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## Scaling Up Nutrition in Tajikistan

### Background

In September 2013 the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan joined the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement. Since 2010, 55 countries around the world have already joined this movement. The SUN is a unique movement founded on the principle that everyone has a right to food and good nutrition. The SUN Movement recognizes that scaling up nutrition requires all stakeholders to work together. This movement combines people (governments, civil society, the UN, donors, commercial companies and research organizations) in a common fight for improved nutrition. Countries need to make the necessary political decisions, cooperate with partners to implement programs with common goals to improve nutrition, including through fortification of foods and mobilize resources for scaling up cost-effective interventions specific to nutrition as well as nutrition-sensitive approaches, impacting women and children.

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) co-convenes the SUN Business Network, the platform for business engagement in SUN, along with the UN World Food Programme. The network, established to ensure that all people have a right to good food and nutrition, is one of four global networks that support SUN countries, along with donors, civil societies and UN agency groups (Figure 1).

### Support to the SUN Business Network in Tajikistan

The network aims to harness business expertise and capabilities to advance opportunities in agriculture, product development, infrastructure systems, distribution channels or research and innovation. To do this, the network needs more members – food, non-food, multinational and local businesses – in order to galvanize the business community to improve maternal and child nutrition.

In Tajikistan, working closely with SUN Focal Point, Dr. Lola Bobokhojjeva and the SUN Tajikistan Secretariat, GAIN aims to mobilize and intensify efforts from the business community in support of the SUN Movement. Efforts are underway to identify where businesses can support existing national nutrition strategies, to sensitize national businesses and other actors on their role in scaling up nutrition and mobilizing their commitments in priority areas (Figure 2). Some of the planned activities for FY 2016 include the development of the first work plan on how to engage businesses in collaboration with business associations and successful companies. The Tajik SUN Secretariat is organizing a national workshop to bring together key stakeholders for the business network.

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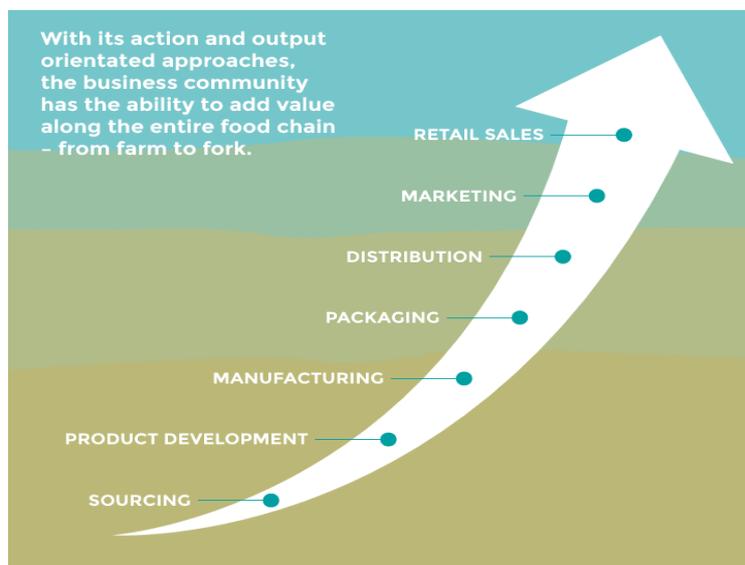
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**Figure 1- SUN Movement multi-stakeholder approach**



**Figure 2- The comparative advantage of business in nutrition**



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