

## **IYCF-E TWG Meeting**

Participants: ACF, CARE, CWW, GK, NS, SCI, UNHCR

**Date:** Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 10:00am – 11.30am

**Venue:** Nutrition Sector Meeting Room and Microsoft Teams (Hybrid)

#### Agenda:

- Review last meeting minutes and confirm (attached)
- Relevant update from Nutrition sector
- Updates from UN partners
- Challenges and technical issues for discussion from implementing/technical partners
- AOB

Key Discussion Points:	Action points
<ul> <li>Previous Meeting minutes</li> <li>Reviewed the updated one and confirmed by all participant without any changes.</li> <li>Discussed with UNICEF about the workplan of IYCFE TWG and agreed on One day workshop to improve the support system.</li> <li>PHD has agreed to join and will share their contribution in IYCFE TWG. After internal rearrangement, BRAC will also join regularly in this forum.</li> <li>Partners with active support from NS are still working on Govt Liaison for smooth operation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementing partners will update the training database that shared by Nutrition Sector indicating capacity building support from NS and technical partners- CARE and SCI.</li> <li>Priority based support managing NBF children will be highlighted in organizational meeting and training.</li> <li>CWW will present the achievement, challenges, and recommendation of Mukhe Bhaat ceremony in next meeting.</li> </ul>

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## Relevant update from Nutrition sector

- Nutrition sector is collecting and compiling all partner's report and will present in next Sector meeting.
- Nutrition Sector shared a template for Partner's Training Database. Partners will mention their requirement for Capacity building support in IYCFE and CMAMI from Nutrition Sector and Technical Partner- CARE and SCI.
- Guideline like One/Two Pager is needed to response in emergency within the emergency like fire incident or flood for IYCFE activities and support to mothers and children.
- Nutrition intervention will be continued as usual in recent Covid situation until new guidance shared from RRRC or Civil Surgeon Office about field implementation. NS will update all Sector Members immediately after receiving any revised guideline from RRRC.
- Nutrition Sector will share the member list with all to update the Assessment TWG, IYCFE TWG and CMAM TWG.

#### **Updates from UN partners**

#### **UNHCR:**

- Recent field observations showed that service provider's counseling capacity is a concern. They were reluctant to follow the necessary steps required to identify the practice gaps and effective counseling. Record keeping was another area to improve.
- Refreshing trading in classroom and filed-based demonestration mode might improve the understating after a long COVID restriction period.

Challenges and technical issues for discussion from implementing/technical partners

- ACF will share the outcome of Male counselling sessions to mitigate the challenges in IYCF counselling.
- GK will specifically mark on the recording tools of IYCF for modification and share with Nutrition Sector.
- The next IYCFE TWG in person meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022, morning time.

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### **CWW:**

- IYCFE, CMAMI, Cooking demonstration in facility level, ECCD activities is ongoing. cooking demonstration session using local ingredients has been done up with good beneficiary acceptance
- New initiative- Mukhe Bhaat ceremony has started from 2022 following the drafted SOP of UNICEF. 44 sessions have been completed with 528 children.
- Capacity building of Staff and Volunteer is the priority for next month.

#### **ACF**:

- Sometimes Relocated IYCF & CMAMI Beneficiaries come to the centre but failed to show Data Card. ACF communicates with Site management to provide Data card soon.
- Sometimes counselling for mothers is not effective due to the indifference & misconceptions of other family members. Husband & mother-in-low can come to the facility during counselling of mothers and they can be consulted separately or together.
- Cooking Demonstration at community level is difficult for space constrain. This can be discussed in different sessions.
- Male members are coming to the Centre for taking rations that make covering CMAMI
   & IYCF Counselling dofficult. The importance of direct counselling to the mothers should be explained to husband & other family members in various forum.
- If there is any problem in attachment-positioning, mothers are negligent in proper practices at home. Home visit by CMAMI Nurse, IYCF Counsellor & female volunteers should be increased.
- ACF will hand over the nutrition facilities in this month to UN partners. Besides other process, NBF children will be handed over so that there will be no gap in support.

#### GK:



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### SCI:

- Priority setting while managing non-breastfed child besides program activities is needed in the field level. Partners can highlight NBF child management part in organizational meeting and training.
- Difficulties in multi sectoral collaboration while supporting a vulnerable child is another concern. Orientation can be arranged to mitigate the gap specially for Child protection, Health and MHPSS sector for better coordination.
- Taboos and Social norms in managing wet nursing/ Re-lactation is another regular challenge. This part can be highlighted in the discussion of Imam/Majhi meeting, MtMSG and education session for better community support.

#### **AOB**

- Success of Mukhe Bhaat ceremony can be presented in the next meeting from CWW. Feedback, achievement, challenges, recommendation can be discussed.
- Receiving food item by male family member creates gap in IYCF counselling session.
   Organising counselling session for male members or any alternative approach can be an initiative. ACF has agreed to explore that one and share the outcome.
- GK can contract with CWW directly or Nutrition Sector to know more about standard recipes of Cooking Demonstration.
- GK suggested to review the IYCFE recording tools. GK will specifically mark the observations and initially share with IYCFE Advisor so that further discussion scope can be discussed.
- Next meeting mode can be in person considering the current situation.