management (ICCM) of Childhood illness, (which is the main policy trust of the Government for reducing the incidences of childhood killer diseases at the community level) into the CHIPS program with a view to having holistic and integrated care for Nigeria children. This move was in recognition of the fact that majority of pneumonia related child deaths occur at home, among the poor, rural and semi-urban populations where mothers and caregivers have limited access to quality life-saving interventions against the major child-killer conditions.

In conclusion, she said the 2021 World Pneumonia Day will draw more support to Government's effort at reducing the high under-five mortality in Nigeria.

Presentations: Two presentations on progresses made so far on pneumonia control were taken at the meeting; the first from World Bank and the Second from Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

Presentation 1: Global Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhea (GAPP) by Dr. Chimeziri Joy Ufere-Isikima, Technical Officer for Child and Adolescent Health, World Bank.

Her presentation was centred on Every Child Counts – a global call to action to end preventable child deaths among children 1-59 months and piloted by WHO, UNICEF, USAID and other partners. According

to her, these partners came together to launch the call following the realization that 53 countries are off-track for achieving the SDG Target of reducing child mortality to 25 deaths per 1,000 live births across all countries of the world, therefore identifying the need to generate global actions to tackle the diseases. Three diseases – pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria – were the leading causes of death among children 1-59 months in these countries. The poor data recorded in the 53 countries depict the existence of malfunctional health centres and accumulation of various risk factors (among which include poverty, malnutrition, air pollution, poor water/sanitation/hygiene practices among others. Despite that Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) has been introduced in over 100 countries, it was noted with concern that its implementation is incomplete, the coverage is unequal and the quality of services are also poor. To promote reduction in child deaths, the GAPPD introduced a framework of effective interventions, while working through the Primary Health Care centres as the platforms for delivery. The GAPPD Framework is aimed at reducing pneumonia and diarrhea morbidity and mortality through three targeted actions:

- Protecting through children by adopting good health practices from birth; such key practices as exclusive breastfeeding from birth to 6 months, adequate complementary feeding and vitamin A supplementation
- Preventing childhood illness for pneumonia and diarrhea through complete vaccination, proper handwashing, safe water consumption, proper sanitation practices, reduced household air pollution, HIV prevention among other actions
- Treatment of children who are ill from pneumonia and diarrhea appropriately

These actions can effectively be achieved through active engagement of PHCs for empowering people and communities, integrated health services and implementation of multisectoral policies and actions. Key interventions to achieve these actions were highlighted within the presentation as seen below:

| | Intervention | Level of Care/ Platform | Impact on mortality reduction due to: |
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| PROTECT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exclusive breastfeeding • adequate complementary feeding • vitamin A supplementation • other interventions | PHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household • Community • Facility outreach services/home visits • Health post | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumonia • Measles • Diarrhoea • Tuberculosis • Possible serious bacterial infections • Other infections • Undernutrition |
| PREVENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination (BCG, DPT, PCV, Hib, Measles, Rotavirus) • WASH (hand hygiene, safe drinking water, sanitation) • Insecticide treated bed nets • Indoor residual spraying • Environmental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing indoor air pollution | PHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household • Community • Facility outreach services/home visits • Health post <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care facility • School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumonia • Measles • Diarrhoea • Malaria • Tuberculosis • Possible serious bacterial infections • Other infections • Undernutrition |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reducing ambient particulate matter pollution | | |
| TREAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated management of neonatal and childhood illness and integrated community case management Management of moderate and severe malnutrition Management of severe illness | PHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility outreach services Community: Health post/CHW Primary health facility Referral level facility/ETAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Referral level Secondary Referral level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pneumonia Measles Diarrhoea Malaria Tuberculosis Possible serious bacterial infections Other infections Undernutrition |

In continuation, she took participants through the goal, strategic objectives and theory of change of the Global Action Plan for Pneumonia; all geared towards intensifying commitments and expanding strategic investments in child survival during infancy and early childhood (1-59 months), and also addressing the programmatic and health system challenges that hamper progress especially in those countries that are not on track to meeting their 2030 targets. Also presented were key actions expected from various actors and at various levels and next steps to implement the global call to action (such steps as advocacy, resource mobilization/stakeholder engagement, country collaboration, data and analytics, and galvanizing leadership and buy-in of key partners at global and country levels.

In conclusion, she highlighted some ongoing activities which include weekly working group meetings to advance the GAPP vision document including a data narrative and theory of change, revision of the vision document to address feedback from ongoing consultations and the official launch of the Global Action for Pneumonia and Diarrhea by January/February 2022 for countries to key in. More information is needed on subnational inequalities in intervention coverage among other indicators important for children surviving and thriving. Integrated care is also needed to tackle the three common causes of global post-neonatal mortality.

