



Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN)



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Message from Chairperson - CSANN, Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala

Healthy and capable people are the assets of a nation for its development and prosperity. Primary requirement for being a healthy and capable person is none other than intake of healthy diet that comes from nutritious food.

"Eat and feed healthy and nutritious food today for getting better tomorrow."

What is CSANN ?



Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) is the network of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to contribute directly and indirectly on nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive areas at national and district level. The network was established on 26 March 2014 as a part of Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) movement. The SUN movement focuses on the 1000 days window of opportunity between the start of pregnancy and the child's second birthday. The network includes organizations implementing community level nutrition and related interventions on different sectors such as nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, livelihood, education, urban development and local development.

Why is CSANN established ?



The myriad of nutrition problems call to a strong voice from CSOs to advocate the government to take the right decision for improving nutritional status of women and children in Nepal. The CSANN was established with the aim of providing CSOs a platform. In this regard to make unanimous voice for advocating and coordinating civil society activities related to nutrition in Nepal.

Purpose of CSANN



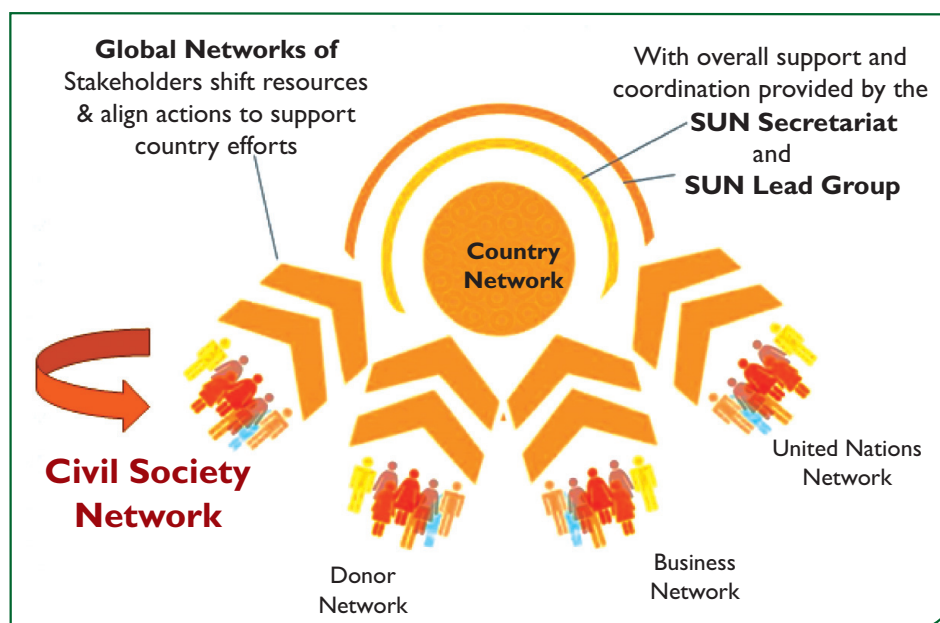
The purpose is to ensure qualitative, extensive and inclusive participation of CSOs in the nutrition movement of Nepal, in order to raise the attention of policy makers in line with multi-sectoral nutrition agenda. It also aims to increase public and relevant sectors' awareness on nutrition, ensure increased funding and improve nutrition governance leading to human, social and economic development. CSANN will advocate for an increased focus on nutritional outcome in national policies and programmes.

How it was established ?

A number of consultation meeting and interactive discussion were conducted among CSOs in the selection of CSANN Executive Committee. Initially an Ad hoc committee was formed with mandate to expand network and prepare a ToR for CSANN. A formal executive committee of 11 different NGOs was formed for the period of 2 years in a democratic way considering multi – sectoral representation. The committee was formed representing different sectors. Till date about 100 member organizations (both general and executive) from national and district level have joined CSANN.

Collaboration with different constituencies for SUN Movement and beyond

The CSANN works closely with Government agencies including National Planning Commission (NPC) - SUN country focal point, the National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS), UN agencies, donors, academia, private and public sectors aligned with various nutrition policies, plans and programs in a coordinated manner to accelerate the progress in nutritional status of mothers and children. The CSANN will work beyond the SUN movement in coordination with multi sector government agencies.





CSANN targets golden thousand days for advocacy and campaigning with multi sector aspect.

CSANN Activities

1. Developed a detail mapping matrix of CSOs working on Nutrition



Mapping report was prepared with detail matrix of CSOs working on nutrition in Nepal. It was done at national level for listing/records of CSOs in order to establish a strong, sustainable and inclusive Civil Society Alliance on Nutrition from all sectors (both nutrition sensitive and specific).

This exercise helped to identify potential CSOs and networks who can be the partners for the Alliance. (Note: The report is the product of the advice, contribution and insights of many experts from different organizations contributing on Nutrition in Nepal.)

