

NS COORDINATION MEETING

NS Coordination Office/Online | 25 November 2024 | 10:00AM–12:30 PM



Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kibrom Tesfaselassie, NS Coordinator

Note taker: Suparna Das Toma, UNV Nutrition Officer, NS

Participants: Concern, Friendship, GK, HI, SHED, SCI, 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 25 November 2024. With a quick introduction, the main agenda of the meeting was started.

Agenda

- Review previous meeting minutes.
- Update from CMAM/IYCF/AIM TWG
- IM Update
- Demonstration of FCRM process – Concern Worldwide
- AOB
 - ✓ JRP Update
 - ✓ Update on planning workshop
 - ✓ Cluster/Sector Performance Monitoring (CCPM)
 - ✓ Anemia Causal Analysis
 - ✓ Mass MUAC screening and Vitamin A campaign Round 2
 - ✓ Changes in the partnership
 - ✓ Revising the TOR of TWG in 2025
 - ✓ Any Challenges or update.

Reviewing action points of the previous meeting:

	Action points	Focal point	Timeline	Status
1	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	Ongoing (NS communicated with HS)
2	To share the one pager for each of the piloting scenario of WHO CMAM recommendations	CMAM TWG	ASAP	Ongoing
3	To demonstrate the FCRM to all partners	Concern Worldwide	25 th November 2024	Will present in the meeting
4	To share the possible component and flow to carry out Child Functioning Module in the facility, covering all children.	SHED	25 th November 2024	Ongoing
5	UNICEF and UNHCR arrange a bilateral discussion on data sharing of NCA	UNICEF and UNHCR	ASAP	Ongoing

6	To complete the process of updating the recording and reporting tools	IYCF TWG	December 2024	Ongoing
7	To collect information on the proportion of HH in KTP RC who are not receiving any humanitarian aid.	Concern Worldwide	ASAP	Completed
8	To place the interactive dashboard of NS program update in the Rohingya response website managed by ISCG	NS	December 2024	Ongoing
9	To analyze and triangulate the data regarding admission of SAM by MUAC and relapse	WVB	By November 28 th 2024	WVI submitted the justification and Will be discussed in CMAM TWG
10	To arrange an in-depth conversation with the site supervisors and analyze the data to present the major reasons for non-responder	All partners	By November 28 th 2024	Will be discussed in CMAM TWG
11	Analyze the trend of LOS and AWG along the different period to find out the reasons	NS	28 th November 2024	Will be discussed in CMAM TWG
12	To check with the health sector dashboard to gather evidence on morbidity	All partners and NS	ASAP	Discussed with HS
13	To provide the explanation for recruiting the HC volunteers more than 25%	All partners	25 th November 2024	Ongoing
14	Submit the JRP project template within the deadline	All Appealing partners	7 th November 2024	Completed.
15	To organize a SAG meeting to endorse the document of staff optimization taskforce	NS	ASAP	Completed.

Discussion on Action Points-

- ✓ SHED proposed implementing the Child Functional Module (CFM) in two combined components: 1. Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women- PBW assessment component and 2. waiting area where CFM assistants can assist in filling out questionnaires. The assessment would be conducted once per child during the service period. Partners suggested leveraging the upcoming mass MUAC screening and Vitamin A campaign during the first month to assess all children for identifying persons with disabilities, as this period ensures comprehensive coverage. The outcomes can be documented in GMP cards. Following this initial phase, assessments can be conducted at facilities for new beneficiaries. A meeting with a small group will be scheduled to finalize the modality for incorporating this into the mass MUAC screening.
- ✓ The IYCF Technical Working Group (TWG) is developing new recording and reporting tools. These tools are expected to be finalized by mid-December, with orientations for all implementing partners scheduled by the end of December.
- ✓ Concern Worldwide reported that, based on data from the CiC office, 52 households were involved in the hunger strike. However, community screening suggests this number is closer to 100 households. The Nutrition Sector (NS) has requested Concern Worldwide to gather additional information on the duration of the strike and the demands of the involved households.
- ✓ Partners will prepare brief presentations outlining the key reasons for recruiting more than 25% of volunteers from the host community. These presentations will be shared during the next coordination meeting.