Presentation 2: Leveraging on COVID 19 for Childhood Pneumonia by Dr. Chizoba Fashanu; Head Malaria, Nutrition and Oxygen Program, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI). Dr. Chizoba’s presentation was made on behalf of the United for Oxygen Coalition, a coalition comprising of Government, Private Sector, SCI, UNICEF, WHO, CHAI etc set up in 2017, under the FMoH, in response to COVID 19 and has been addressing issues of availability of oxygen to support treatment of COVID and pneumonia in children. She made reference to an Assessment conducted by the WHO in isolation and treatment centres which revealed a lot of challenges relating to storage of gas, incompetence of health workers, shortage of biomedical engineers to develop/initiate strategies for scale-up of oxygen production etc. The advent of COVID 19 increased demand for oxygen therefore United for Oxygen started exploring, in terms of production capacity (48 plants available currently), to identify indigenous producers of oxygen – only 2 were identified in Nigeria. She highlighted other efforts United for Oxygen has made through her partners as follows:

- FMoH: Training health workers
- FHI 360: Supply of ventilators to facilities

- CHAI: Supported in the roll out of oxygen kiosks, training of master trainers, supporting procurement and HCW training
- UNICEF: Establishment of oxygen coordinating platform in Lagos state
- SCI: Inspiring project supported MoH with oxygen cylinders
- BMGF: Established oxygen plant in Lagos in collaboration with the Lagos state University

She lamented that oxygen has been neglected for a long time, however, the time is right now for all stakeholders to channel their efforts towards addressing the issue of indigenous production and supply of oxygen.

Panel Discussion:

The second part of the event featured panel discussion to examine the input of the Nigerian Government as well as other stakeholders in eliminating pneumonia among children 1-59months. Discussants on the panel were:

- Federal Ministry of Health
- World Health Organization
- Save the Children
- Pediatric Association of Nigeria
- Private Sector represented by GSK

Closing: The meeting came to a close at about 11:15am with a closing remark by Dr. Sarah of FMoH.

• **FCT CFN Meeting**

The last quarter meeting of the FCT Committee on Food and Nutrition held on Friday, 3rd December 2021 at the conference Room, Health and Human Services Secretariat, FCDA Area 11, Abuja. The meeting was anchored by the Nutrition Officer who is also the secretary of the committee. Discussions at the meeting were mainly on the process of development of the committees workplan for 2022. Mrs. Clementina promised to send all members of the committee the workplan development template as soon as the priority list of interventions is approved at the national level. Members were urged to populate their planned activities for 2022 into the template as soon as they receive it and send back to the secretary for collation. Also, the meeting was used to plan for the upcoming National Nutrition Week (Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Week) 2021 scheduled to hold from Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th of December 2021. All members of the committee were urged to mobilize members of their secretariates, departments, agencies and organizations to participate massively in the event. Responsibilities were shared at the meeting.

• **MNCH Week**

CS-SUNN FCT participated in various events convened by the FCT Primary Health Care Board from 6th to 10th of December 2021 in commemoration of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Week. The flag-off event was held at the Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Wassa Community, AMAC. The event featured nutrition education, health checks for women and children, administration of maternal and child health commodities as well as distribution of food and hygiene items to mothers. Food and other materials such as crates of eggs, sanitary towels, ready-to-use therapeutic foods, children's micronutrient vitamin powder etc were distributed to mothers that attended the event. Identified malnourished mothers and children were initiated on treatment at the Wassa PHC.



CS-SUNN FCT Members at the flag-off event



Photos from various sections at the flag-off event



CS-SUNN FCT Members supporting the MNCH Week at a Primary Health Care Centre in Bwari

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS' ZONE

In addition to the joint outreaches and other activities implemented by the Alliance, member organizations registered under CS-SUNN FCT conducted independent activities within their capacities and funding availability in the year. Below are reports from various organizations that undertook activities towards improving the health and nutritional status of women and children in the FCT in the year 2021.

CATHOLIC ACTION COMMITTEE ON AIDS (CACA)

In quarter 1 and quarter 2 of the year 2021, CACA implemented nutrition-focused programs in 11 communities within Bwari Area Council of the FCT. The communities include: Bwari, Kubwa, Dei-Dei, Kukwaba, Ushafa, Mpape, Katampe, Byazhine, Kogo, Dutse-Alhaji, Dutse- Makaranta. Nutritional activities implemented were targeted at children living with HIV/AIDS. Objectives of the activities were:

- To encourage and support caregivers to practice infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in their households.
- To educate caregivers on proper hygiene practices.
- To educate caregiver on important of immunizing their child.
- To improve the Health/Nutritional status of vulnerable households.
- To educate them on how to utilize their locally available food/ resources in the community.
- To have a routine meeting with stakeholders evaluating the status of child protection/safe guarding in the community.
- To share challenges and get feedback from the community.

