

# NS COORDINATION MEETING

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## Meeting Minutes

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

### Welcome and Introductions

Jecinter Akinyi Oketch, OiC Nutrition Sector Coordinator, welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector Coordination meeting on 28 July 2025. With a quick introduction, the main agenda of the meeting was started.

### Agenda

1. Reviewing the action points of the previous meeting
2. Key highlights from ISCG
3. IM Update
4. Update from AIM/CMAM/IYCF TWG
5. Short update of staff capacity building assessment
6. Update on CFRM digitalization – SHED
7. Discussion on the workshop on a comprehensive review of NS priorities for 2026
8. AOB

### 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	ASAP	-
2	To convene a SAG meeting to endorse the decision made by CMAM TWG piloting of WHO recommendations	NS	ASAP	Completed
3	To prioritize joint monitoring field visits engaging all partners	CMAM TWG	Q3 2025	-

### Discussion on Action Points-

- ✓ The Nutrition Sector (NS) has received annual workplans from two Technical Working Groups (TWGs): CMAM and IYCF. The AIM TWG has been requested to submit its workplan at the earliest convenience.
- ✓ The CMAM TWG reported that, in recent months, the group had been engaged with other priority activities. The joint monitoring field visit will be discussed in their upcoming meeting. Additionally, CMAM TWG provided an update on the joint visit and meeting with the Health Sector regarding the integration of Stabilization Centers (SCs). CMAM TWG lead mentioned that they came to know during the meeting that all SCs would be taken over by IRC, which differed from TWG's earlier understanding. As the purpose of integration is to reduce the cost of implementation and few SC are already run by partners who are also part of HS, a meeting with the Health Sector has been scheduled for 29 July 2025 to address and clarify this matter. In the NS coordination meeting, based on the discussion with partners currently supporting and implementing SC activities-

- UNHCR was requested to issue a formal communication, jointly addressed to both the Health and Nutrition Sectors, confirming their continued support for SC operations.
- SCI was requested to send an email to both the Health and Nutrition Sector Coordinators, including pictorial confirmation of the opening of the SC in Camp 21.

- ✓ As part of the Health and Nutrition Sector Integration Task Force, joint field monitoring visits were conducted in:
  - Camp 11, where Health Facility and Integrated Nutrition Facility (INF) are co-located; and
  - Camp 3, where INF and Health Facility are operating separately.

The task force will convene a meeting on 29 July 2025 to review the findings and agree on a set of joint recommendations.

## 2. Key highlights from ISCG

- ✓ ISCG has conducted a mid-year financial exercise as of 10 June 2025 and shared with all sectors with a specific request. The mid-year funding analysis reveals that the Nutrition Sector has received/committed Priority 2&3 funds in amounts that exceed its current Priority 1 gap. Given the collective commitment to funding the full package of P1 activities before all others, NS were requested to undertake an in-depth analysis to determine the extent to which the funds can be re-allocated from Priority 2 & 3 activities to Priority 1 activity gaps. To explore this possibility, a meeting with all appealing partners was held on 27 July 2025. During the discussion, partners agreed to analyze and categorize:

- Funds that have already been spent and are non-transferable,
- Funds received from development partners, and
- Flexible funding that could potentially be reprogrammed to address P1 gaps.

Partners committed to submitting their analyses by 29 July 2025.

- ✓ Partners were informed that ISCG is planning a sector-wide severity analysis. The issue was discussed during the meeting. Nutrition partners noted that, due to the entire camp population being fully dependent on humanitarian assistance and having no access to livelihoods, the level of severity is likely to be consistent across all camps. Furthermore, since the Nutrition Sector targets specific population groups (e.g., children under five, pregnant and lactating women), partners noted that the exercise may provide limited added value for sector-specific planning or prioritization.
- ✓ ISCG is doing intersectoral need assessment (ISNA) in camps. In the previous year, NS did not take part in the assessment phase as NS has its own assessment which has some specific requirements and requires specific expertise. OIC NS coordinator requested all partners to give their opinion on the issue. Following discussion, all partners agreed to support the upcoming ISNA by contributing a few qualitative indicators. NS IMO will communicate with ISCG to confirm whether there is still an opportunity to participate in the assessment. Upon confirmation, the IMO will coordinate with the AIM-TWG to identify and finalize the relevant indicators for inclusion in the survey.
- ✓ The structure of the NS coordination mechanism was discussed, and partners were invited to share their views regarding the continuation of the three existing TWGs in the context of ongoing funding constraints and reduced human resources. The following feedback was received:
  - Maintain a single TWG and establish adhoc task forces as needed.
  - Retain all three TWGs but consider reducing frequency of meetings to optimize resources.
 The matter will be further discussed in a SAG meeting once Kibrom is back from his R&R.