2. Conducted the consultation meeting with CSOs



An individual consultation meeting with identified CSOs working on Nutrition issue (Health, WASH, Livelihood, and Education) and Nutrition Experts was conducted for the process of Alliance establishment. Pre developed questionnaires was developed and used for the meetings. Half day wider consultation meeting was conducted on 26 January 2014 with objectives to disseminate the consolidated findings and have participatory discussion on process for CSO alliance establishment.

3. Developed Alliance TOR



An interim committee drafted Term of Reference (ToR) and membership criteria which was finalized with inputs from the wider meeting. The final ToR is widely accepted.

4. CSANN Members selection

Membership form was circulated among potential CSOs and collected from interested organizations. There are about 100 organizations which showed interest to be

part of CSANN members till date. There is no membership fee; however authority is given to executive committee for decision.

5. CSANN Executive Committee Formation

CSANN Members' Meeting was held on 26 March 2014 and executive committee was selected with participatory discussion. Similarly, district chapters was established in Kapilvastu, Achham and Saptari districts. The EC was selected for 2 years on democratic way with multi sectoral representation.

6. SUN Tele Conference meeting

This is a regular activity of SUN Secretariat to conduct a tele-conference among the SUN member countries in every two months. Dr. Nabaro facilitates the meeting where every country updates and the progress. In Nepal, it is coordinated by National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS), National Planning Commission; where government and other concerned ministries, donors, academia and civil society represent and update.

The executive chair is regularly representing in the meeting to share the progress on civil society engagement in Nepal.

7. Regular CSANN executive committee meeting

The CSANN executive committee is conducted on last friday of every month according to Nepali calendar. The update and decision is regularly shared among CSANN members.

8. Civil society presence on Multi Sectors committees

National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS) has formed 3 working group. Civil Society presence has been ensured on two working group which include Multi-Sector Advocacy and Communication working group and Monitoring and Evaluation working group.

9. Meeting with National Planning Commission (NPC) and Child Health Division (CHD)

The main objective of the meeting was familiarization/update of CSANN establishment and its scope of work for joint commitment on advocating to priorities nutrition as an important national development agenda from different level. Joint Secretary highlighted that CSANN need to have linkage and chain up to the grassroots level, need to bring community issues to national level and advocate/lobby with relevant stakeholders to address properly.

10. Conducted two days advocacy and strategy development workshop



The CSANN organized two days' workshop entitled "Advocacy and Communication Strategy Development Workshop" on May 2014 at Hotel View Bhrikuti, Godavari in the presence of National planning Commission (NPC), National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS) and Child Health

Division (CHD). The workshop was technically and financially supported by Save the Children International and the members from different Civil Society organizations including media were participated in the workshop. The workshop helps to identify key issues on nutrition and target groups for advocacy at national, district and VDC/community levels with communication messages.

11. Orientation on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) and SUN movement to CSANN members



The program was facilitated by Program Director (National Planning Commission), Program officer (National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat), Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala (CSANN Chair) and Dr. Kalpana Tiwari (CSANN Co-chair). The main objective of the program was to make the CSANN member organizations aware on the MSNP and SUN movement in Nepal.

12. Campaign against junk food in School “Sensitization program for school teachers and students”



School campaign against junk food was done under School and Health Nutrition Program. The main objective of the programme was to sensitize school teachers and students to create the environment to prohibit the use junk food and encourage to bring homemade meal at school. The campaign was started from Shree Ganesh Higher Secondary School, Budhanilkantha, Kathmandu on 1st August 2014. The campaign included a sensitization program with school teachers and students from Grade 3 to 5. About 100 students and 12 teachers participated in the awareness campaign.

13. Interaction Program with Hospital Staffs



An interaction program with hospital management staffs and nursing staffs was held on 8th August, 2014 to celebrate breast feeding week 2014 with slogan "Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal for Life". Altogether 56 participants were present in the program with 30 staffs from 9 different hospitals.

The main objectives of the program were to share about Baby Friendly Hospital Initiatives (BFHI), discuss on the current situation of BFHI and how to promote breast feeding and discourage the use of baby formula at hospitals.

14. Workshop on Development of Capacity Assessment Tools for Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis, and Monitoring and Evaluation



Half day workshop on “Development of Capacity Assessment Tools for Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Monitoring and Evaluation” was held on 13 August 2014. Altogether 23 participants; 16 from CSANN executive committee, 3 from National Nutrition Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS) and 1 from media were present in the program. The workshop was technically and financially supported by Save the Children International.