Through the support of the IHVN, ACHIEVE Project, CACA provided education on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) caregivers of orphans and vulnerable children are educated on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, immunization, home gardening and the proper hygiene practices as a means to maintain good health for them, their families and the household at large. This activity is conducted quarterly and involves food demonstration sessions where caregivers are educated on how to use affordable, locally available food materials to provide adequate nutrition to their households. A total of 305 caregivers (M-9, F-296) were reached through the education sessions.

As a means of boosting the nutritional status of children living positively, Action Meals were provided to 40 positive children. Additionally, CACA, through Ladela Schools, provided food packs to 56 children (M-29, F-27) within various communities to support their access to food.

In the second quarter also, CACA team and community volunteers conducted Nutrition Assessment, Counseling and Support (NACS) using various nutritional assessment tools like the MUAC tape, weighing scale and measuring tape. During home visitation, growth monitoring was done for 214 OVC (M=114, F=100) under 5-years and nutrition assessment was conducted for 1124 OVC (M=568, F=556) above 5 years, no child was reported malnourished in this reporting period.

Some photos from the activities reported can be seen below:



Photos showing children from our Lady of Fatima Hospital (left) and Daughters of Charity Hospital (right) showing off food packs they received from CACA through the IHVN Project

FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY VALUES, HEALTH ORIENTATION AND EMPOWERMENT

Quarter 2: In quarter 2 of 2021, FFVHOE carried out the following activities in Piwoyi and Guyidna communities of the FCT:

- ❖ Administration of Vitamin A and Albendazole (Deworming Drugs)
- ❖ Nutrition Education
- ❖ Observance of FCT Nutrition Week
- ❖ Awareness creation and sensitization to stakeholders on adequate nutrition in the face of COVID-19
- ❖ Advocacy visit to health Facility

A total of two hundred and sixty-two (262) children and thirty-one (31) women were reached with services. Details of FFVHOE activities within the quarter are as follows:

Activity 1: Administration of Vitamin A & Albendazole (Deworming drugs)

In order to promote optimal health of vulnerable children and household, FFVHOE administered vitamin A and Albendazole to children within the ages of zero to 15 years in Guyidna (on 3rd & 15th May) and Piwoyi (31st May & 12th June) Communities, both in Abuja municipal area council. Prior to administration of the commodities, beneficiaries were sensitized on the importance. One hundred and thirty (130 = M52, F78) children within the ages of 0-5yrs were given vitamin A, while a Hundred and thirty-two (132 = M42, F90) were dewormed.

Activity 2: Nutrition Education for mothers

In an effort to reduce malnutrition, FFVHOE carried out Nutrition Education in Piwoyi community. The focus of the discussion was on home gardening which is a priority action in order to promote food security and solve the problem of food shortage in households. Caregivers were taught the importance of home garden and the need to set up one within their compounds. They were encouraged to plant more of vegetables so support the provision of nutritious and balanced meals for their households. They were discouraged from feeding their households, especially their children, canned/packaged foods. Nursing mothers were

encouraged to ensure adequate nutrients in their foods in order to breastfeed their child very well. Thirty-one (31) women participated in this activity.

Activity 3: Stakeholders’ Sensitization on adequate nutrition in the face of COVID-19.

This activity was held through the Zoom online platform on the 15th of May 2021 in commemoration of the International Day of Families. The theme of the event which was hosted by the Executive Director of FFVHOE, Lady Christie Onyedimma Uche, was **Nigerian Families and Adequate Nutrition in the Face of COVID-19**. CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator, Ogbonna Ngozika Yvonne, graced the event as a guest speaker and made presentation on the topic “*The Nigerian Family and Nutrition*”.



Left: Photos from FFVHOE’s Advocacy visit to Dr. Folashade Samuel-Okoroji of New Beginning Birth Centre (a community facility in Guyidna), to discuss maternal and child nutrition activities of the facility.

Right: Educating children and caregiver on the importance of adequate Nutrition and administration of Vitamin A in piwoyi community

GREATER LIFE INITIATIVE

Quarter 1 and 2: Within the quarters, GLI continued her financial support and donations of food items to households and orphanages within the FCT. The two orphanages -Osaze We Care Foundation and Fatherless and Motherless Children Aid Organization (FACADO) - received bi-monthly donation of food items and the sum of fifty thousand naira (₦50,000.00) each to support the nutrition of children in them. Unplanned visits were also paid the orphanages at meal times (following their daily schedule) to inspect the quality and quantity of food provided the children.

Quarter 3: In quarter 3, GLI also continued her financial support and donations of food items to support households and two adopted orphanages within the FCT. The two orphanages - Osaze We Care Foundation and Fatherless and Motherless Children Aid Organization (FACADO) - received monthly donation of food items and the sum of fifty thousand naira (₦50,000.00) each to support the nutrition of children in them.

On the 17th of July 2021, Greater Life Initiative conducted medical outreach in Apo, FCT. Communities that benefitted in the outreach were – Apo Waru, Apo Mechanic, Wasa and other neighboring villages.

