

## Press Release

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### Nutrition Champion Awards 2013 – The winners

As leaders gather in New York City for the UN General Assembly, three individuals are being recognized for their transformative efforts to improve nutrition, health and opportunities for women and children. These 2013 Transform Nutrition Champion Award honorees, hailing from Guatemala, Kenya and Senegal, represent the breadth of action and investment that has helped to raise nutrition on the global agenda and drive progress in nations around the globe.

Transform Nutrition is a consortium of six international research and development partners, funded by UK aid from the UK government. Using research-based evidence we aim to inspire effective action to address undernutrition. Fourteen champions of nutrition were shortlisted from a large pool of nominations by a group of nutrition professionals. The three nominees selected to represent the 2013 class of Champions at the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement's Global Gathering are:

- [Mr Luis Enrique Monterroso, Guatemala](#)
- [Mr Banda Ndiaye, Senegal](#)
- [Ms Terry Wefwafwa, Kenya](#)

Stuart Gillespie, CEO of Transform Nutrition and IFPRI senior research fellow said: "The more we learn about key drivers of the growing momentum on nutrition, the more we understand the pivotal role of leadership. There are many different approaches to getting nutrition onto the development agenda and keeping it there. By identifying local champions in high-burden contexts, and providing space for them to tell their "stories of change", we hope we can inspire others as well as contribute to our knowledge of what can be done in different contexts."

The awards will be presented during the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement's Global Gathering. Since its inception in 2010, the SUN Movement has used the annual UN General Assembly as an opportunity to bring together the national leaders and global stakeholders committed to alleviating malnutrition. This year's gathering brings participants together from across the globe and creates an opportunity for in-depth discussion, sharing and learning that aligns with the Movement's overall goals—putting countries in the lead and pulling a global community together in support of one collective goal: to alleviate malnutrition in all its forms.

Awards will be presented by Ellen Piwoz, Senior Program Officer at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Communities and nations have an opportunity to transform their futures by improving nutrition for women and children," said Ellen Piwoz. "The 2013 Nutrition Champions we recognize today are representative of the individuals, organizations and governments around the world whose commitment to nutrition has led to real progress strengthening health and development."

**Notes to editors:**

1. The inspirational stories for the 14 shortlisted 2013 Transforming Nutrition Champions are available featured on the [Transform Nutrition website](#).
2. For more information about Transform Nutrition and the champion's initiative visit [www.transformnutrition.org](http://www.transformnutrition.org) or contact Samantha Reddin, Transform Nutrition Research Uptake Manager [s.reddin@ids.ac.uk](mailto:s.reddin@ids.ac.uk) +44(0)785 4457616
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