15. Capacity need assessment of CSOs on Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Monitoring & Evaluation

Capacity need assessment of CSO on Policy Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Monitoring & Evaluation was conducted at national as well as district level.



a. At national level

Altogether 49 participants from 21 CSOs were involved in the assessment process. There were the representatives from 18 NGOs, 2 INGOs and 1 academia. The main objective of the workshop is to assess the capacity of CSOs based on 'Policy advocacy', 'Budget Analysis' and 'Monitoring and evaluation'.

b. At district level

Altogether 104 people from 75 organizations were involved in the assessment process from 3 districts. There were 49 people from 37 CSOs at Saptari district, 33 people from 23 CSOs at Kapilvastu district and 22 people from 15 organizations at Achham district. The initial findings were shared at district for information validation and triangulation.

Based on the outcome/result of the assessment, the capacity development plan will be developed for CSOs both at the national and district level.

16. Workshop for the preliminary preparation and checklist development for visiting MSNP implemented district

CSANN organized a half day workshop on preliminary preparation and checklist development for visiting MSNP implemented district on September 1, 2014. The participants included the representatives of government, INGOs and CSANN executive member organization. The workshop was organized with the sole objective of finalizing and preparing the final checklist for visiting the MSNP implemented districts. The outcome of the workshop will be employed as a supportive document for the improvement in existing scenario of MSNP implemented district.

17. Consultation meeting with CSOs and formal establishment of District level Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal in Saptari, Kapilvastu and Achham districts:



CSANN organized the consultation meeting with district level CSOs contributing on nutrition through nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions directly at the community level. The CSANN Executive Committee visited the respective districts to facilitate the meeting.

After the consultation meeting, an event was organized for formal establishment of CSANN district chapters in Saptari, Kapilvastu and Achham districts on 3rd August, 12th September and 15th September 2014 respectively. The district chapter was formed with 11 members' executive committee including the members from academia and media.

18. Workshop to fine tune the advocacy messages



CSANN organized workshop among CSANN members on 18th September 2014 on Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HNCI). In total 30 participants were present in the event. The participants were the representative of CSANN EC member organization, general member (NGO and INGO) and media. Three key nutrition related advocacy messages were developed from the group discussion of all participants.

19. Sharing of nutrition advocacy messages



A half day program was held on 19th September 2014 to share the developed nutrition messages with government officials and getting their feedback /opinion on the messages. There were 38 participants in the sharing event including CSANN executive and general members' organizations, government and media.

20. Interaction Program of Civil Society Alliance on Nutrition, Nepal (CSANN) with Honorable Parliamentarians



An interaction program with honorable parliamentarians was held on 26th September 2014. The main objectives is to sensitize the parliamentarians on the present nutrition scenario of the country & get the political commitments to take nutrition as an important development agenda. The interaction program helped to create the environment for a

collaborative effort. The program also supported to make the discussion on the role of and support from parliamentarians for improving the nutrition scenario of the nation.

21. CSANN Learning/ Exposure Visit to SUN Country Dhaka, Bangladesh (South-South Cooperation)



CSANN has organized a learning/exposure visit for executive Committee members to SUN country Dhaka, Bangladesh from 13th to 18th October, 2014. The visit team included 15 participants from government and national NGOs. Visit helps to learn and share the experiences on the working approach of SUN countries and address the gaps/challenges in reference to Civil Society Alliance of SUN countries. The exposure visit also provided the opportunity to learn about the nutrition and food security scenario of Bangladesh and the functioning of CSA in Bangladesh for addressing the nutrition issues. This visit has started south to south cooperation and collaboration on SUN movement which has been proved to be very fruitful to CSANN team in terms of understanding the SUN movement taking place in Bangladesh.



22. Participation in Global gathering and International Conference on Nutrition:

CSANN Chair Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala participated and represented CSANN in the Global Gathering of CSA from SUN countries and on International Conference on Nutrition held on November in Italy.

23. Review-Reflection and Action Plan Development Workshop



Two days' review-reflection and action plan development workshop was organized on 3rd and 4th December 2014. In total 49 participated in the program, which are as follows INGOs (9), NGOs (32), academia (2), media (5) and activist (1). The event was organized for further program planning/ developing action plan. Discussion was made about the challenges, lesson learned, best practices, working procedure and resource management during the period from the establishment of CSANN till to date. There was

involvement and active participation of CSOs at central level and district chapters (Achham, Saptari and Kapilvastu).



24. Interaction program about the role of media in the nutrition sector

CSANN organized the interaction program with media people on 18th December, 2014 to discuss about the role of media in the nutrition sector. Altogether 65 participated in the program including 40 media.



The program was organized to create the collaborative environment for addressing the nutrition issues in political and development agenda as well beside health agenda. The program aimed in discussion about role and support of media for getting improvement in the nutritional status and effectiveness of MSNP.