Within the outreach nutrition interventions (education on IYCF, vitamin A administration, deworming, nutrition health check, administration of prenatal vitamins for pregnant women etc), family planning commodities and other interventions were provided for women and children 6months and above. To ensure inclusion, men that presented at the outreach venue were also provided other medical services, including nutrition education and counseling on family planning. A total of 64 women, 187 children and 28 men were provided with various forms of services during the outreach. Identified cases of malnutrition and mothers that tested positive to HIV were referred to the Primary health Care at Apo for treatment and followup.



Photos from GLI Outreach in Apo communities

On the 29th of July 2021, Greater Life Initiative through a medical outreach in Kubwa Abuja, provided medical and nutrition services to women and children in Kubwa, Dutse Alhaji and neighboring communities. Services provided were:

- Vitamin A Supplementation for children 6months to 5 years
- Prenatal vitamins for pregnant women

- Albendazole for deworming of children 1-5years
- Family planning counseling and birth control commodities
- Diagnosis and treatment of ailments in children
- Nutrition counseling
- Etc.



Some photos from GLI Outreach in Kubwa

Quarter 4: In quarter 4, GLI also continued her financial support and donations of food items to support households and two orphanages within the FCT. The two orphanages - Osaze We Care Foundation and Fatherless and Motherless Children Aid Organization (FACADO) - received monthly donation of food items and the sum of fifty thousand naira (₦50,000.00) each to support the nutrition of children in them.

Talent Groom Foundation

Quarter 2: On Saturday, 22nd May 2021, Talent Groom Foundation collaborated with Heal the Youth Foundation (another CS-SUNN member organization), Civil Society Coalition Action on Education for All (CSACEFA) and the Olumobi Foundation (OF) to conduct community outreach for improved health and nutrition in Pyakassa Community, along Airport Road, Lugbe, Abuja. The community was chosen due to its large population and the favorable responses that depicted readiness which were received by the implementing team on their contact visit to several communities. Activities undertaken during the outreach were:

- ❖ Nutrition Education
- ❖ Sensitization on Hygiene Practices
- ❖ Vitamin A administration to children of 1- 5yrs
- ❖ Administration of Prenatal Vitamins to pregnant women
- ❖ Administration of De-worming tablets
- ❖ Distribution of face masks
- ❖ HIV prevention Services

Total number of persons reached were 47 Children, 18 Youth, 21 women and 11 men. The outreach was conducted at the palace of the village head - His Royal Highness, the Esu of Pyakasa - who also gave an

opening remark at the commencement of the event. The outreach recorded high turnout of community beneficiaries which showed great collaboration and support to the program by the host community.



Some photos from Talent Groom Foundation's Outreach

Media links to stories of CS-SUNN FCT Events for the Year 2021

1. <https://newsonline.com.ng/world-food-day-group-cautions-market-women-to-deviate-from-adding-chemicals-into-food-items/>
2. <https://newsbarng.com/2021/10/17/world-food-day-group-task-market-women-to-stop-adding-chemicals-in-food-items/>
3. <https://newsonline.com.ng/world-diabetes-day-group-task-nigerians-to-healthy-foods/>
4. <https://newsbarng.com/2021/11/14/world-diabetes-day-group-remind-nigerians-to-inculcate-healthy-eating-habits/>

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 – List of CS-SUNN Member Organizations

| | Organization | Position in the Alliance | E-MAIL | Phone Number | Year Joined | Contact Person |
|----|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Save the Children | Technical support Member | innocent.ifedilichukwu@savethechildren.org | 08034937509 | 2015 | Ifedilichukwu Ekene |
| 2 | Greater Life Initiative | Coordinator | info@igreaterlife.org ; igreaterlife@gmail.com | 07067274829 | 2017 | Ngozika Ogbonna |
| 3 | SAM Empowerment foundation | Deputy Coordinator | samempowermentfoundation@gmail.com | 08037014906; 08148028900 | 2016 | Kiema Ogunlana |
| 4 | JDPC | Secretary | jdpcabuja@yahoo.com ; aniahushang@yahoo.com | 08033670561 | 2016 | Aniah Ushang Joseph |
| 5 | Elohim Foundation | Assistant Secretary | info@elohimfoundation.org.ng ; elohimfoundation@gmail.com | 08038108996; 08098100368 | 2017 | Hilary Uchenna Ogbozor |
| 6 | Social Economic Research and Development Centre | Financial Secretary | serdecnig@yahoo.com ; serdec.mg@gmail.com | 08182482222 | 2016 | Tijani Abdulkareem |
| 7 | Adonai Health & Development Foundation (AHADEF) | P.R. O | franklinnwagwu@yahoo.com | 08064260123 | 2017 | Franklin Nwagwu Chizurum |
| 8 | Save the child initiative Nigeria Abuja. | Treasurer | stcifctabuja@gmail.com | 08062775933/ 08065585929 | 2018 | Aroh Silverleen |
| 9 | Heal the Youth Foundation | Member | healtheyouth31@gmail.com | 08037030555 | 2016 | Aji Robinson |
| 10 | Easterbrook Foundation | Member | easterbrookssally@gmail.com | 08033116719 | 2016 | Sally Easterbrook |
| 11 | Adolescent Care Support and Empowerment Initiative | Member | acsei@live.com | 08033281651/ 07067290049 | 2016 | Beatrice E. Ogerenyi (PhD) |
| 12 | Foundation for Family Values, Health | Member | ffvhoe@yahoo.com | 08177919382; 08036144880 | 2016 | Lady Christie Uche |

