

# NS COORDINATION MEETING

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## Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Coordinator, NS

Note taker: Suparna Das Toma, 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 27 August 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.
- Progress update on SAM treatment trail locally produced RUTF (sharnali); UNICEF Dhaka.
- Progress update on staff optimization exercise; Taskforce lead (Concern).
- Re-scheduling the blended coordination training.
- AOB
  - Update on Humanitarian Development Coexistence (HDC) Nexus project proposal
  - Financial update
  - Functionality of the PSEA reporting channel
  - Update on ENIM
  - Budget preparation of Nutrition survey
  - Supply chain update from WFP

### Reviewing action points of the previous meeting:

	Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline	Status
1	MSF to share January to April data using NS template and also inform Refugee and HC total admission.	MSF	By next reporting deadline	Completed
2	NS IMO will share the IM update presentation with insights prior to the coordination meeting so that partners can review for discussion.	NS IMO	Every coordination meeting	completed
3	IP will explore availability of IFA PLW data from health post.	All IP	Next coordination meeting	Ongoing
4	All TWG will prepare and share 1-2 slides on the update from next NS coordination meetings onwards.	CMAM/IYCF/ AIM TWG	26 August 2024	Partially Completed

5	TWG meeting should be arranged prior to NS coordination meeting and series invitation will be shared by the TWG focal persons for the rest of the year according to the NS calendar shared previously.	TWG focal persons	ASAP	Partially completed
6	NS calendar will be re-shared with all participants.	NS	1 August 2024	Completed
7	Bi lateral meeting of IP and HI regarding referral pathway and modality of toy distribution.	HI, GK, World Vision, SHED	ASAP	Completed
8	NS will prepare the poster of sectoral briefing workshop and share it with the NS partners for review.	NS	30 July 2024	Completed

### Discussion on Action Points-

- ✓ IYCF TWG will explore the feasibility of providing IFA as blanket distribution regardless of the service being provided at ANC in health facilities if there is no risk of overdose. and NS is communicating with the health sector regarding the issue.
- ✓ HI will organize a bilateral meeting within first week of September involving NS and other partners regarding the orientation of the implementing partners along with informing them about the updated decisions regarding referral.

### IM update as of July 2024

- ✓ As of July 2024, 52% of SAM target, 47% of MAM U5 and 59% of MAM PLW reached. IFA for PLW and Adolescent reached 36% and 72% respectively.
- ✓ Admission trends for SAM and MAM increased by 22% & 40% respectively in 2024 among children 6-59 months compared to the same period (Jan – Jul) in 2023.
- ✓ Every month almost 100% of children under 5 receive GMP as well as 98% children are receiving BSFP and Nutrition Sensitive E-voucher (NSEP) as well as 99% PLW are receiving BSFP.
- ✓ 97% of IYCF target reached as of July but it was discussed that this target might need to be revised as the pregnancy incident factor was not considered during the targeting process. IYCF TWG will work on this.
- ✓ MSF shared their SC data as per the last meeting action points disaggregated by Refugee and Host community and using NS standard template. Overall, 45% of SC target reached (22% from NS partners and 23% from MSF). NS coordinator strongly recommended to keep the MSF data separate as per ISCG recommendations.
- ✓ It was also discussed to present only few slides with key updates from the next monthly meeting whereas the details will be discussed quarterly. NS IMO will present figures in percentage when it comes to agency wise update for better representation.
- ✓ IM update will be shared at least 5-7 days before the NS coordination meeting to the member for their review.
- ✓ Resource/Fundraising information will also be a part and parcel of the IM update in order to get a clear picture of the resource mobilization till date.

### Update from TWG

- **CMAM TWG update**

- ✓ WHO new guideline recommendation piloting: Three of the recommendations will be piloted in total eight INF (two INF from each IP) from 01 September 2024. The piloting

will continue for two months. Based on the result, we will further discuss and decide whether to adopt these recommendations. A home visit checklist was drafted in the workshop and will be reviewed and finalized in the next CMAM TWG meeting.

- ✓ Home visit checklist: The revised home visit checklist has been finalized. It will be piloted in the same camps as WHO new guideline recommended piloting.
- ✓ Stabilization Center-trend analysis: A database has been developed (Jan-July 2024) with all SAM cases identified who required SC support vs # of cases referred vs # of cases admitted in the SC. Against the total identified, around 60% of the cases agreed for the referral to SCs. Implementing Partners will focus on sensitizing the nurse and other relevant staff to motivate the mothers/caregivers on the importance of SC admission. SC Managers will check the reason behind refusal/non-admitted cases who were referred to the SCs.

- **IYCF TWG update**

- ✓ IYCF TWG focal point thanked all partners for planning, organization, and participation in celebration of World Breastfeeding Week 2024. WFP is preparing the factsheet of world breastfeeding week which will be shared with all members in TWG meeting.
- ✓ HI planned to arrange a half-day orientation for the implementing partners where the target group was already agreed by them and referral mechanism. HI also shared their guidelines, service protocols and tools for the review with all partners through IYCF TWG. According to the TWG meeting decision, the referral slip which is used in INF will be used for the referral to HI.
- ✓ IYCF TWG shared the immediate action plan based on the IYCF review workshop along with the present status. They have also shared the links of agreed SBC materials through the email. The materials will be finalized in the next TWG meeting.
- ✓ The incidence factor for pregnancy needs to be considered during the PIN target setting for IYCF. In the next IYCF TWG meeting, all AIM focal will be present to discuss the issue.