25. Training on “Budget Analysis” and “Monitoring and Evaluation” based on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan

CSANN organized training on “Budget Analysis” and “Monitoring and Evaluation” based on MSNP to strengthen the capacity of the civil society to influence policy design, implementation and monitoring. The event was organized in coordination and technical support of NPC/NNFSS. Dr. Yagya Bahadur Karki, Honorable Member, National Planning Commission chaired the training program. Ms. Naina Nepal Dhakal, Senior Agri Economist, Ministry of Agriculture Development presented on “Food and Nutrition Security, Agriculture sector”. Mr. Ishwar Raj Poudel presented about the Government’s budget flow mechanism from national to district level. Likewise Dr. Chandra Mani Adhikari from National Planning Commission presented on “Nepal- Development, Plan and Budget; System and Process”.



26. CSANN Talk Show:

The CSANN organized two events of talk show program on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) and Scaling up nutrition (SUN) with the nutrition experts/ policy makers and broadcasted through national channel "News 24". The panelist for the first episode talk program were Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan, Program Director, National Planning Commission, Mr. Atmaram Pandey, Ex-Secretary, Government of Nepal - MSNP initiator and Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala, CSANN President.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7pcHVyR5QY;>

(Talk show- First episode)

In the second episode, Ms. Naina Nepal Dhakal, Senior Agri Economist, Ministry of Agriculture Development, Dr. Kalpana Tiwari, Co-chair, CSANN and Mr. Giri Raj Subedi, Chief, Nutrition section, Child Health Division were involved.

CSANN Television Talk show 2 (Talk show- Second episode)

Others:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACF6dZhEG60;>

(MSNP, SUN movement and CSANN overview)

27. CSANN video documentary

A thirty minutes video documentary was developed on Multi Sector Nutrition Plan with case collection from Achham and Kapilvastu districts. The documentary is about the nutritional status of children from the districts.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iSeN5IX-qk&feature=em-upload_owner

28. Public Hearing on “Effective Implementation of Multi Sector Nutrition Plan”

Public hearing program was organized in Kapilvastu district and at the central level on 10th December 2014 and 26th January 2015 respectively in coordination with NPC/NNFSS and district government stakeholders. It provided an opportunity for creating open dialogue between GoN stakeholders and civil society representatives, has empowered the public with the information and update about the MSNP implementation and establishes a response mechanism to improve and overcome gaps. There was active participation of people including media, government, CSOs and general public.



Centre Level Public Hearing



Public Hearing in Kapilvastu

Message from Honorable Constitution Assembly Members



“Child mortality reduction is less likely without an improvement in nutrition, which could in turn boost the national GDP by 2-3 %. Therefore, the investment should be increased to improve the underlying determinants of nutrition for having a larger impact on nutritional outcomes.”

Ms. Kamala Panta



“More focus must be given to make the country, donors, and agencies accountable for meeting their commitments to improve nutrition.”

Ms. Rajya Laxmi Shrestha



“People with optimal nutrition are the key for sustainable development so nutrition should be concern of all sectors. Multi Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP) should be set at the center by all sectors.”

Mr. Ram Hari Subedi

CSANN DISTRICT CHAPTER-SAPTARI

Organization	Name of Representative/ Focal person	Designation
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CSANN Membership

The membership to the CSANN is open to local, national CSOs, community-based organisations (CBOs), INGOs, and other non-profit organisations (such as academia, research institutions and professional associations). Each member has equal status having a contributory role to play. The criteria for CSANN membership include:

- ▶ Contributing towards nutrition focused programs/interventions (Specific and Sensitive),
- ▶ Organizations having a legal status (not applicable in case of network and alliance)
- ▶ Operating in Nepal.
- ▶ Approved by CSANN Executive Committee

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Note: In reference to the CSANN ToR, the INGOs can be the CSANN general members and their role is to provide technical/financial support, build capacity of CSOs and support on advocacy and campaigning activities when needed.

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1. AASMAN Nepal
2. Action Against Hunger
3. CARE International Nepal
4. CCS Italy
5. Chhimeki Sanstha Nepal
6. Chhori Maiya Shrestha Memorial Academy
7. College of Applied Food and Dairy Technology
8. Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V
9. Friends Service Council Nepal (FSCN)
10. Health and Development Foundation, Nepal
11. Health Journalist Forum Nepal
12. Helen Keller International Nepal
13. Indigenous Women League Nepal (IWL Nepal)
14. Karnali College of Health Science
15. Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD), Nepal
16. Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
17. Meeting Point Pvt. Ltd
18. Micronutrient Initiatives
19. Nepal Integrated Rural Development Centre (NIRDC)
20. Nutrition Health Research and Community Services (NHRCS)
21. Research Centre for Integrated Development (RECID)
22. Research Input and Development Action (RIDA)
23. Rudra Bahadur Memorial Foundation
24. Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)
25. Save the Children
26. School Health and Nutrition Network
27. Social Awareness and Development Academy (SAADA)-Nepal
28. Social Development and Promotion Centre (SDPC)
29. The Nepal (SWASH)
30. Water Aid Nepal
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