

NS COORDINATION MEETING

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Meeting Minutes

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Participants: Concern, ECHO, Friendship, GK, ISCG, SCI, SHED, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP. See Annex I for the list of participants from each organization.

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Kibrom Tesfaselassie, Nutrition Manager/Sector Coordinator, welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector Coordination meeting on 23 June 2025. With a quick introduction, the main agenda of the meeting was started. Due to an urgent meeting at the ISCG level, Mr. Kibrom had to leave the meeting handing over to Anjuman Tahmina Ferdous, Nutrition Manager at UNICEF to lead the meeting.

Agenda

- Reviewing the action points of the previous meeting
- IM Update
- Update from AIM/CMAM/IYCF TWG
- Update on CFRM digitalization – Concern Worldwide
- Refresher on PSEA
- Short update of staff capacity building assessment
- Update from the cross-cutting focal points
- New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)
- AOB
 - ✓ SAG Membership
 - ✓ Joint Monitoring field visit
 - ✓ Update from H/N integration taskforce

1. Reviewing the action points of the previous meeting:

SL	Action points	Focal point	Timeline	Status
1	To share the work-plan of all TWG (April 2025-March 2026)	TWG focal points	5 June 2025.	-
2	To coordinate with other sectors to check the number of new arrivals they are covering	NS	ASAP	Done. Refer Page 2 for details.
3	To convene a SAG meeting with NS partners on rationalization	NS	3 June 2025	Completed
4	To share the project's operational guidelines, allowing NS partners to review and provide feedback.	WVI	ASAP	-
5	To circulate an email inviting nominations from international and national/local NGOs to join the SAG as volunteer members	NS	ASAP	Will be updated in AoB
6	To arrange half-day session with all partners to finalize the ERP document	NS	Last week of June	Completed

Discussion on Action Points-

- ✓ TWG focal points are currently working on finalizing their respective workplan templates. The Nutrition Sector (NS) has requested all TWG focal points to prioritize this task and submit their annual workplans as soon as possible.
- ✓ NS informed all partners that communication has been made with other sectors, particularly the Food Security Sector, regarding support to all new arrived populations in the camps. Food security Sector is reportedly reaching almost all new arrivals as heads of households collect food on behalf of their families. Additionally, the LPG distribution center has confirmed that they are reaching all new arrivals. This high level of coverage can be attributed to the attraction of food and LPG for heads of households." However, nutrition programs are facing challenges, since nutrition services require direct access to children, and many of the children are either not present in camps or are scattered across various locations (including outside the camps), approximately 50% remain unreached. NS has requested all partners to continue cross-checking and validating the number of beneficiaries reached to ensure improved coverage.
- ✓ NS has not received the operational guideline from WVI regarding their project till date. Once the guideline is shared by WVI, NS will circulate it to CMAM TWG members for review and further discussion.

2. IM update as of May 2025

- ✓ As of May 2025, 36% of SAM target, 40% of MAM U5 and 44% of MAM PLW reached. IFA for PLW and Adolescent reached 53% and 80% respectively.
- ✓ 104% of the targeted children under 5 reached through the GMP services which is the highest this year. 97% children U2 and 92% PLW are receiving BSFP while 96% of children O2 are receiving e-voucher every month. 77% of mothers, PLW and caregivers of children received IYCF messaging and counselling as of May 2025.
- ✓ Admission trends for SAM and MAM slightly increased from April to May and increased by 14% in 2025 compared to the same period (January to May) in 2024. For MAM PLW, the admission trend increased by 28% compared to the same period in 2024. New arrivals, population growth, and other variables, such as cuts from many sectors which have an adverse effect on nutrition, might be the causes of this increase.
- ✓ Younger children are more prone to severe acute malnutrition. A higher number of children under 2 years of age were admitted to the treatment program compared to children over 2 years. 66% and 51% of children under two years of age were admitted as SAM and MAM respectively while the admission by gender disaggregation has no major differences.
- ✓ In OTP program, 31% of children are admitted using only MUAC criteria, 56% of children admitted through only WFH and 12% admitted by both MUAC and WFH criteria while in TSFP program, 25% of children are admitted using only MUAC criteria, 60% of children admitted through only WFH and 14% admitted by both MUAC and WFH criteria. Relapse in both programs is 1%.
- ✓ In the SAM KPI, the cure rate as of May 2025 stands at 92.83%, compared to 93.12% in April 2025. Similarly for MAM, the cure rate is 99.27% in May 2025 which is same as of April 2025.
- ✓ However, the average weight gain (AWG) for both SAM and MAM cases remains almost static, 3.12 g/kg/day and 1.77 g/kg/day respectively compared to previous. The average length of stay for SAM children was 70.39 days and for MAM children it was 64.19 days.
- ✓ Non responder for OTP and TSFP programs are 6.41% and 0.61% respectively.
- ✓ The trend of SAM children with medical complications (SC) increased from April to May this year within NS partners. Overall, 44% of SC target reached 25% from NS partners and 19% from MSF).
- ✓ The reach of new arrivals in May 2025 was higher compared to the previous four months. Partners discussed possible factors contributing to this increase. Partners informed that in a few camps specially in camp 17, 18 and 27, the number of new arrivals noticeably

increased in May. Additionally, due to limited working days in April caused by holidays, some beneficiaries were reached in May instead, this may have also contributed to the higher figures.

