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In March 2015, the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) strengthened further its ongoing cooperation on nutrition following the Nutrition for Growth event in London in 2013 and the Saving Every Woman, Every Child: Within Arm's Reach summit on maternal, newborn and child health in Toronto in 2014.

Since Nutrition for Growth, Canada has continued to increase its investments in nutrition, as a part of its commitment to maternal, newborn and child health. Between June 2013 and December 2014 Canada exceeded investment levels in 2010 (the agreed baseline year for N4G commitments) by USD\$123M. This, in turn, is sufficient to unlock an additional spend of GBP41.5m¹ by the United Kingdom (based on the 2:1 matching ratio). These funds will allow the UK to further expand its investment in high impact nutrition specific interventions in the period to 2020.

To take this partnership further, the UK has allocated a significant proportion of these unlocked resources (10M GBP) to co-finance, with Canada, the work of the Micronutrient Initiative. As the founding donor to the Micronutrient Initiative, Canada's foundational resources will facilitate DFID's support to provide technical assistance to countries within the Scaling Up Nutrition movement. The recent Independent Comprehensive Evaluation of SUN highlights the importance of supporting countries to scale up through technical assistance, in line with their demands and priorities. Successful scale-up is critical to achieving the Nutrition for Growth target of reducing the number of stunted children in the world by 20 million by 2020.

By strengthening work together and aligning resources, DFID and DFATD will be better able to support wider donor coordination efforts in support of national plans, and achieve greater impact on reducing undernutrition among women and children.

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¹ \$61.5 USD converted to GBP by <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/> on 1/4/2015
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