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| | Orientation & Empowerment | | | | | |
| 13 | PAT MGBO Initiative for Orphans and Vulnerable Children | Member | pminitiative@yahoo.com | 8035966390 | 2017 | Okoro Patience |
| 14 | Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation | Member | maof2020@gmail.com | 8188554446; 08052719697 | 2016 | Michael Adedotun Oke |
| 15 | Association of Public Health Physicians, Nigeria (APHPN) | Member | dannyabuth@yahoo.com | 08036182337/ 07032111455 | 2015 | Dr. Dan Gadzama/ Deborah Adediwa Adediwa |
| 16 | Citizens Health Education & Development Initiative (CHEDI) | Member | info@cheding.org | 08037000617 | 2019 | Mrs. Akunna Selina Enyioha |
| 17 | Centre for Health and Nutrition Development (CEHEND) | Member | Omo.o@cehend.com ; oohiokpehai@yahoo.com | 08133118884 | 2020 | Dr. Omo Ohiokpehai |
| 18 | Centre for Rural Youth Entrepreneurship and Environmental Development (CRYEED) | Member | cryeed2016@gmail.com or omengefreerick@gmail.com | 08036879109 | 2016 | Omenge Frederick |
| 19 | Talent Groom Foundation | Member | talentgroomfoundation@gmail.com | 08064962844 | 2017 | Nelly C. Reuben |
| 20 | ACIOE Foundation | Member | contactus@acioe.com ; e.isichei@acioe.com | 08169037178; 08027179567 | 2018 | Dr. Yetunde Ariwora |
| 21 | NSN-FCT Chapter | Member (Academia) | Ganyanwu73@yahoo.com | 08037065874 | 2017 | Dr. Florence Uchendu |
| 22 | Paul's Mission | Member | thepaulmissioninc@gmail.com | 7035563637 | 2016 | Paul Uyammadu |

ANNEX 2 – CS-SUNN FCT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021 – 2023

| S/ N | ACTIVITY | SUB-ACTIVITY | ANCHOR | RESOURCE REQUIRED | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | TOTAL COST (N) | YR 1 (2021) | YR 2 (2022) | YR 3 (2023) | INDICATORS | COMMENTS |
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| STRATEGIC FOCUS 1: PARTNERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBJECTIVE: Sustainable collaboration with key nutrition partners at all levels in the FCT for improved implementation of nutrition programs in the FCT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Identify partners and establish systems and structures for improving and monitoring nutrition investments in the FCT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.1 | | Conduct one-day Stakeholder mapping meeting | Advocacy sub-group | Hall, Refreshment, Computer, Internet, stationaries, Transport, Recharge Cards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Comprehensive list of nutrition stakeholders in the FCT generated |
| 1.2 | | Develop and distribute letters; conduct visits to identified partners to seek their collaboration in improving nutrition in the FCT | Advocacy sub-group | Stationeries, transport, communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | 78,000 | 38,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | No. of new Partners reached and received feedback from |
| 1.3 | | Follow up on Stakeholders | Advocacy sub-group | Local transport and calls | | | | | | | | | | | | | 960,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | | No. of new Partnerships Established |
| 1.4 | | Establish functional community working groups on Nutrition at Ward Levels in the 6 Area Councils of | Advocacy sub-group | T-shirts, 12 banners, refreshment for 120 people | | | | | | | | | | | | | 852,000 | 852,000 | | | | Number of CWG Established. - Improved Nutritional Index in the Area Councils |

