

NS COORDINATION MEETING

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Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Coordinator, NS

Note taker: Nafisa Habib Purba, Nutrition Officer, NS

Participants: ACF, Concern, Friendship, GK, HI, MSF, SHED, SCI, WVI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP.
See Annex I for the list of participants from each organization.

Welcome and Introductions

Kibrom Tesfaselassie; NS Coordinator welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector Coordination meeting held on 26 June 2024. With a quick introduction; the main agenda of the meeting was started.

Agenda

- Review previous meeting minutes.
- IM Update
- Update from CMAM/IYCF/AIM TWG
- Discussion on Low Admission in Nutrition Programme (OTP/TSFP)
- Updating about any training or event upcoming
- Update on fortified rice
- Discussion on Child Friendly Modules (CFM)
- Briefing on Training capacity building on coordination
- AOB
 - Update on SAG meeting discussion
 - Update on advocacy exercise at ISCG level (on Nutrition Situation prevalence and program data)
 - Updating INF focal point list

Reviewing action points of the previous meeting:

	Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline	Status
1	All IP will share their situation update about cyclone response with the NS	NS IMO	27 May 2024	Completed
2	All IP were requested to nominate the IYCF workshop participant again	NS	30 May 2024	Completed
3	NS will arrange a meeting with UNHCR for discussion on SENS data.	NS	9 June 2024	Completed
4	CMAM TWG will organize a joint visit to the nutrition sites next month for support and monitor the implementation of action points	CMAM TWG	30 June 2024	Ongoing

	proposed in Feb 2024 to improve the coverage.			
5	All IP were requested to share population data from CIC's; if available	IP	4 th June 2024	-

IM update as of May 2024

- On behalf of Mostakim, NS IMO, Md. Lalan Miah, presented the nutrition program update as of May 2024.
- As of May 2024, a total of 4,483 SAM cases (36.7% of the target) were reached, while 19,462 MAM children under five (32.7% of the target).
- Additionally, the programme data has revealed that there is an increase of 26% and 45% from 2024 (Jan – May) compared to the same period in 2023 for SAM and MAM respectively.
- IP will conduct an in-depth analysis to identify possible reasons for low admission at camp level and take necessary measures accordingly.
- The admissions managed by NS partners for SC remain consistent throughout the months, with an average monthly admission of 10 to 15 for UNICEF and UNHCR SCs. However, MSF reported admitting 232 children from January to May 2024, averaging 46 cases per month. This discrepancy raised questions among NS partners, who suggested providing disaggregated data by age, location, and camps. MSF clarified that their admissions included children from both camps and host communities, as well as those over five years old (only 13 children above five years old from a total 232). Another concern was that if MSF's inpatient data are not reflected in the JRP, our annual inpatient target may not meet. Therefore, NS partners requested clear guidelines.

See the presentation below.



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Update from TWG

● CMAM TWG update

The CMAM TWG shared the SC mapping list (referral INFs) with the contact details of all partners. The revision of admission and discharge criteria for CMAM, considering the updated WHO guidelines is complex, a matrix with initial analysis has been completed and will be reviewed by CMAM TWG members at next meeting. Additional support is likely required depending on the scope of the review. The next CMAM TWG meeting is on 3rd July.

● IYCF TWG update

The review workshop has been arranged from 4th to 5th June 2024 to review the existing IYCF-E intervention modality and materials using in the field. IYCF TWG meeting will be arranged on Sunday 30th June 2024 and TWG Members will discuss and review workshop recommendations on that meeting while preparing the Action Plan. UNICEF shared that the IYCF messaging number which is reported has some discrepancies so in next AIM TWG all members will have the discussion about the messaging target.

