

NS COORDINATION MEETING

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Meeting Minutes

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Participants: ACF, Concern, Friendship, GK, MSF, SHED, SCI, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WVB. 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 23 September 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.
- New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)
 - ✓ Digitalization of FCRM system by Concern
 - ✓ Camp 11 integrated INF and PHC
- JRP Update
- AOB
 - ✓ NS Bulletin
 - ✓ Supply and Financial status
 - ✓ Child functioning Module (CFM) initiation at INF
 - ✓ Volunteer ToR
 - ✓ Accessibility Issue
 - ✓ INF structure design

Reviewing action points of the previous meeting:

	Action points	Focal point	Timeline	Status
1	IYCF TWG will advise if IFA can be distributed to all PLW (blanket) taking into account the risk of overdose in case the same mothers receive IFA from health facility during ANC visit.	IYCF TWG	End of Sept 2024	-
2	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)	Completed
3	The Taskforce will share the update on staff optimization exercise in the next meeting.	Concern Worldwide	1 st Week of Sept. 2024	Incomplete

4	NS to organize a refresher training on PSEA for all partners focal point and a virtual training for all site supervisors	NS	4 th Quarter 2024	Ongoing (Done for Site Supervisors)
5	A bilateral meeting will be arranged between NS, UNICEF and WFP regarding EMIN and CODA.	NS, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP	03 Sept. 2024	Completed. (Agreed both agencies to discuss at CO office level)
6	A meeting will be organized with the partners to discuss about the budgeting of NCA	NS	03 Sept. 2024	Completed.

Discussion on Action Points-

- ✓ IYCF TWG will arrange a meeting with the health sector regarding the IFA distribution issue. NS requested IYCF TWG to explore the available resources/documents to understand the feasibility of providing IFA as a 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.
- ✓ Taskforce will update all partners on the staff optimization exercise as soon as they will finalize internally.
- ✓ NS will request the ISCG focal point to conduct the training of PSEA to all partners focal points within 4th quarter 2024.
- ✓ According to the meeting discussion on the budgeting of NCA, UNHCR will cover the costs for the quantitative part, while UNICEF will handle the technical aspect of the qualitative part, and WFP will take care of the operational costs.

IM update as of August 2024

- ✓ As agreed last meeting, NS IMO prepared and presented a very short version of IM update including only the summary.
- ✓ As of August 2024, 61% of SAM target, 55% of MAM U5 and 68% of MAM PLW reached. IFA for PLW and Adolescent reached 42% and 77% respectively.
- ✓ Admission trends for SAM and MAM increased by 20% & 40% respectively in 2024 among children 6-59 months compared to the same period (Jan – Aug) in 2023.
- ✓ Out of a total 33 camps, only 6 camps for SAM and 4 camps have reached over 70% of their annual JRP target as of August.
- ✓ 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. 103% of IYCF target reached as of August.
- ✓ Overall, 62% of SC targets were reached (29% from NS partners and 33% from MSF). From the admission this has been observed that the admission has increased double this month compared to other months.
- ✓ Non-response rate was always an issue especially for SAM. From the analysis it has been noticed that only 13 sites out of 45 (29%) have non-response rate less than 5% whereas 15 (33%) have non-response rate over 10%. On the other hand, for MAM, 9 sites (20%) have a non-response rate over 3% whereas 11 sites (24%) with NO non-response rate.

SAM		MAM	
Non-Response Rate	Number of sites	Non-Response Rate	Number of sites
>10%	15 (33%)	>3%	9 (20%)
5%-10%	17 (38%)	0%-3%	25 (56%)
<5%	13 (29%)	0%	11 (24%)

Update from TWG

- **AIM TWG update**

- ✓ Onboarding process for the NCA consultant for the qualitative part of the nutrition survey is in progress. AIM TWG will assist the consultant with protocols and other supportive materials.
- ✓ UNICEF has scheduled training to take place between 15 October and 30 October 2024, after which data collection may commence.
- ✓ The preliminary PIN and Target calculation for 2025 JRP is completed and will be shared to AIM TWG for endorsement in the next meeting.

