

# NS SAG MEETING

NS Coordination (In person/Virtual) | 10 March 2025 | 01:30 PM– 03:30 PM



## Meeting Minute

Chair: Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Coordinator, NS

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

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

## Agenda

1. Sector prioritization (another 25% reduction)
2. IFA supplementation SOP endorsement,
3. Selection of Lead/Co-lead for NS TWGs,
4. Revision of TORs
5. CFM
6. AOB

## Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector SAG meeting on 10 March 2025. Representatives from all the members were presented in the meeting.

### 1. Sector Prioritization

- ✓ Considering the anticipated funding crisis in 2025, the Nutrition Sector initially proposed 86% of its activities as 1<sup>st</sup> priority in response to ISCG's request to categorize NS activities as follows:

Categorization	Percentage	Amount
1 <sup>st</sup> Priority	86%	38,625,225
2 <sup>nd</sup> Priority	10%	4,429,646
3 <sup>rd</sup> Priority	4%	1,872,385
Resilience/Solutions	0%	-

- ✓ The SEG Co-Chairs and UNRR have requested a strict prioritization of the JRP, capping it at 40% of the overall CXB sector budget (\$355M out of \$878M). As a result, the Nutrition Sector's 1<sup>st</sup> priority budget needs to be reduced to \$29.3M, requiring an additional 25% reduction from the initial 1<sup>st</sup> priority allocation of \$38.6M.
- ✓ The Nutrition Sector emphasized that all nutrition activities are essential; however, given the current constraints, SAG members must reassess and categorize nutrition activities accordingly. To support this process, the Nutrition Sector presented and discussed various scenarios for reallocating activities from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. SAG members agreed that all treatment activities must remain as 1<sup>st</sup> priority, while more prevention activities need to be designated as 2<sup>nd</sup> priority to achieve the required 25% budget reduction.
- ✓ Following discussions, SAG members categorized MIYCN activities for the host community, as well as the global and national celebration of events in both camps and the host community, as 2<sup>nd</sup> priority interventions. Additionally, a major proportion of the budget for

blanket supplementary feeding program for children under 5 and PLW in camps were considered as 2<sup>nd</sup> priority which led to achieving the 25% budget reduction.

- ✓ In summary, the budget for prevention intervention activities either significantly reduced or shifted from 1<sup>st</sup> Priority to 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. For example, BSFP budget of 1<sup>st</sup> priority is reduced (almost by half) while the budget of other activities such as GMP, ECCD, Cooking demo, PSS, etc have been converted from 1<sup>st</sup> priority to 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. The overall 1<sup>st</sup> priority budget is reduced from 93% to 65%.

Categorization	Percentage	Amount
1st Priority	65%	29,315,035
2nd Priority	31%	13,739,836
3rd Priority	4%	1,872,385
Resilience/Solutions	0%	-

- ✓ WFP will consult with management regarding the SAG decision and update the Nutrition Sector on the outcome by 11 March 2025.

## 2. IFA supplementation SOP endorsement

- ✓ The IYCF TWG was advised to include relevant reference in the protocol confirming that there are no adverse effects from potential overdoses of IFA when similar doses are provided by the health sector during ANC visits.
- ✓ In response, the IYCF TWG incorporated a few relevant references into the IFA supplementation protocol and shared with NS.
- ✓ The protocol will be endorsed following discussions with Vincent from UNHCR.

## 3. Selection of Lead/Co-lead for NS TWGs

- ✓ NS shared the list of interested partners for the NS TWG lead and co-lead positions and requested a collaborative discussion among them to reach a consensus on selecting one organization per position.
- ✓ Following the discussion within partners who have shown interest to lead or co-lead, partners informed NS of the selected organizations for the lead and co-lead roles in different TWGs as follows-

List of TWGs (Alphabetical)	Interested partners (Listed alphabetically)	
	Lead TWG	Co-lead TWG
AIM	WFP	UNICEF
CMAM	UNICEF	WFP
IYCF	UNHCR	GK

- ✓ The newly selected lead and co-lead positions of TWGs will be effective from 01 April 2025.

## 4. Revision of ToRs

- ✓ NS shared the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the TWG and NS with partners for review and feedback last month 02 February 2025. NS will resend the ToR link to all partners and request feedback by the close of business on 13 March 2025. Following the review, NS will finalize the ToR and circulate it among partners.

## 5. Complain and Feedback Mechanism (CFM)

- ✓ NS engaged with implementing partners to explore the reporting channels for the Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) to ISCG. At present, implementing partners are reporting only the number of complaints and feedback received from INF with UN agencies. UN agencies confirmed that this data remains within their organization. They never share outside. Additionally, partners highlighted the possibility of alternative reporting channels beyond the nutrition sector, such as camp site management or IOM NPA, for reporting on CFM.
- ✓ NS requested UN agencies to verify whether there is any existing reporting channel for CFM from UN agencies (not necessarily from the nutrition section but from other units/sections for example, SBC or AAP team) to ISCG.
- ✓ NS will also approach IOM NPA for the source of information related to CFM being compiled and reported monthly.

## 6. AOB

- ✓ **Use of SENS 2024 Data in Link NCA:** The qualitative data collection for the NCA has been completed. Since the SENS 2024 data was intended for triangulation in Link NCA, NS received queries from ACF UK regarding its use, as the data is still undergoing validation. To address this, NS proposed convening a steering committee meeting on 12 March 2025, to reach a consensus on the validation of SENS 2024 and its incorporation into the qualitative analysis.
- ✓ NS emphasized the need to develop advocacy messages for the funding appeal, highlighting the impact of the current funding crisis and ration cuts. UN funding agencies are advised to forecast the funding situation at least one quarter in advance to enable effective planning and necessary adjustments to nutrition program activities.

### Action points:

Action point	Focal point/agency	Timeline
To update NS about the outcome of discussion with higher management regarding marking the activities as 2 <sup>nd</sup> priority	WFP	11 March 2025
Discussion with UNHCR regarding the references used in IFA supplementation protocol	NS, UNHCR and IYCF TWG	ASAP
To review and share comment on NS TWG ToRs	NS partners	13 March 2025
To call for a steering committee meeting to reach a consensus on the validation of SENS 2024 and its incorporation into the qualitative analysis.	AIM TWG Lead/Co-Lead	12 March 2025

## Annex 1: List of Participants

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