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Promoting child nutrition in Asia

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic and co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with the support of Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)

4-6 November 2014, Vientiane (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 4 November

8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants and distribution of documents
9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.	Inaugural session
10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	PART I: Overview of Nutrition and Stunting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of nutrition and importance of Scaling Up Nutrition• Link to economic development and poverty reduction Discussion
1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Part II: Regional Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malnutrition in Asia• Examples of pro-nutrition efforts in the region Discussion
4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Part III: Barriers to nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural barriers: Institutional, Legal, Economic, Political and Administrative factors that contribute to widespread malnutrition and stunting Discussion
8 p.m.	Reception

Wednesday 5 November 2014

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Part IV: Parliament's role in advancing nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro-nutrition legislation (including regulation of breast milk substitutes, maternity leave, the agricultural sector and the food industries)• Implementation and Oversight• Alliances and collaboration (Civil society actors and partners)• Good practices from the region Discussion
11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Part IV (cont'd)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Lunch



2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Part V: Budgeting for Nutrition

- Designing pro-nutrition budgets – how parliaments can use their prospective budget planning power as well as their retrospective budget audit functions to allocate and monitor for nutrition interventions
- Investment case for nutrition
- Good practices

Discussion

Thursday 6 November 2014

9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Leveraging Parliamentary powers around key Interventions

- Infant and young child feeding (breastfeeding)
- Micronutrients and food fortification
- Nutrition security in emergencies

11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Recommendations, next steps and summing-up by the Rapporteur and concluding comments by the organizers ☪