- **CMAM TWG update**

- ✓ WHO CMAM recommendations piloting is ongoing in 9 INFs on RUTF and RUSF revised ration size and with SAM revised discharge criteria. The piloting started from 01st September 2024 and will continue till the end of October 2024. The piloting scenarios are as follows-

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5
Recommendations	B5	B5 & B10	B10	B16	B16
Details [All new enrolments will be considered for the pilot - 2 months; any infants/children already in treatment will not be considered]	Exit criteria will be changed to WFH/WFL and MUAC (2 consecutive visits);	Exit criteria will be changed to WFH/WFL and MUAC (2 consecutive visits);	RUTF ration reduced to 180 kcal/kg/day	RUSF weight-based ration of 100 kcal/kg/day	RUSF weight-based ration of 130 kcal/kg/day
	All other aspects of OTP service delivery will remain unchanged.	RUTF ration reduced to 180kcal/kg/day All other aspects of OTP service delivery will remain unchanged.	All other aspects of OTP service delivery will remain unchanged	All other aspects of TSFP service delivery will remain unchanged.	All other aspects of TSFP service delivery will remain unchanged.
# INFs	2	2	2	1	2
IP responsible	SHED	Concern	GK	WVI	WVI & Concern
Selected camps	Camp 9 site 2 Camp 11	Camp 15 site 1 and 2	1W Site 1 and 2	Camp 8W Site 2	Camp 6 Camp 21

After October 2024, CMAM TWG will analyze the data from the piloting to check if the recommendations are feasible to adapt.

- ✓ CMAM admission and discharge criteria short guideline revision is ongoing. The draft has been shared with TWG members for review. It will be further discussed in the upcoming CMAM TWG meeting on 25th September 2024.

- ✓ NS has requested the CMAM TWG to create a one-page document outlining the specific protocol for each scenario to ensure clear communication among all users. NS also suggested that the CMAM TWG consult with the AIM TWG to determine the exact sample size needed to accurately reflect the results of the pilot. If necessary, more camps can be included in the pilot to cover the required number. NS will also consult with GNC regarding the process.
 - ✓ NS requested all partners to visit the pilot sites to monitor whether everything is going as planned.
- **IYCF TWG update**
 - ✓ IYCF TWG presented the WBW celebration newsletter to all the TWG members and circulated it to the nutrition sector for further dissemination along with inclusion in the NS bulletin.
 - ✓ During the IYCF-E review workshop, partners and SAG members reached a consensus on specific IEC materials. However, certain IEC materials were not utilized at the facility level in the IYCF corner. Following the last meeting, it was decided that the Pusti Poramorsho Flipchart, developed in 2021 based on the Rohingya refugee context with input from all sector partners, will be placed at the IYCF counseling point. To address the materials gap at the field level, the TWG will provide the soft version of the flip chart for partners to print as per their preference. Additionally, the IYCF TWG urged implementing partners to reach out to UNICEF for support with the Pusti Poramorsho Flipchart and ECCD flip chart.
 - ✓ HI informed that Camp-17 is replaced by Nayapara Register camp for ST-MC intervention (Other implementing areas are unchanged). An orientation will be arranged for the nearest INF staff of ST-MC service point. As a result, Concern Worldwide will be included as a partner. HI will share an invitation for orientation to all implementing partners.
 - ✓ With the aim of harmonizing the activities of MtMSG in facility level, TWG will share the existing guideline among the members for their review. After finalizing the document, IYCF TWG will develop SOP which will be used at the facility level.
 - ✓ As an immediate action of the IYCF workshop, a taskforce was formed comprising six members who will be responsible for developing the training module, draft SOP for non-breastfed child management, SOP for nutrition education session point to support harmonization and SBC materials development.
 - ✓ UNICEF is working on the updated SOP for Mukhe Bhaat and Cooking Demonstration with contextualized recipes which will be shared by 31 October 2024 with TWG members for review.
 - ✓ World Vision Bangladesh expressed their ability to support non-breastfed child logistics (BMS and Safe Feeding Kit) supply. IYCF TWG will circulate an email regarding this after communicating with UNICEF. Then, all partners can communicate with World Vision for the supply.
 - ✓ UNICEF is doing formative research to prepare SBC strategy. The ToR will be signed after which UNICEF will recruit a consultant. UNICEF has a plan to develop strategy, training package and SBC package following the formative research.