3. Update from TWGs

● AIM TWG

- ✓ The final AIM and SAG meeting was held on 15 June 2025 to respond ISCG's queries related to invalidation of SENS 2024. Participants involved in in-depth discussion on the technical findings from the validation exercise. AIM TWG recommended not to validate the anthropometry and IYCF module from SENS 2024. SAG endorsed the decision. NS partners will not use the anthropometry and IYCF data from SENS 2024. AIM TWG was also requested to review other modules in SENS 2024. TWG clarified that since the NS is primarily focused on anthropometry and IYCF and the inclusion of other modules in the validation process had not been previously discussed and also the TWG has limited expertise on those specific modules which are not nutrition specific, so those modules were not reviewed. It was noted that such reviews are best managed by the relevant implementing organizations to ensure quality and accountability within their domains, As the remaining module require sector specific technical review and AIM TWG does not have parameters for validating respondent based or recall based data AIM TWG will not participate in reviewing the remaining SENS 2024 modules.
- ✓ Partners were updated on the progress of the Anemia Causal Analysis. Training is ongoing from 21–28 June 2025, followed by data collection from 29 June to 22 July 2025.
- ✓ Mid-Year Review of PIN and Target of 2025 is completed, taking into account admission trends, population growth, and new arrivals. The revised PIN and target will be shared with partners. The programme partners and Implementing partners will have bilateral discussions to explore if their respective PD/FLA needs to be modified based on the revised target.
- ✓ AIM TWG is also working on the TWG member nominations, finalization of the annual TWG workplan, and preparation of assessment calendar. Template has been shared with partners for input by 25 June 2025.

● CMAM TWG

- ✓ WFP presented the key results from Analysis of MAM WHO recommendation piloting data. The key observation from the analysis indicated that there are no major or significant differences in treatment outcomes between weight-based RUSF and the current one-sachet-per-day approach. For the treatment of severe acute malnutrition, the RUTF ration size will be revised based on the piloting results. CMAM TWG has planned to begin implementation from 1st July 2025. The Nutrition Sector will convene a SAG meeting to endorse the decision made by CMAM TWG. Following endorsement, CMAM TWG will organize a brief field-level orientation on the updated protocol.
- ✓ UNICEF prepared a one-page briefing on the expected AWG target for Cox's Bazar. CMAM TWG members will review the document and submit feedback by 26 June for finalization.
- ✓ Admission and Discharge criteria guidelines have been reviewed and updated in light of new WHO Recommendations.
- ✓ The current mapping of Stabilization Centers (SCs) and their catchment areas has been reviewed and updated. CMAM TWG informed that the previous mapping covered five SCs. With the addition of two new SCs: KTP RC operated by GK (operational since June 2025) and Camp 21 operated by SCI (to begin operations in July 2025), the mapping now includes a total of seven SCs.
- ✓ The Nutrition Sector and CMAM TWG are ready to hand over co-located SCs to the Health Sector within PHC facilities. A comprehensive handover plan, with at least 1–2

months' advance notice, is recommended to ensure a smooth transition. This should include joint assessments of PHC readiness and capacity-building support for PHC staff on inpatient management of severe wasting.

- ✓ The CMAM TWG discussed World Vision's proposal to support SAM/MAM beneficiaries through positive parenting and in-kind support. Members agreed that the information provided was insufficient and requested additional details, including the main objectives, expected impact, and duration of the proposed support.

● IYCF TWG

- ✓ The IYCF TWG received updates from all partners on the piloting of the child functional module and is currently compiling the findings. The compiled results will be shared with the CMAM TWG for review and to support the development of a one-pager outlining the implementation modality
- ✓ The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the IYCF TWG have been finalized and shared with the Nutrition Sector. The TWG is now working on finalizing its annual workplan, which has been circulated among members for their review and feedback.
- ✓ The IYCF TWG has reviewed the proposal for the IYCF Training of Trainers (ToT) submitted by Save the Children (SCI). SCI informed that a meeting will be arranged with their global team, engaging IYCF TWG members for finalization of the modality.

Update on CFRM digitalization – Concern Worldwide

- ✓ Concern Worldwide presented updates on the piloting of CFRM digitalization initiative. The pilot phase was completed in September, and from October, they began operating the CFRM system through a digital platform using specialized software.
- ✓ Concern shared the updated process for collecting and managing different types of complaints and feedbacks—both sensitive and non-sensitive. They also highlighted several good practices that have emerged from trend analysis of the digital data, including:
 - SOP on crowd control
 - Empathetic/caring behaviour towards program participants
 - Training tools developed by HR and safeguarding unit considering the context
 - Response and loop close time reduced and increased accountability and transparency
- ✓ During the Q&A session, partners raised concerns that displaying three different hotline numbers from three UN agencies at each INF may cause confusion among beneficiaries. Partners emphasized the potential benefits of having a single hotline number for ease of communication and agreed that further discussion is needed to explore this possibility.
- ✓ Concern was asked about the reporting mechanism for sensitive complaints. Concern clarified that, due to internal policy, they cannot share identifiable data related to sensitive cases. Any agency requiring such data must directly contact the Country Director of Concern Worldwide.
- ✓ UNICEF shared that they are planning to establish a multi-sectoral AAP platform. Recognizing that partners already operate their own platforms and maintain accountability mechanisms toward affected populations, UNICEF stressed the need for continued dialogue among partners to ensure the harmonized and effective use of both platforms.