## 3. IM update as of June 2025

- ✓ AIM TWG has reviewed mid-year PIN and Target which will be effective from July 2025. Based on the new revised target, NS IMO will present the IM update from next month and onward.
- ✓ As of June 2025, 43% of SAM targets, 48% of MAM U5 and 52% of MAM PLW reached. IFA for PLW and Adolescent reached 59% and 81% 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 receive BSFP while 96% of children O2 receive e-vouchers every month. 82% of mothers, PLW and caregivers of children received IYCF messaging and counselling as of June 2025.
- ✓ Admission trends for SAM and MAM slightly decreased from May to June but increased by 13% in 2025 compared to the same period (January to June) in 2024. For MAM PLW, the admission trend increased by 24% compared to the same period in 2024, though the admission decreased in June compared to May. New arrivals, population growth, and other variables, such as funding cuts sectors which have an adverse effect on nutrition, might be the causes of this increase.
- ✓ Younger children are more prone to SAM. A higher number of children under 2 years of age were admitted to the treatment program compared to children over 2 years. 65% of children under two years of age were admitted as SAM while the admission by gender disaggregation has no major differences. For MAM children, admission by gender and age disaggregation has no major difference.
- ✓ In OTP program, 30% of children are admitted using only MUAC criteria, 57% 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. Relapses in both programs is 1%.
- ✓ In the SAM KPI, the cure rate as of June 2025 stands at 92.65%, compared to 92.83% in June 2025. Similarly for MAM, the cure rate is 99.20% compared to 99.27% in June 2025.
- ✓ However, the average weight gain (AWG) for both SAM and MAM cases remains 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 70.40 days and for MAM children it was 64.13 days.
- ✓ Non responders for OTP and TSFP programs are 6.61% and 0.68% respectively.
- ✓ The trend of SAM children with medical complications decreased from May to June this year within NS partners. Overall, 52% of targets reached 29% from NS partners and 23% from MSF).
- ✓ A discussion was held regarding admissions to Stabilization Centers (SCs), with specific attention to the disproportionately high number of beneficiaries being served by MSF relative to its coverage area. It was noted that beneficiaries tend to prefer MSF facilities due to the availability of a broader and more specialized service package. The need was emphasized to evaluate MSF's admission criteria, segregation of services, along with other contributing factors.
- ✓ 627 SAM, 2,221 MAM children and 263 MAM PLW from new arrival have been treated as of June 2025. Around 12,500 children and 2,500 PBW are receiving the BSFP services in each month.
- ✓ NS IMO will incorporate suggestions discussed to provide more information and modify the generic PPT template accordingly.

#### 4. Update from TWGs

##### ● AIM TWG

- ✓ The AIM TWG annual workplan for 2025, assessment calendar 2025, and nomination of AIM members have been completed.
- ✓ AIM TWG members discussed and agreed that a dedicated nutrition survey should be conducted in 2025. Data collection is proposed to take place during the 3rd and 4th weeks of September 2025 to ensure timely availability of data for the 2026 Joint Response Plan (JRP). The estimated cost of the survey is USD 50,000 if national resources are utilized.
- ✓ The AIM TWG will soon begin developing the survey methodology and will present the detailed approach for review and recommendation by the SAG. The OiC NS Coordinator requested the AIM TWG to first share the proposed methodology with Nutrition Sector partners for initial review and to ensure that all relevant factors are considered, particularly to avoid challenges like those encountered in 2024. All UN agencies were requested to explore opportunities to financially support the survey. Additionally, all partners are encouraged to indicate their capacity to

contribute, whether through funding, human resources, or by providing other relevant logistical or technical support required for the successful implementation of the survey.

- ✓ NS, UNICEF and WFP IMO worked together to finalize the revision of JRP PIN and target.
- ✓ TWG members discussed on key indicators for severity analysis and identified to include GAM rate, stunting, minimum dietary diversity, and anaemia prevalence among children (6–59 month).
- ✓ Partners were updated on the progress of the Anemia study. Data collection is currently ongoing and is expected to be completed by the first week of August 2025.
- ✓ AIM TWG is also working on indicator results matrix and indicator framework. A small group meeting was planned to finalize the indicator framework.