Update from TWG

● CMAM TWG

- ✓ WHO piloting is ongoing and will continue till December'24 until all children are discharged from the program. The admission of beneficiaries was completed till October'24.
- ✓ Updating the CMAM Admission & discharge criteria document: The document has been reviewed and updated. The updated version will soon be shared with CMAM TWG members for further review. The plan is to finalize it by December 2024. However, the recommendations under piloting will be addressed after the outcome and decision taken from the piloting.
- ✓ Indicators for 0-5 months infant at risk assessment has been discussed and finalized based on the new WHO recommendations. The tools and SOP of the service provision will be discussed to finalize in the next CMAM TWG meeting (28 November 2024).

● IYCF TWG

- ✓ The Health Sector (HS) has developed a Maternal Child Health (MCH) Card as part of a joint initiative. This card includes sections on nutrition, such as GMP and ECCD, and has already been launched. Beneficiaries will carry the card across all facilities. To ensure proper use, a 3-hour orientation session for Nutrition Service Providers will be held in two batches on 18 December 2024. Approximately 70 staff members from Nutrition Sector partners, including Program Managers, Deputy Program Managers, Nutrition Experts, and Nutrition Site Supervisors, will participate. The Health and Nutrition teams will jointly conduct the sessions, coordinated through the IYCF Technical Working Group (TWG).
- ✓ The Nutrition Sector (NS) shared resources with the IYCF TWG regarding IFA supplementation for Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW), as recommended by the Health Sector. The IYCF TWG review all the resources and discussed regarding the recommended doses of IFA with the TWG members; found no evidence of adverse effects from IFA distribution by health or nutrition partners. Therefore, they recommend that IFA supplements be provided by Nutrition Partners to cover a full month (30 days). The NS requested the IYCF TWG to prepare a one-page distribution modality guideline and circulate it to partners to initiate the activity.
- ✓ In line with recommendations from the recent IYCF workshop, the IYCF TWG has reviewed the new register specifically designed for pregnant women (PW), incorporating several revisions.
UNICEF's Information Management Officer (IMO) will develop IYCF reporting guidelines, including updated indicator definitions for IYCF-E. The IYCF TWG will arrange an ad-hoc meeting with all IMOs to discuss these reporting guidelines. This will align with the revised PIN target setting planned for next year.

● AIM TWG

- ✓ A multisectoral inception workshop of NCA will be arranged on 28 November 2024. The training of the managers, supervisors and enumerators for data collection of the **quantitative part** is ongoing and will be completed by 28 November. Data collection is scheduled to begin on November 30 and will continue until December 21.
- ✓ WFP will engage ACF to lead the qualitative component of the NCA.
- ✓ The quantitative data needs to be shared with other UN agencies for the qualitative analysis; however, there are challenges related to data sharing policies. UNICEF and UNHCR will address these in bilateral discussion which is ongoing.

IM update as of October 2024

- ✓ As of October 2024, 80% of SAM target, 73% of MAM U5 and 89% of MAM PLW reached. IFA for PLW and Adolescent reached 64% and 77% respectively.

- ✓ Admission trends for SAM and MAM increased by 15% & 31% respectively in 2024 among children 6-59 months compared to the same period (Jan – Oct) in 2023. NS emphasized that the admission of SAM children should increase in October as partners started providing services to new arrival. But the admission number is similar to the previous month. NS requested partners to cross-check the data of new arrival reporting.
- ✓ Out of total 33 camps, 18 camps for SAM have reached over 80% of their annual JRP target as of October where only 9 camps reached up to 80% and more for MAM U5 child admission target.
- ✓ Every month almost 105% of children under 5 receive GMP as well as 98% children are receiving BSFP and Nutrition Sensitive E-voucher Programme(NSEP) as well as 99% PLW are receiving BSFP service. 117% of IYCF target reached as of October.
- ✓ Overall, 91% of SC target reached (44% from NS partners and 47% from MSF). From the admission trend, this has been observed that the admission has been decreased this month compared to other months.
- ✓ Non-response rate was always an issue especially for children with SAM. From the analysis it has been noticed that only 12 sites out of 45 (27%) have non-response rate less than 5% whereas 13 (29%) have non-response rate over 10%. On the other hand, for MAM, seven sites (16%) have non-response rate over 3% whereas nine sites (20%) with NO non-response rate.

