In late 2010, the Zambian Government became one of the first countries in the world to join the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement – a global initiative uniting citizens, civil society, businesses, and governments in a worldwide exercise to end under-nutrition and child stunting. SUN Zambia aims to improve child nutrition status by emphasizing a decrease in Zambia’s critically high rates of under-five stunting, currently at 35 percent.

SUN LE supports Zambia’s SUN (currently in its second phase, SUN 2.0) 1,000 Most Critical Days Program and stakeholders with key information and data to facilitate learning for improved program management, achieve SUN 2.0 nutrition goals, and support the program’s accountability through tracking outcomes. The project is implemented at the national level, and in 30 priority districts across all of Zambia’s 10 provinces.

- **Life of Project:** November 2018 - November 2022
- **Geographic Focus:** Nationwide
- **Partner:** Khulisa Management Services, Inc.
- **Chief of Party:** Mathews Onyango
- **Total USAID Funding:** $15.97 million
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SUN LE is an adjunct to the USAID-funded activity, Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN TA), which supports the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) in SUN planning and costing, and in direct implementation of nutrition interventions at identified district and ward levels. SUN LE conducts biennial performance audits on SUN TA and the broader GRZ and multi-donor implemented SUN 2.0 program.

SUN LE evaluates the impact of USAID, cooperating partners, and GRZ initiatives to reduce childhood stunting and improve nutrition across the country. SUN LE encourages a culture of learning and adaptive management through baseline, mid-line, and end-line surveys, focused studies, and performance audits, which are used to influence the direction of SUN 2.0.

SUN LE provides secretariat support to the GRZ National Food and Nutrition Commission (NFNC). The NFNC leads the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Technical Working Group (TWG) through an existing Government M&E system to allow for the sustainability of the TWG operations when the project ends. NFNC facilitates information sharing across the TWG through an online platform. This platform will remain in place indefinitely to encourage continued learning and sharing. NFNC’s website will be a source for interactive data sharing and up-to-date, relevant publications and reports.

SUN LE conducts Provincial training intended to cascade data-utilization skills and contribute to building a national culture of data-driven planning and decisions, to improve nutrition programming in the country.

**Expected Results**

SUN LE will disseminate Baseline Survey findings to the 30 SUN 2.0 districts. The findings are critical in helping provincial and district staff develop evidence-based work plans based on nutrition gaps and opportunities identified in the baseline survey. SUN LE will support NFNC in coordinating the development of an information system for nutrition (Zambia Nutrition Information System – ZamNIS) and its common results framework for all the donors to report on nutrition indicators in a consistent manner.

SUN LE will also conduct three focused studies: Assessment of the Delivery of Nutrition Services at Facility and Community Level; Prevalence of Households Practicing Aflatoxin Management Techniques; and Monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on Household Food Security and Nutrition in Zambia. SUN LE will convene several workshops at the national, provincial and district levels to share the findings of the studies and identify ways in which the findings can inform SUN 2.0 policy and programming.