

Health Sector Coordination Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date: 09/08/2023



Agenda	Discussion/Update	Action/ Follow-up
<p>Health Sector Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsoon updates: So far, during this monsoon rains, no significant damage to health facilities has been reported except for some temporary suspension of services due to accessibility issues. • Birth Notification RRRC updates: FDMN camp birth notifications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health facility deliveries use a three-section birth notification book. After the medical officer's signature, the facility keeps the first part, and the beneficiary gets the other two. The camp-in-charge signs these two parts for the beneficiary and office records. - Community-based deliveries, parents should visit a primary healthcare center within 14 days of birth, undergoing assessment by the medical officer of the mother and the baby. This process resembles facility birth notification forms. Only after six months the UNHCR registration team will accept the birth notification forms. • General Health Card Launch: Five UN organizations and NGO partners joined RRRC in the launching of general health cards on August 8, 2023. The 15-day distribution will reach 73 designated sites throughout all camps and seek to distribute 1 million cards starting on August 9. The health cards provide information in key health messages and addresses concerns in how to get and use the cards. The Health Cards were produced with the joint financial support of WHO, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF and IOM. 	<p>Partners to inform the health sector of any significant damage to their facilities or closure due to rains and/or landslides.</p> <p>Health partners are kindly urged to ensure the provision of community-based birth notification forms within their facility.</p> <p>To distribute 1M cards within 2 weeks cards starting on August 9</p>
<p>Implementation of WASH-FIT Activities in Health Care Facilities in FDMN camps and host communities in Cox's Bazar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the endeavor to enhance the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) conditions in healthcare facilities for FDMN camps and host communities, the WASH-FIT project is set to be executed from April 1 to November 30, 2023. This initiative, driven by technical guidance from the WHO and implemented by HEKS/EPER, seeks to integrate risk-based WASH management in healthcare facilities. The project targets improvement in healthcare service quality through initiatives like baseline surveys, staff training, development of Facility Improvement Plans, and advocacy workshops. By enhancing infrastructure, operational procedures, and infection control measures, the project aims to ensure a more resilient and efficient healthcare system, benefiting both direct beneficiaries - healthcare professionals - and indirect beneficiaries - the recipients of healthcare services. • Notably, the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) supports the ongoing WASH FIT assessment within the camp. 	<p>HEKS/EPER will verify the health sub-center figures through engagement with the CS office to address observed quantity disparities. Healthcare personnel with prior training on WASH FIT protocols and those without will be equipped and trained by HEKS/EPER.</p>
<p>Working Group Updates</p>	<p>Epidemiology WG:</p> <p>Dengue Outbreak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epi-Week 27 saw a four-fold increase in weekly cases, outpacing the three-week average. There were 5,228 cases this week, with 887 new cases, including five deaths (CFR-0.1%). 24 % of cases are from Camp 3. • Leading: Camp 3 (998), Camp 4 (371), Camp 17 (306), Camp 9 (304), and Camp 1W (302). 53% of cases are male, with the youngest group (0-10 years) most affected. • Health Sector's response includes multi-sectoral preparedness planning by MOH and ongoing RDT kit procurement. EWARS and Sentinel Surveillance monitor trends, Dengue Serotyping samples are planned, and an entomological survey is scheduled. Protocols were shared, case management training for HCWs took place, and 45 facilities were equipped for Dengue management. Risk communication and community engagement by WHO and UNHCR-led CHWG resumed. Continued fumigation, sanitary efforts, and vector control. • Enhancing the capacity of SARI ITCs is vital to accommodate dengue patients adequately. <p>COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the FDMN camps in Teknaf and Ukhiya, there were 10 new cases. Eighty-six cases in Camp 24 and 27 cases in Camp 17, with 49% men and 51% women; these two camps represent 56% of the total 205 cases documented in 2023. • Epi-week 31, 7 new cases in Host communities were reported. <p>Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD)/Cholera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AWD cases for 2023 continue to exhibit a declining trend, particularly since Epi week 27, with the lowest count recorded in Epi week 31. 	<p>CS office has noted an unauthorized payment for dengue kits asked by a businessman, and this issue has been reported to governmental authorities to bring them under law.</p>

<p>A.O.B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new RDT-positive AWD cases, indicating suspected cholera, were reported this Epi week 31. Furthermore, one suspected case from Epi week 30 turned positive for culture, raising the total case count to 79. It's noteworthy that no confirmed deaths have occurred in 2023. Most Cholera cases have occurred in the youngest age group (<9 years). <p>Diphtheria: A probable diphtheria case was reported this week. So far this year a total of 159 cases, 5 confirmed, 13 probable, and 141 suspected cases had been reported. Of these, 127 cases were in FDMN camps, while 32 were in the host. One death (a male aged 0-9 years) was reported in the Ukhiya host community.</p> <p>Scabies Ivermectin-Based MDA Implementation: WHO, Health Sector Technical Working Groups (TWGs), WASH Sector, and the US CDC experts' colleagues have received the drafted Ivermectin-based MDA scabies implementation plan. WHO team and CHWG are coordinating activity micro-plans. The implementation plan uses a rapid scale-up strategy: Dose 1 given during 6 days, 10 days interval followed with Dose 2 for another 6 days. WHO is sourcing 2 million Ivermectin tablets and 138,726 permethrin for this activity. Already 3.8 million ivermectin tablets has been secured by WHO thru map International (medicine for all people -USA based NGO). WHO's Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) messages are reviewed by the RCCE TWG. A coordinated WASH and Health Sector response is required during the MDA campaign.</p> <p>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MHPSS WG called for collaboration and cross-sector MHPSS integration, especially in Child Protection and GBVSS. Regular meetings with MHPSS actors and efficient field-level coordination during emergencies were highlighted. Workforce mapping, training assessments, and interventions were needed to improve specialist and non-specialized MHPSS services. Task teams to fill gaps in formal MHPSS programs for children and adolescents promoted family and community-led methods. The challenges of data sharing/reporting, training quality, drug shortages, and specialist workforce limits were acknowledged. Finally, UNHCR's IM unit supported Activity Info for information sharing amongst agencies for MHPSS service mapping. MH-GAP TOT was given to 19 medical personnel. <p>Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group is actively advancing family planning initiatives. Collaborating with UNFPA, they are conducting a comprehensive SRH survey, a male engagement study. They are working on monitoring mechanisms, disseminating accurate information through SBCC materials, and engaging with Islamic leaders for community counseling. Pre-marital counseling, CHW training for distribution, and improved facility-based services are in progress. A trainer pool for FP methods has been initiated, and FP commodity availability. <p>Community Healthcare workers WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with WHO, the CHWG participated in a pilot hypertension screening program in four camps from July 24 to August 5, 2023. A total of 122 CHWs were trained in using digital sphygmomanometers. Additionally, the WG is supporting the distribution of the 1M general health cards, which was launched on August 8, following a brief delay due to weather-related issues. 	<p>The General Health card distribution is to be completed after 15 working days from 9 August 2023.</p>
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Next Meeting: Tentative Date- 23 August 2023, Tentative Time- 10:30 am- 12:30 pm **Location:** TBA