- **AIM TWG update**

- ✓ AIM TWG worked on the feedback received from GNC on Nutrition causal analysis (Qualitative and quantitative) ToR and addressed them. After necessary revisions, AIM focal point discussed the timeline and the deliverables. The Nutrition survey and the nutrition causal analysis were segregated and demonstrated in a GANT chart.
- ✓ AIM TWG will complete the review of TOR and share it with GNC by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Progress update on SAM treatment trail locally produced RUTF (sharnali); UNICEF Dhaka.

- ✓ The sample size of the research was 450 children who were admitted and most of them were discharged. 38 children are under follow-up and will be discharged in September and October 2024. A dissemination workshop will be conducted once all the children are discharged followed by data cleaning and analysis.
- ✓ Two research papers will be published in an international journal. One paper will be focusing on effectiveness of locally produced RUTF (sharnali) for treating SAM children while another will focus on the cost effectiveness of Sharnali-1 (Rice based) and Sharnali-2 (Check pea based). One research paper is already online regarding the review of the national policy on management of wasting. NS reminded the researchers to present the findings to NS TWG and SAG members.

### Progress update on staff optimization exercise; Taskforce lead (Concern)

- ✓ The Taskforce will share the update on staff optimization exercise in the next meeting. It will be circulated to the IPs by 1st Week of September-2024.

### Re-scheduling the blended coordination training

- ✓ The GNC blended training was rescheduled due to the previous unstable political situation in Bangladesh. As the situation stabilizes, the training will be started from September 2024.
- ✓ Initially, the GNC blended training session time slot was decided from 6 to 8 PM. But GNC requested to keep the session time within the working hours to maximize the training participants' productivity. NS will circulate an email to partners to book their time for attending the training as per schedule.

### AOB

#### Update on Humanitarian Development Coexistence (HDC) Nexus project proposal

- ✓ NS informs partners about the Humanitarian Development Coexistence (HDC) Nexus project proposal which is a co-designed initiative by UNHCR and BRAC. To tackle the protracted crisis and social coexistence tension between the host community and the Rohingya population, the project aims to enhance efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability to holistically meet the needs of both communities along with ensuring cost-effectiveness while maintaining or improving the quality of services.
- ✓ The project will start piloting in a few camps and host communities in 2025.

#### Financial update

- ✓ As of June, 53 per cent of the total requested fund is received and USD 8.5M (19 per cent of the total requested amount) is committed by donors. So, incorporating the agreed amount, approximately 72% of the total funding is ensured for 2024.

#### Functionality of the PSEA reporting channel

- ✓ UNICEF has an established and dedicated section for PSEA. Recently, the number of cases reported has been very low, which is a point of concern to check if the reporting channels are properly functional.
- ✓ NS will organize a refresher training on PSEA for all partners focal point and a virtual training for all site supervisors in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2024.

#### Update on ENIM

- ✓ With the aim of digitalization, UNICEF is piloting ENIM in a few camps and WFP is proposing to use CODA. A bilateral meeting will be arranged between NS, UNICEF and WFP regarding EMIN and CODA.

#### Budget preparation of Nutrition survey

- ✓ A draft budget needs to be prepared to understand the components of costing of NCA. A meeting will be organized by NS with the partners to discuss the budget on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. Before that, NS requested UNICEF and UNHCR to draft a budget following the deliverables and timeline of survey.

#### Supply chain update from WFP

- ✓ Due to transportation challenges encountered in Red-Sea, WFP will not receive the food supply in preferable time which may lead to the food supply chain break for September 2024. To address the challenge, WFP will provide top up of 3 USD to all PBW and children under 2 years old for September 2024.
- ✓ WFP will receive food supply in Cox's Bazar within mid of the September 2024.

### Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
IYCF TWG will advise if IFA can be distributed to all PLW (blanket) taking in to account the risk of overdose in case the same mothers receive IFA from health facility during ANC visit.	IYCF TWG	End of Sept 2024
NS to circulate an email to partners to book their time for attending the GNC training as per schedule.	NS	ASAP (TBC in consultation with GNC)
The Taskforce will share the update on staff optimization exercise in the next meeting.	Concern Worldwide	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Sept. 2024
NS to organize a refresher training on PSEA for all partners focal point and a virtual training for all site supervisors	NS	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
A bilateral meeting will be arranged between NS, UNICEF and WFP regarding EMIN and CODA.	NS, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP	03 Sept. 2024
A meeting will be organized with the partners to discuss about the budgeting of NCA	NS	03 Sept. 2024

**Closure:** Nutrition Sector is grateful to all nutrition partners for their active participation and contributions. The meeting ended at around 12:20 p.m., and the next meeting has been scheduled 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM.

### Annex 1: List of Participants:

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