- **AIM TWG update**

AIM TWG will advise NS whether the 2024 JRP PIN and target is required to revise in mid-year 2024 or not. Besides, AIM TWG is expected to discuss on PIN and Target for 2025 based on SENS 2023. This is part of 2025 JRP preparation. AIM TWG will have a meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

Discussion on Low Admission in Nutrition Program (OTP/TSFP)

Low admission trend observed in some camps. All partners provided feedbacks about the low admission. All partners decided that an agenda on this will be kept on next 3rd July CMAM TWG meeting so that further actions can be taken to achieve the target.

SAM Low Achievement Jan-Apr 2024 (<25% Annual Target)	
Camp Name	1E, 4Ext, 19, 1W, 24, 26, KRC
MAM (U5) Low Achievement Jan-Apr 2024 (<25% Annual Target)	
Camp Name	2W, 6, 12, 8E, 20, 8W, 1E, 16, 1E, 16, 1W, 10, 3, 24, 19, 5, 25, 16, 4, KRC
PBW TSFP Low Achievement Jan-Apr 2024 (<25% Annual Target)	
Camp Name	3, 20, 27, 19, 2E, 8W, 1E, 16, KRC

Updating about any training or event upcoming

The tentative starting date for the campaign (VAS and MUAC screening) is 7th July. NS will share the final date after confirmation from Civil Surgeon (CS).

Discussion on Child Functioning Module (CFM)

The disability inclusion training is already conducted with the support of HI & ISCG in two batches. NS requested all IPs to cascade this training at field level. All INF's supervisor will give On Job-Training (OJT) to at least three staff per INF by 31 August 2024. NS will share all the disability inclusion training materials with all partners.

Update on Fortified Rice

Fortified rice which includes six micro-nutrients (Vitamin A, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Folid Acid, Iron, Zinc) has been introduced in the response from the beginning of 2024. Initially WFP started it with four outlets. From June the fortified rice is also introduced in Bashanchar. Another update is a new Korean fortified rice is going to be introduced. The name of the rice variety is Japonica. The whole

support is given by Korean Government in kind. WFP received 15,000MT rice from the Korean Govt. It will cover next one & half month starting from 01 July 2024. Before introducing it, some organoleptically tests is also completed to understand the taste, aroma & texture. So, the taste & aroma are acceptable, but the texture is quite sticky as it is a newly harvested rice. Also, it depends on the preparation process. Every beneficiary can buy 13kg per month (fixed) using voucher & the remaining value of voucher can be used for buying other necessities.

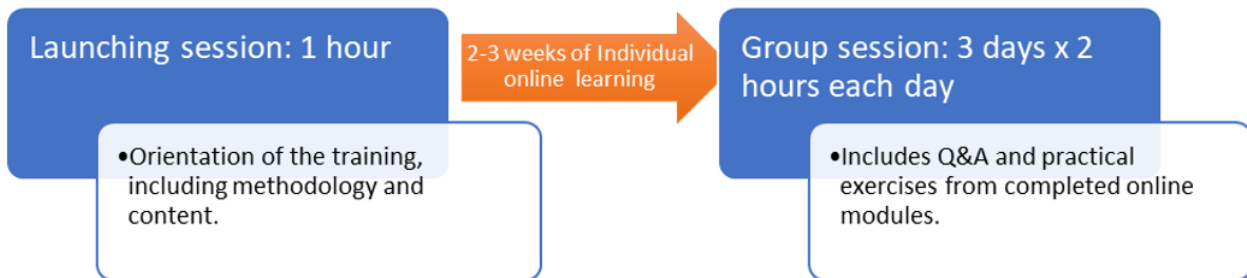
WFP also tried to identify some misconceptions from previous experiences. The common misconception noticed that there might be some side effects after consuming this product. However, WFP is assuring that it is tasted by the relevant Bangladesh Government authority and WFP confirmed the compliance of the product by third party as well.

To ensure a proper implementation, a plan of action was developed. A sensitization meeting was done with RRRC and implementing partners. WFP is kindly requesting all nutrition partners for sensitizing their respective beneficiaries at INF level.

