Conflict of Interest – managing the issue to support effective engagement and nutrition policy planning
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Introduction

USAID Guiding principles

Goal 17 - Agenda 2030

SUN Movement’s Founding ideal

Common Thread?
Introduction

Building Partnerships & All stakeholders combining their efforts in support of government-led national nutrition plans can achieve more than if they act individually.

At the heart of the challenge is governance
Agenda

• Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) CoI Consultation Process
• The Challenges
• Key Lessons learned
• Take home messages
• Recommendations
Challenges

• Divergent & conflicting interests, visions, operating strategies.
• Power imbalances
• Decentralization of responsibility.
• Availability of expertise, capacity and resources
• The role of the private sector
Lessons Learned

• Principles of Engagement anchor for the Movement.
• Leadership at all levels is a pre-requisite.
• Written policies consistently applied & monitored.
• All stakeholder groups have the potential for conflict of interest.
• Distinguish between conflicts and conflicts of interest
Recommendations

• Mechanisms embedded at the earliest possible stage.
• Mapping exercise on key sectors/ stakeholders including survey of existing codes of conduct or other legal obligations
• Written policy framework at country level defining roles, disclosure requirements & conflict of interest management
• Identify expertise, capacity and resources.
• Third party oversight of accountability
Key Takeaways

• Addressing conflict of interest essential successful management of MSPs- **means to an end and not an end in itself.**

• **Leadership** transparent/inclusive but willing to address conflicts of interest consistently, effectively and in timely manner.

• Need **capacity** at a country & regional level to support addressing the issue effectively.
Key Takeaways

• Mechanisms for addressing issues of conflict of interest differ from country to country.

• Reflect national contexts and be based in national legal and administrative structures and regulations.