

Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy

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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.

