

AIMTWG Meeting-Nutrition Sector-Hybrid (Online and Physical)

Meeting Notes

03.09.2023



Chair: Dr.Md Abul Hasan, Advisor, NS-AIMTWG

Participants: ACF, Care, Concern, GK, SHED, UNHCR, UNICEF & WFP.

Agenda	Discussion/Update	Action/ Follow-up
Finalizing justification and evidence generation for the SENS survey	During the AIMTWG meeting, the AIMTWG advisor presented the findings of program data and the heterogeneity test. It was discussed and agreed upon by AIMTWG members that conducting a single survey is justified based on the presented data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIMTWG member agreed on the justification as one survey. • The protocol development process is set to commence soon. UNHCR will confirm the start of this process at early of next week. • AIMTWG members expressed their commitment to actively engage in the protocol development and survey process. • It was noted that training and data collection are scheduled for the first week of October. UNHCR and implementing partner need to confirm soon.
SMART Survey – Host Community	ACF updated on the SMART survey –Host community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NNS approval meeting at national level on 5th September. • Survey will be started from 17th September in Ukhiya and Teknaf, & Cox's Sadar and Ramu. • AIMTWG need to review the survey protocol and questionnaire by 17th September.
Rapid Nutritional Assessment of impact analysis on ration cut	The discussion revolved around the urgent evidence of a ration cut, and it discussed that a rapid nutritional assessment (RNA) may be option B. Since the SENS is scheduled for October, there is concern that the RNA might not be justified if SENS results are available shortly after. However, it was proposed that in light of the potential delay in obtaining SENS results, the RNA could serve as a valuable interim measure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR-UNICEF will have bilateral meeting to explore the need and will share with AIMTWG soon the consideration. • Further discussion is needed to explore the pros and cons of conducting the RNA, taking into account factors such as the urgency of the situation, the timing of the SENS, and the need for immediate evidence to inform decision-making. The discussion should involve key stakeholders to ensure a well-informed and consensus-driven decision regarding the necessity and timing of the RNA in addressing the ration cut issue.

Next Meeting: Tentative Date- 17th September 2023, Tentative Time- 2:00 am- 3:30 pm **Location:**

NS Conference Room

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