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| | | FCT (2 wards per area council) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.5 | | Hold quarterly review meetings with nutrition partners and the coordinators of the FCT CFN to ensure effective coordination of the Committee on Food and Nutrition and effective implementation of the committee's plan of action on nutrition | Advocacy & M & E sub-groups | Hall, Refreshment, Projector, Internet, stationaries, Transport, Recharge Cards, | | | | | | | | | | 660,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | | Number of Evaluation meetings held in the year; Number of Feedbacks/ Engagements sustained; Improved coordination of nutrition activities in the FCT |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,550,000 | 1,430,000 | 560,000 | 560,000 | | | |
| STRATEGIC FOCUS 2: ADVOCACY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBJECTIVE: Effective Implementation of Existing Nutrition Policies in the FCT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Engage Nutrition Stakeholders in FCT for improved service delivery and accountability | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | | Conduct 4-day stakeholder meeting to review the FCT Policy on Food and Nutrition and its Plan of Action | Exco, Advocacy Team, FCT CFN | Hall, Refreshment, Projector, Internet, stationeries, Transport, Recharge Cards | | | | | | | | | | 5,436,500 | 5,436,500 | | | | (Expired) FCT Nutrition Policy and strategic plan of action updated |
| 2.2 | | Conduct one-day policy dissemination meeting targeting all relevant nutrition stakeholders in the FCT to advocate for the endorsement, adoption and | Exco, Advocacy Team, SCFN | Hall, Refreshment, Projector, Internet, stationaries, Transport, Recharge Cards, | | | | | | | | | | 373,500 | 373,500 | | | | Policy and strategic plan of action validated and utilized in making program decisions |

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| | | utilization of the policy and plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 | | Conduct High level policy consultative meetings with relevant stakeholders in the FCT, including Government, Donors, Media, Legislators etc to advocate for increased budgetary allocation and timely release of funds for effective implementation of the Nutrition plan in the FCT | Exco & Advocacy Team | Transport, FCT Nutrition Trend Analysis, Advocacy Brief, other advocacy materials | | | | | | | | | | 2,400,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | | Adequate funding of nutrition programs and commodities achieved for FCT and Nigeria as a whole | |
| 2.4 | | Conduct Media roundtable meetings to advocate for increased tracking and reportage of nutrition budgets in FCT | Advocacy Team Lead | Hall, Refreshment, Stationaries, Transport, FCT (Nutrition) Budget Trend Analysis | | | | | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | | Improved accountability in expenditure of nutrition funds by Government MDAs | |
| 2.5 | | Advocate for the institutionalization of appraisal tools for monitoring nutrition commitments and interventions across line MDAs | Advocacy Team Lead | Copies of appraisal tool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Increased accountability on the use of nutrition funds and increased implementation of FCT nutrition plan of action | Leverage on activity 1.5 |

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| 2.6 | | Advocate to relevant stakeholders (FCT Minister, FCT PHCB) for the establishment of functional IYCF Corners in all Primary Health Care Centers in the FCT and implementation of maternal and child nutrition interventions | Advocacy Team Lead | Letters, Local transport, FCT nutrition advocacy materials. Newspaper publication of advocacy meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | 210,000 | 210,000 | | | All mothers visiting PHCs for delivery and child care services receive education on IYCF. Improved nutritional status of women and children in FCT |
| 2.7 | | Advocate for the effective implementation of International Code for Marketing of Breast-milk Substitute (BMS Code) Policy at all levels in the FCT | Advocacy Team Lead | | | | | | | | | | | | | 960,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | BMS Code effectively implemented in the FCT |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10,880,000 | 7,640,000 | 1620000 | 1620000 | |
| STRATEGIC FOCUS 3: CAPACITY BUILDING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBJECTIVE: Increased capacity of members of the CS-SUNN FCT Alliance as well as community level stakeholders to deliver improved quality of nutrition services thereby reducing malnutrition among mothers and children in the FCT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Build capacities of FCT CSSUNN Coalition members on budget tracking, budget advocacy and monitoring and evaluation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | | Hold one-day meeting to plan training activities for each year | Capacity Building and M&E Team Leads | Meeting hall, refreshment | | | | | | | | | | | | 210,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | Training plan developed for capacity building of CS-SUNN |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FCT members and shared with relevant stakeholders | | |
| 3.2 | | Liaise with Budget to conduct training on budget tracking and budget advocacy for coalition members and MDAs | Budget tracking | Training curriculum/manual, hall, projector, agenda, marker and flip chart, tea break and lunch, transport | | | | | | | | | | | | 30,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | Members of CS-SUNN FCT have adequate capacity for budget tracking and advocacy | Mainstream into CS-SUNN FCT Quarterly Meetings |
| 3.3 | | Conduct training on monitoring and evaluation for coalition members and line MDAs | Report Collation/M&E Team | Training curriculum/manual, hall, projector, agenda, marker and flip chart, tea break, lunch, transport | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | Quarterly sensitization meetings on EBF, IYCF and other aspects of nutrition among Men's Groups, Women's groups and youth groups in selected wards/Area Councils | Familiarization meeting, Identification of stakeholders and community leaders, Hold sensitization meeting | CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator, Ward group leaders | Nutrition related pictorial charts, projector, marker and flip chart, refreshments, logistics, training manual | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,096,000 | 1,698,666.67 | 1,698,666.67 | 1,698,666.67 | Information (Data, Human Interest Stories etc) on the nutrition situation of the FCT documented and periodically updated | Ward groups to coordinate |