New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)

- Digitalization of Feedback Complaint Response Mechanism (FCRM) system by Concern
 - ✓ Concern Worldwide recently incorporated Cox's Bazar FCRM system to the global FCRM system. So, all concerns and feedback will follow the global steps. Beneficiary will report to the CFM assistant who can upload it in the system. NS requested a demonstration of the system. Concern will demonstrate the system in another meeting.

- Camp 11 integrated INF and PHC
 - ✓ SHED produced a video documentary about the collocation of camp 11 INF and PHC. SHED requested feedback from NS and all partners about the documentary. SHED will share the video with all partners.

JRP Update

- ✓ JRP preparation is ongoing. AIM TWG is working on the PIN and target. Once these are finalized, the document will be shared with all partners.
- ✓ NS informed all partners about the town hall meeting on 27th October 2024 regarding the project template. Link of the meeting will be shared by ISCG and all partners can join the meeting.

AOB

- **NS Bulletin:** NS thanked the partners who already shared the content for Q3 NS bulletin and requested other partners to share more contents.
- **Supply and Financial status:** UNICEF and WFP have shared the supply and financial status. UNICEF has confirmed that supplies are available for this year. However, WFP is currently facing a shortage of Super Cereal Plus and Super Cereal for the month of September. As a result, WFP is providing a \$3 top-up to children aged 6-23 months and to pregnant and lactating women (PLW) who are well-nourished. Starting from October 1, 2024, WFP will return to its regular distribution protocol.
- **Child Functioning Module (CFM) initiation at INF:** NS has requested all partners to keep a printed version of the CFM guideline at the facility level. Partners have asked about the appropriate component to use for the CFM. After discussing, NS suggested carrying out the activity from the GMP corner. The focal point of SHED will share the possible structure and format to carry out CFM in the facility, covering all children.
- **Volunteer ToR:** NS will draft ToR for volunteers and share it with all partners for review. The finalized ToR will be shared with ISCG.
- **Accessibility Issue:** SHED discussed in the meeting about the recent accessibility issue in camps faced by staff and volunteers and regarding the appointment of volunteers. According to the volunteer guideline issued by RRRC, the percentage of Bangladeshi volunteers would be around 25% at any given time. SHED is receiving requests to appoint the host community volunteer in place of Rohingya volunteers as the host community volunteers are willing to carry out the same responsibility with the same amount of stipend given to Rohingya volunteers. NS will communicate with the respective focal person in the RRRC office regarding the issue.
- **INF structure design:** SCCCM sector has a plan to co-locate health and nutrition facilities to mimic the Camp 11 model in 2025. NS requested all partners to engage their respective engineers to attend a meeting to form the Task Force which will be formed to recommend the minimum square meter needed for INF based on Camp 11's experiences and program staff comments. The Engineer from UNICEF will lead the task force and SHED Engineer will be the co-lead.

Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
To explore the available resources/documents to understand 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	IYCF TWG	ASAP
To prepare one pager for each of the piloting scenario of WHO CMAM recommendations and to communicate with AIM TWG focal point regarding	CMAM TWG	ASAP

the exact sample size required to reflect the actual result of the piloting		
To consult with GNC technical expert regarding the process of piloting WHO CMAM recommendations	NS	ASAP
To demonstrate the FCRM to all partners	Concern Worldwide	28 th October 2024
To share the possible structure and format to carry out CFM in the facility covering all child and PLW	SHED	28 th October 2024
A ToR of Volunteer will be shared with all partners for review	NS	24 th September 2024
To engage all engineers to form a taskforce for proposing INF structure design	All partners focal point	26 th September 2024

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 28th October 2024 at 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM.

**Annex 1:
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