Briefing on Training capacity building on coordination

NS briefed the participants about the GNC blended learning opportunity on coordination. GNC has a platform which have numerous courses in different languages and those are free and accessible to everyone. All supervisors and managers were also encouraged to attend the blended learning on basic/introduction of coordination (*8 + 2 supplementary course). NS will again share the link to register and access the courses. The first blended learning exercise will be facilitated by GNC colleagues virtually.

A blended approach to learning enhances learning experiences by combining self-paced online learning with online instructor-led sessions. By combining these two approaches, blended learning creates a dynamic where the needs of all types of learners can be met. It allows for a safer learning environment where time spent on “theory” is self-paced and is followed by the virtual online sessions that are fully dedicated to Q&A and practical exercises.



The other modality of training (sitting solid three days to complete all ten course was discussed as an alternative modality of the training. however, participants preferred the first option as they cannot afford three solid days for training on working days.

Every partner showed interest in finishing the courses at their own pace virtually, with the group sessions starting either from 3 to 5 p.m. or from 6 to 8 p.m. Every participant will cast a vote for their favorite time for the group meeting, and the winner will be decided by the results of the poll.

See the attach [file](#)

AOB

Update on SAG Meeting Discussion

SAG meeting has been held this week on 25 June 2024. The participants have been briefed on SAG meeting discussions on high admission of children with acute malnutrition as the programme data

(Jan – May 2024). It is to be recalled that GAM rate is increased to 15.1 per cent (SENS Dec 2023) from 12.3 per cent (SENS Dec 2022). SAG members discussed exhaustively on this matter and finally reached the following consensuses and action points:

- All SAG members recommended to conduct a causal analysis for better understanding the long-term effect. UNHCR recommended that, the causal analysis can be done with the SENS survey, but all SAG members earnestly recommended to conduct a standalone nutrition causal analysis for the purpose of quality of the survey. UNICEF agreed to give financial support for causal analysis and WFP and UNHCR will confirm later if they can finance after consultation internally. Thus, TOR for casual analysis agreed to be developed as early as possible. NS with support of NS partners will provide an estimation of total cost for Nutrition Causal Analysis exercise.
- CMAM TWG will arrange a meeting shortly to develop the checklist and conduct the in-depth analysis of nutrition situation and aggravating factors at camp level. CMAM TWG lead recommended that some comparison analysis can also be done. The comparison will be made between those camps which have only nutrition specific interventions and those which have both type of interventions (nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive).

Update on Advocacy Exercise at ISCG Level (On Nutrition Situation Prevalence and Program Data)

Similarly, NS coordination has also addressed this issue in ISCG meeting last Sunday 23 Jun 2024 to seek support from all other sectors; to review the underlying causes of malnutrition. All other sectors (at least Health, Food Security, livelihood, and WASH) participants agreed to share few key indicators with NS and ISCG on Sunday 30 June 2024.

Updating INF Focal Point List

NS will share the online file for updating the focal point list. All NS partners are requested to update the focal points on timely manner.

Update from HI

HI will update the progress of implementation of pilot project on stimulation therapy (ST) in the coming NS coordination meeting. Additionally, HI is also interested to provide a half day orientation for this. As the stimulation therapy is the part of CMAM in new WHO guideline and CMAM TWG is already burdened with many tasks so IYCF TWG will work with HI on this task; to organize the training and identify the audiences, etc....

Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
CMAM TWG to finalize reviewing the new WHO guideline on prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition (and aim to update at least current Admission and Discharge criteria accordingly)	CMAM TWG	31 Aug 2024
A voting poll will be shared with all partners for the modality of the GNC blended training.	NS	03 July 2024
NS will share the link of the file for updating the focal point list	NS	03 July 2024
All disability inclusion training material will be shared with all partners	NS	7 July 2024


NS to disaggregate the MSF SC admission data by age, location and camps.	NS	20 July 2024
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Closure: Nutrition Sector is grateful to all nutrition partners for their active participation and contributions. The meeting ended at around 12.30 p.m., and the next meeting has been scheduled 29 July 2024 at 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM.

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