

NS SAG MEETING

NS Coordination (Virtual & Physical) | 25 June 2024 | 11:00 AM– 12:30 PM



Meeting Minute

Chair: Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Coordinator, NS
Note taker: Nafisa Habib Purba, NO, NS

Participants: CWW, ACF, SHED, WVI, GK, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP (All members).

Agenda

1. Discussion on low admission & increasing malnutrition rate
2. Discussion on training on disability inclusion
3. Salary harmonization
4. AOB

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector SAG meeting on 25th June 2024. Representatives from all the members were presented in the meeting.

Agenda Covered

1. Discussion on increased trend of admission based on programme data 2024.

It is to be recalled that GAM rate is increased to 15.1 percent (SENS Dec 2023) from 12.3% (SENS Dec 2022). 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 2022 for SAM and MAM respectively. 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.

SAG members discussed exhaustively on the above said matter and finally reached the following consensus and action points:

1. 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 stand alone nutrition causal analyses 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 CMAM TWG will arrange a meeting shortly for the causal analysis at camp level and will develop the checklist. CMAM TWG lead recommended some comparison analysis can also be done. We can compare between those camps which have only nutrition specific intervention and those which will have both type of intervention. whether they can provide financial support or not. The NS & all TWG will be the part of estimation process. Some SAG members also recommended that; a consultant is needed for this

whole task. In addition, before the causal analysis a in depth analysis will be done by all implementing partners. CMAM TWG & NS will lead this.

2. Discussion on Disability Inclusion

All INF focal persons were trained on disability inclusion on last May & June 2024. So, NS reminded SAG members that all IP to cascading the disability inclusion training among all staff and volunteers at site level as early as possible and monitor the implementation of UNICEF Child Functioning Module (CFM).

3. Salary Harmonization

Salary harmonization among all partners is needed for staff motivation at INF level. As different partners are practicing different salary structure, so it is reducing staff motivation and increase staff turnover. Thus, participants agreed to form a task force, to be composed of one nominee from each partner for this job, and the members will share their recommendation by the end of July 2024. It is also advised to consider each position's qualifications and experiences to into account at INF level.

AOB:

- GFA ration is already increased from 1st of June to \$11, and it will continue till July.
- WFP recommended that we need to focus on priorities for 2025 and NS recommended that we could discuss it in our next NS Coordination Meeting on 26th June. However, NS changed its mind to discuss at next SAG meeting.
- Recalling that eight UNHCR/WFP supported INF will be shifted to UNICEF/WFP starting 01 July 2024, NS requested to UNICEF and WFP to continue with the same staffs and volunteers at least till December 2024 as some UNHCR covered camps are now hand overed to the UNICEF. Otherwise, the quality of the programme will be compromised with due lack of staff/volunteers' motivation.
- ToT Disability Inclusion Trainings have been completed with support of HI. All partners are advised to cascade the training at site level. SAG members were reminded to follow up and monitor the implementation of UNICEF Child Functioning Module (CFM)

Action points:

Action point	Focal point/agency	Timeline
A deep dive analysis will be done by implementing partner with the lead of CMAM TWG by the existing data at Camp level.	CMAM TWG	End of July final report.
A meeting will be arranged by CMAM TWG for the causal analysis	CMAM TWG	1 st week July
An estimation will be prepared for the causal analysis	AIMTWG/NS	1 st week July
To draft ToR for Nutrition Causal Analysis	UN agency (UNICEF to Lead)	1 st week July
An estimation will be prepared for the causal analysis	NS/TWG's	1 st week July
To form a TF to review staff optimization/remuneration	NS	1st week July (Participants will select their chair and rapporteur)
To review PIN/Target in Mid-Year 2024 and 2025	AIM TWG	1 st week July

To discuss the priority of 2025	SAG members	2 nd week of July
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