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| 3.5 | Quarterly sensitization meetings on EBF, IYCF other aspects of nutrition among health workers in the six Area Councils of FCT | Advocacy, Identification of stakeholders and community leaders, Distribution of letters, Conduct one-day training of health workers in 5 facilities per Area Council | CS-SUNN FCT Coordinator | Nutrition related pictorial charts, projector, marker and flip chart, refreshments, logistics, training manual. | | | | | | | | | | 5,096,000 | 1,698,666.67 | 1,698,666.67 | 1,698,666.67 | Knowledge of health workers on nutrition interventions updated | |
| 3.6 | Training on breast feeding and complementary feeding for community women and nursing mothers | Development of Agenda, identifying and meeting with key stakeholders, writing and distribution of letters to facilitators | PHC workers, CS-SUNN FCT Members | IEC materials, posters, media publications, radio. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Merge with strategic focus 6, (No. 2) |
| 3.7 | Training on proposal and report writing | Development of Agenda, Identification of venue, Follow-up of participants, Submission of letters, One - day Planning & development | CS-SUNN FCT members with capacity on area of focus | Projector, writing materials, flip charts, markers etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mainstream into CS-SUNN FCT Quarterly Meetings |
| 3.8 | 3-day training on CS-SUNN strategic focus for 30 member organizations in the FCT | Development of Agenda, identification of suitable meeting venue, Notification of members, preparation of training materials | CS-SUNN National | Projector, writing materials, flip charts, markers, refreshment & stipends for transportation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mainstream into CS-SUNN FCT Quarterly Meetings |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10432000 | 3,477,333 | 3,477,333 | 3,477,333 | | |
| STRATEGIC FOCUS 4: EVIDENCE GENERATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

OBJECTIVE: To regularly update knowledge and produce information on the nutrition situation in the FCT to inform advocacy efforts and measure utilization of nutrition investments and the success of nutrition interventions in the FCT

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| 4 | Perform oversight functions on nutrition budget released and ensure efficient utilization of funds to implement FCT nutrition strategic plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 | Tracking of nutrition budgets release and utilization in the FCT | Follow up and track implementation of the Nutrition Plans in the FCT across all MDAs | CS-SUNN FCT, Budget | Local transport, monitoring tools, copy of nutrition budget of all MDAs | | | | | | | | | | | 78,000 | 38,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | Nutrition budgets are released and utilized budgeted purposes | |
| b | | Follow up and track nutrition budget performance against activities carried out by the various MDAs | Advocacy and Research teams | Local transport, Tracking tools | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Increased implementation of FCT nutrition policy and action plan | Leverage on activity 1.5 |
| 4.2 | Desk review of nutritional curriculum of the ministry of education to measure appropriateness of messages/modules on curriculum | Development of Monitoring tools, Writing of letters, visits to Ministry of Education, reporting, | Deputy Coordinator | Transport, Refreshments, M&E tools. | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | Nutrition curriculum modified to contain appropriate messages that would improve nutritional practices within households in the FCT | |
| 4.3 | Monitoring of health facilities to determine functionality of nutrition corners | Development of Monitoring tools, Writing of letters, reporting | CS-SUNN FCT | Transport, Refreshments, M&E tools. | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | Leverage on ISS with FCT PHCB |

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| 4.4 | Continuous nutrition assessment and documentation of data/pictorial evidences, oral interviews, focused group discussions with survivors of Malnutrition for advocacy purposes | Development of questionnaires, FGD Guides and Consent forms; Identification of target community, write letters to relevant community stakeholders; Conduct assessment; Develop assessment reports | CS-SUNN FCT | Transport, Refreshment, Data Capturing Tools | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 360,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | FCT nutrition situation is properly and periodically monitored and red areas flagged for intervention. Data on Nutrition Situation of the FCT always available when needed |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 448,000 | 168,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | | | | | | | |

STRATEGIC FOCUS 5: INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

OBJECTIVE: To ensure all systems in CS-SUNN FCT perform maximally and achieve results