Refresher on PSEA

- ✓ A refresher session on PSEA was facilitated by the PSEA Coordinator from ISCG. The session included updates for NS partners on the establishment of the PSEA network, its

recent achievements, and ongoing activities. It also covered key concepts related to exploitation, abuse, and harassment; core principles; available reporting channels; mainstreaming PSEA into sectoral activities; and the roles and responsibilities of sector partners.

- ✓ The PSEA Coordinator highlighted the importance of ongoing capacity-building and regular refreshers on core PSEA principles for both staff and volunteers. He noted that, according to a recent report from the PSEA network, 63% of reported PSEA incidents involved perpetrators who were volunteers, of whom 53% were Rohingya refugee volunteers. In response, the PSEA network will organize dedicated training sessions for all volunteers in the Rohingya camps.

Short update of staff capacity building assessment

- ✓ Due to the time constraints, the update was deferred and is scheduled to be presented at the next Nutrition Sector coordination meeting.

Update from the cross-cutting focal points

- ✓ **GiHA focal point:** SCI currently serves as the GiHA focal point for the Nutrition Sector. SCI provided an update that the Nutrition Sector developed a gender tip sheet last month, which was shared with the GiHA Working Group. Additionally, the sector participated in the coordination meeting where the GiHA Working Group's annual workplan was finalized.
- ✓ **PSEA Focal point:** SHED is representing NS in the PSEA network of ISCG and updated the following points to the NS partners as per the last meeting with PSEA network-
 - ISCG PSEA network organized training for the Sector and Sub-Sector PSEA Focal Points on their roles and responsibilities, including a refresher on core PSEA principles (28 May 2025).
 - Supported the IASC in completing the PSEA Mapping Exercise 2024 by collecting and consolidating data for inclusion in the IASC Global Dashboard.
 - The Interagency SEA Risk Assessment Report has been finalized, published, and circulated with Network Members and relevant stakeholders.
 - The 2025 Annual PSEA Survey has been launched by the Office of the Special Coordinator on Improving the UN Response to SEA. Deadline to complete: 8 August 2025. [Survey Link](#). All organizations are kindly requested to ensure the survey is widely promoted and distributed across all grades and categories of personnel.

New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)

- ✓ **Update from SHED on Procurement, Warehouse Management and CFRM System:** SHED informed all partners that they are planning to upgrade the entire procurement, warehouse management and CFRM system through the digitalization of the existing management system in place with necessary upgradation.

AOB

- ✓ **SAG Membership:** The Nutrition Sector (NS) circulated a call for votes among partners to elect SAG members for 2025/26. As per the standard arrangement, 3 UN agencies remain default SAG members. However, NS needs to identify 2 partners from INGO and 2 partners from LNGO/NNGO as SAG members. NS received all partner votes and presented the results during the meeting. Following members were elected as SAG members:
 - INGO: Concern Worldwide and Save the Children
 - LNGO/NNGO: SHED and GK

- ✓ **Joint monitoring field visit:** As the Joint monitoring field visit is very crucial, NS emphasized the need to prioritize joint monitoring field visits and requested the CMAM TWG to include this in the agenda and plan this visits accordingly in Quarter 3.
- ✓ **Update from H/N integration taskforce:** The integration initiative is aimed at optimizing costs. The Nutrition Sector has agreed to hand over Stabilization Centers (SCs) to the Health Sector, with the support of nutrition supplies from NS. Since the Health Sector already has personnel based on these facilities. NS also updated that the Health Sector is currently conducting a facility-based assessment to explore the possibility of health and nutrition integration based on certain criteria including availability of physical space, human and operational capacity etc. NS is expecting the results by mid/end of July 2025.
- ✓ **Mass MUAC screening and Vitamin A supplantation campaign:** UNICEF plans to launch the Mass MUAC Screening and Vitamin A Supplementation Campaign in July 2025 and requested input from all partners regarding a suitable date: proposing either 6-10 July or 13-17 July. Based on collective feedback, the campaign has been finalized for 13-17 July 2025.

Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
To share the work-plan of all TWG (April 2025-March 2026)	TWG focal points	ASAP
To convene a SAG meeting to endorse the decision made by CMAM TWG piloting of WHO recommendations	NS	ASAP
To prioritize joint monitoring field visits engaging all partners	CMAM TWG	Q3 2025

Closure: Nutrition Sector is grateful to all nutrition partners for their active participation and contributions. The meeting ended at around 01:00 p.m., and the next meeting will be held on Monday 23 June 2025 from 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM.

Annex 1:

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