

# Ad-hoc NS SAG MEETING

NS Coordination (Virtual) | 05<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 11:00 AM– 12:00 PM



## Meeting Minute

Chair: Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Coordinator, NS

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

Participants: ACF, Concern, SCI, SHED, UNICEF and WFP. See Annex 1 for detailed participant list.

## Agenda

1. Prioritization of NS activities

## Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector SAG meeting on 05<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Representatives from all the members were presented in the meeting.

### 1. Prioritization of NS activities

- ISCG requested all sectors to prioritize JRP 2025 activities considering the U.S. funding uncertainties. The UNRR agreed that, in this unprecedented funding environment, ISCG must include an absolute maximum of 40% of its activities as firewalled/top priority, given total 2025 funding projections of the same or less overall. Given their focus on saving lives, UNRR suggested firewalling only food, nutrition, WASH and LPG/emergency shelter/EPR.
- To achieve this, NS need to categorize the activities as follows-
  - ✓ 1st priority: Humanitarian activities budgeted at the absolute minimum required to save lives through basic assistance/services
  - ✓ 2nd priority: Humanitarian activities which – despite their critical importance and, in many cases, their lifesaving nature – cannot be considered 1st priority due to funding constraints.
  - ✓ 3rd priority: All other humanitarian activities
  - ✓ Resilience/Solutions
- NS urged the SAG members to review and categorize nutrition activities, accordingly, focusing on the following areas:

1	Malnutrition prevention activities
1.1	Blanket supplementary feeding (for children 6-23 mo)
1.2	Social Behavior Change and Communication
1.2.1	* Maternal and Infant Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) (EBF, CF, group and individual counselling, nutrition education and messages, Mother to mother support groups, Father groups etc.), GMP, social mobilization, etc.) * CMAMI
1.2.2	Global and national nutrition celebration events (World Breastfeeding Week etc.)
1.3	Micronutrient deficiency prevention and control (VAS, Deworming, IFA etc....)
1.4	E-Voucher for children 24-59 months
1.5	Blanket supplementary feeding (PBW)
2	Malnutrition treatment activities
2.1	Stabilization Center (SC)

2.2	Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) (Mang't of SAM)
2.3	Targeted supplementary feeding (TSFP) for children
2.4	Targeted supplementary feeding (TSFP) for PBW
<b>3</b>	<b>Nutrition Information systems and knowledge generation</b>
3.1	Nutrition Surveys (SENS or SMART or Coverage)
3.2	Routine Nutrition Information System
3.3	Research, Evaluation, Review and Evidence Generation
<b>4</b>	<b>Capacity Building</b>
4.1	* Formal trainings,
4.2	* On-the-job training and Monitoring and supportive supervision
4.3	* Programme review meetings

- **Activities under malnutrition prevention and treatment were classified as 1st priority. Meanwhile, activities under the nutrition information and knowledge generation system are categorized as 2nd priority, and capacity building were recognized as 3rd priority.**
- Due to the U.S. funding cut, WFP will reduce monthly food aid for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh from \$12.50 to \$6 per person starting in April 2025. This ration reduction may increase the risk of malnutrition among vulnerable groups, including children under five, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. WFP will provide key messages that need to be disseminated through sector leadership and partners to inform beneficiaries about the ration cut.
- In response to the current situation, WFP has developed a memo advocating for the continuation of the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) alongside treatment interventions. The existing \$12.50 ration provides a food basket covering the recommended 2,100 Kcal per person, while WHO guidelines suggest that pregnant and lactating women require 2,800 Kcal. BSFP can help bridge this gap to prevent adverse birth outcomes. Given the impending ration cuts in April, the necessity of sustaining BSFP must be further emphasized.

### Action points:

Action point	Focal point/agency	Timeline
To share the memo for justifying the continuation of BSFP alongside the treatment and the key messages on ration cut	WFP	ASAP
To disseminate the key messages with NS partners regarding the fund cut of WFP for monthly food aid	NS	ASAP

### Annex 1: List of Participants

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