SAM		MAM	
Non-Response Rate	Number of sites	Non-Response Rate	Number of sites
>10%	13 (29%)	>3%	7 (16%)
5%-10%	20 (44%)	0%-3%	29 (64%)
<5%	12 (27%)	0%	9 (20%)

- ✓ There was a discussion on the SAM admission cases, majority of whom were previously admitted in TSFP. As the BSFP and TSFP services are ongoing, it has been requested all partners to identify the reasons for being SAM despite of being protected by the prevention services Partners highlighted some possible contributing factors, such as seasonal morbidity and cases of children who are repeatedly classified as CNR (cases not responding).

Demonstration of FCRM process – Concern Worldwide

- ✓ Concern Worldwide demonstrated their digitalized system of feedback, complain and response mechanism (CFRM) process which is connected globally to the concern worldwide system. This digital system, piloted over the past two months, was introduced as a more efficient alternative to the manual process. During the demonstration, participants discussed different aspects and components of the system, and Concern Worldwide received several recommendations for further enhancement.

AOB

- **JRP update:** NS with the Peer review team, reviewed all JRP and finalized the JRP for 2025.
- **Update on planning workshop:** The planning workshop is scheduled for 04-05 December 2024.. A preparatory meeting will be held on 02 December in the NS coordination meeting room to finalize all inputs for the workshop.
- **Cluster/Sector Performance Monitoring (CCPM):** NS reminded all partners to fill up the CCPM performance assessment questionnaire by the deadline.
- **Anemia Causal Analysis:** UNICEF has engaged “RISE International” to conduct the Anemia Causal Analysis study in the Rohingya camps. The kickoff meeting completed, and they will provide an inception report with all relevant tools.
- **Mass MUAC screening and Vitamin A campaign Round 2:** NS updated partners on the upcoming Vitamin A campaign. In collaboration with all Nutrition Sector partners, UNICEF

plans to conduct the second round of the campaign, alongside mass MUAC screening, in all 33 FDMN camps in Cox's Bazar from 8-15 December 2024.

- **Changes in the partnership:** UNICEF informed partners about upcoming changes in partnerships with implementing partners. Specific details will be shared next week, followed by a meeting to discuss and facilitate the handover process.
- **Revising the TOR of TWG in 2025:** NS will take the initiative to revise the TOR of TWG by the first quarter of 2025.
- **Any Challenges or update:** NS requested partners to share any challenges/ burning issues till date in the meeting. Partners shared that all issues were already discussed in the meeting.

Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
A meeting with small group will be arranged to finalize the modality to incorporate Child Functional Module in mass MUAC screening.	NS	ASAP
To finalize the recording and reporting tools and Provide orientation to implementing partners about the updated indicators.	IYCF TWG	By December 2024
To collect information on the duration of the refusal of humanitarian services and to understand their demand of the involved household in KTP RC	Concern Worldwide	23 rd December 2024
Share presentation on the major reasons to recruit the host community volunteers more than 25%	All IPs	23 rd December 2024
To prepare one pager on the distribution modality of IFA and circulate it with the partners to start the activity.	IYCF TWG	ASAP
To fill up the CCPM performance assessment questionnaire by the deadline	All partners	By 25 th November 2024
To revise to TOR of all TWG for 2025	NS	By 1 st quarter of 2025

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 23rd December 2024 at 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM.

Annex 1:

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