

# **Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Technical Working Group Terms of Reference (TOR)**

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## **I. BACKGROUND**

In Bangladesh, the Rohingya humanitarian crisis in 2017 has led to a big humanitarian response by both the international and national agencies involved in humanitarian assistance. As of 1 October 2017, more than 809,000 Rohingyas are estimated to be sheltering in Bangladesh, having fled violence and persecution in Myanmar. Violence which began on 25 August has triggered a massive and swift refugee/FDMN influx across the border - an estimated 509,000 people have arrived in the space of a month. These Refugees/FDMNs have joined some 300,000 people who were already in Bangladesh following earlier waves of displacement. The Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar is highly vulnerable, many having experienced severe trauma, and are now living in extremely difficult conditions. As of 31 December 2022, over 950,000 Rohingya refugees/FDMNs are registered in Bangladesh residing in thirty-three extremely congested camps formally designated by the Government of Bangladesh in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilas of the Cox's Bazar District

One of the priorities of the Nutrition Sector Joint Response Plan (JRP) is to ensure access to programmes that treat and prevent acute malnutrition to at least 90% of vulnerable populations (boys and girls between 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating women (PLW), Adolescent and other vulnerable people) in Cox's Bazar.

Cox's Bazar Nutrition Sector has created a Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Technical Working Group for the Refugees/FDMNs response. The CMAM Technical Working group shall set the strategies and tools, define standards; provide guidelines, updates and recommendations, identify priority areas.

The overall output of the CMAM TWG is to oversight quality implementation and reporting of CMAM program in Cox's Bazar operations in conjunction with the recommendations of the Nutrition sector. This will contribute to the decrease in the morbidity and mortality of the vulnerable population through the protection of the nutritional status and management of acute malnutrition.

## **II. OBJECTIVES**

To provide operational and technical guidance to the nutrition partners implementing standard CMAM program.

## **III. ACTIVITIES**

1. Provide technical assistance to all Nutrition Sector partners implementing CMAM program.
2. Advise the Strategic Advisory Group on issues related to the implementation and compliance on the agreed CMAM standards and guidelines.

3. Review and update training program based on operational and technical guidelines including other recommended materials for the CMAM program.
4. Review the CMAM tools and ensure use of harmonized tools by all implementing partners of NS.
5. Identify the needs of CMAM related assessment and survey and coordinate with relevant NS TWGs.
6. Support the CMAM program performance monitoring and reporting in collaboration in NSCU.
7. Present CMAM agenda in the Nutrition sector and follow up technical and policy issues raised within the national nutrition cluster forum and other relevant forums.
8. Identify, discuss and support addressing CMAM related gaps and challenges in collaboration with Technical Working Groups (TWGs).
9. Engaged the development/review of Nutrition emergency preparedness and response plan.
10. Identify areas for collaboration among NS partners and other relevant sectors e.g. Health, WASH, FSS, Protection etc. to address cross cutting issues affecting the outcome of CMAM program.
11. Support and closely work with the national cluster.

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP

The CMAM TWG at the Cox's Bazar level shall be chaired by CONCERN, and co-chaired by SHED.

##### **Group Members:**

- ✓ Agencies implementing CMAM
- ✓ UN Agencies
- ✓ Other relevant partners recognized by NS implementing CMAM related activities.

Each organization will nominate a permanent focal person (and one alternate) to ensure consistency in representation and facilitate communication. Group members will agree to regularly attend CMAM group meetings, endorse the CMAM group ToR and work plan, and abide by the ToR and fully implement the work plan.

**Group Observers:** Stakeholders not directly engaged in the delivery of CMAM programming are welcome to attend sub-group meetings but they will have an observer status within the group.

#### V. MEETING FREQUENCY AND MINUTES

Meetings will be held once a month on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and ad-hoc will be called by the CMAM chair when required. Meetings will be held at the NS Office or in another place agreed as agreed by the group. Should there be changes on the schedule and venue, members shall be informed accordingly in advance.

Each meeting shall be led by the CMAM chair, in his absence, by the Co-Chair. The CMAM co-chair will take down minutes of the meeting. In the absence of Chair, Co-chair will lead the meeting and will nominate any group member to take the minutes of the meeting.

The draft minutes will be circulated to members for review within three working days and will be asked for feedback within next three working days. The final minutes shall be shared within the following three working days. The minutes action points will be reviewed at each subsequent meeting.

## **VI. REPORTING**

The CMAM TWG shall give an update on the actions taken and other related information at every Nutrition Sector meeting and/or in other appropriate forum.

Minutes and key documents should be translated (as necessary) as soon as possible and made available in hard copies at all meetings posted online at [humanitarianresponse.info](http://humanitarianresponse.info)

## **VII. WORKPLAN**

Develop a specific CMAM TWG workplan in line with current NS strategy and JRP covering the whole year.