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| 5 | Increased efficiency and functionality of the FCT Nutrition Alliance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.1 | Organization Capacity Assessment and Development for CS-SUNN FCT Members | 5-day visit by 3 exco members to the 25 member-organizations within the coalition for assessment | Coordinator and Research team lead | Assessment tool, transport, refreshment for visiting team | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 170,000 | 170,000 | | | |
| | | Development of OCAD Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.2 | Quarterly meeting of FCT Nutrition Alliance | Hold Quarterly Meeting with CS-SUNN FCT Members for capacity strengthening, report collation, review of program activities and future plans | Coordinator | Renting of venue, refreshment for meeting, local transport for members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,460,000 | 820,000 | 820,000 | 820,000 | 155,000 per quarter/meeting (refreshment for 25 persons at 2,000 each) |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Transport reimbursement for 25 persons at 3,000 each; meeting space at 30,000) | | |
| 5.3 | Mapping of public and private sector organizations in the FCT that have nutrition objectives within their mandates for increased partnership | Enquiries from high-level nutrition partners | Research/ Public and Donor Relations and Fundraising Team Leads | Computer, Internet, Communication cost, local transport cost, stationeries, Copies of CS-SUNN Profile | | | | | | | | | | | | | 180,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | | |
| | | Internet search and studying of profiles of various nutrition-focused organizations (NGOs, FBOs, Private Sector, Donors etc) within and outside Nigeria | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Development of database of potential members and conducting membership drive based on database | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.4 | CS-SUNN Member Organizations Internalize her Vision, Mission Statements, Objectives, Values etc | FCT members review/recite CS-SUNN vision, mission statements, values, objectives etc at each state coalition meetings | Secretary | Abridged copies of CS-SUNN Profile | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FCT members review/recite CS-SUNN vision, mission statements, values, objectives etc at each state coalition meetings | Mainstream into Quarterly Meetings of the Alliance |
| | | Develop a nutrition anthem and membership stickers | Secretary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 5.5 | Train FCT Exco Members and sub groups on their responsibilities | Hold orientation meeting for newly elected exco members and various sub-groups | Outgoing Coordinator | Hall, refreshment, stationeries, local transport, reporting templates, internet subscription cost | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 99,000 | 99,000 | | | FCT leadership are aware of their roles and responsibilities and deliver maximally within those roles. Reports are submitted as at when due | |
| | | Establish reporting timelines for all sub-groups on their monthly activities, collate and submit reports to CS-SUNN National and other partners | M&E Team | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,909,000 | 1,149,000 | 880,000 | 880000 | | | | | |
| STRATEGIC FOCUS 6: SERVICE DELIVERY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBJECTIVE: CS-SUNN FCT AND HER MEMBERS DELIVER HIGH QUALITY NUTRITION SERVICES AT GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES IN THE FCT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.1 | Commemoration of special days relating to nutrition, WASH etc (World Food Day, Nutrition Week, WBF Week, MNCH Week, Handwashing Day etc) | Hold rallies/walks to mark each of the events and sensitize communities | All members | CS-SUNN FCT T-Shirts, fliers, banners, music/public address systems, refreshment, transport, uniform personnel, media, Hall for sensitization, relevant commodities for food & IYCF demonstration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | Increased commitment to improving nutrition by National and FCT Governments as well as implementing partners | |

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| | | Media Briefing | Coordinator | Hall, Transport for 15 media personnel, transport for FCT Members (if available), banners, water | | | | | | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | Increased reportage of nutrition information in the FCT resulting in increased government commitment and interventions |
| 6.2 | Joint quarterly community outreaches (2 communities per quarter) in area councils within the FCT | Hold quarterly, one-day community outreaches jointly with all members in area councils within the FCT to include activities like food demonstration, Vitamin A supplementation, Deworming, Handwashing Campaign/practice, breastfeeding demonstration to mothers, nutrition assessment etc | Coordinator | Hall, Transport, demonstration items, medical commodities, handbills, generic banner, call cards for community mobilization, MUAC Tapes, BMI Chart, infant and adult weighing scales, stationeries, fund for printing | | | | | | | | | | | 6,288,000 | 2,096,000 | 2,096,000 | 2,096,000 | Improved nutritional status of women and children in the FCT resulting in improved nutrition indices |
| 6.3 | Promote access to food and other commodities for malnourished children U5 in FCT communities and their households | Production of local RUTF (Tom Brown) and liaise with community working groups/Area Council M&E Officers/Nutrition Desk Officers for distribution to malnourished | Program Mgt. Subgroup Lead | Relevant food materials, FCT nutrition status assessment report/list of malnourished children in the FCT and their area councils, | | | | | | | | | | | 3,600,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | Timely treatment and recovery of malnourished children identified within the FCT |

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| | children in FCT Communities | | transport for distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Establishment of a central food bank for the FCT and advocacy to private sector organizations, philanthropists and other stakeholders to contribute into the food banks | Program Mgt. Subgroup Lead | Storage facility, food items, transport | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.500,000 | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | Increased access to food for poor households battling food shortage and malnutrition in the FCT |
| Sub Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 26,388,000 | 8,796,000 | 8,796,000 | 8,796,000 | | | |
| Total Budget Sum: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 53,607,000 | 22,660,333 | 15,473,333 | 15,473,333 | 3 | | |

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| 1 | Total Cost of Activities on the 3-year Plan | 53,607,000 |
| 2 | Budget for Yr. 2021 | 22,660,333 |
| 3 | Budget for Yr. 2022 | 15,473,333 |
| 4 | Budget for Yr. 2023 | 15,473,333 |