#### ● CMAM TWG

- ✓ The updated Admission and Discharge Criteria has been in implementation from 1st July'25 in all INFs. The partners will share an analysis on average weight gain, ration utilization (mainly RUTF) and performance indicators in the next meeting from the outcomes of implementing updated Admission and Discharge Criteria.
- ✓ Save the Children started operation of Camp-21 SC from July. GK handed over their PHC of KTP RC to IRC from July. However, there was no discussion on SC handover. GK will communicate with IRC and update nutrition sector and CMAM-TWG. Additionally, GK also shared the SC at KTP RC became operational on 1 June 2025. However, after the PHC handover to IRC, logistics were transferred to the Camp 4 Ext SC, and staff have since been redeployed to various INFs. GK was advised to initiate formal communication with relevant supporting partners to agree on the next steps.
- ✓ CMAM-TWG performed a joint visit at Camp-11 PHC with health partner IRC to see the readiness of integrating SC. A detailed report has been shared with the nutrition sector. There will be a health sector coordination meeting on 29 July where the final decision will be agreed.
- ✓ CMAM-TWG finalized the annual work plan of TWG and shared with the Nutrition Sector.
- ✓ Camp-10 (Site-2) Integrated Nutrition Facility (INF) is in high risk of landslides and requires immediate support to relocate in a safe place. Although the nutrition sector communicated with UNICEF's Education led to relocate the INF with nearby Learning Center but need to expedite the process. Following a meeting with the Camp-in-Charge (CiC) of Camp 10, instructions were given to remove several shelters from the proposed relocation site to begin construction. In the interim, CMAM TWG has requested Friendship to closely monitor the current INF site and alert UN agencies immediately if there are any signs of potential landslides that may require a temporary suspension of services.
- ✓ Child Functioning Module: IYCF-TWG done a piloting on child functioning module (CFM) and they will present the piloting result to CMAM-TWG in next meeting. Based on the outcomes and needs, CMAM-TWG will support accordingly.
- ✓ Quarterly Performance Review of CMAM-TWG: The first Quarter Performance of CMAM-TWG will be reviewed in the next meeting.

#### ● IYCF TWG

- ✓ The annual workplan for the IYCF TWG has been finalized and shared with the Nutrition Sector.
- ✓ The IYCF TWG has reviewed the ToT proposal submitted by Save the Children (SCI). Preparations are underway, and the training is expected to be completed by September 2025.
- ✓ Capacity-building activities fall under Priority 3, further discussion needed before execution.
- ✓ For contextual SOPs revisit in collaboration with WFP, a meeting was held, and a detailed work plan was shared with members and IYCF TWG members have started working on SOPs.
- ✓ The new ECCD package will be presented by UNICEF, following which ECCD will be incorporated in the annual workplan.
- ✓ The list of activities planned for WBW 2025 was shared by TWG members of each organization-GK, SHED, Concern world and Friendship with WFP and IYCF TWG lead. The WBW is priority 2. Explore the possibility of NS suggested partners discussing with their supporting partners to

relocate the budget to other activities and incorporate activities on the act and use of BMS. IYCF TWG is requested to inform the coordinator of the planned activities and budget that are going to be used in the campaign.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. Update on CFRM digitalization – SHED

- ✓ As there are several partners with digitalization update, another ad hoc will be convened to receive the update on the digitalization.

#### 7. Discussion on Workshop on a comprehensive review of NS priorities for 2026

- ✓ In response to the current funding constraints, all sectors have been requested to prioritize their activities and ensure cost reduction and efficiency. As part of this process, the nutrition sector convened a SAG meeting on 13 July 2025 to discuss agency-specific strategies for 2026 considering the financial situation. During the meeting, SAG members emphasized the need to assess the feasibility of reducing the number of INFs and to review the existing staffing structure. To have an in-depth discussion, the nutrition sector planned to organize a workshop involving Managers, Deputy Managers, and a few camps level staff including Site Supervisors and Community Site Supervisor on 30 July 2025. A draft agenda is already shared with all partners for their review and was presented in the meeting for input.
- ✓ Partners emphasized the need for adequate preparatory groundwork ahead of the upcoming workshop. They requested the NS to share a proposed list of 2026 activities, aligned with the sector's prioritization framework and proposed structural changes.
- ✓ The IMO prepared an analysis on the INF caseloads and population which will be shared with partners along with a presentation template to be presented by partners during the workshop. The IMO will prepare a color-coded heat map on caseload and population for the workshop.
- ✓ SHED proposed including a discussion on the role interaction matrix during the workshop to support the review of INF staffing structures. SHED has been requested to facilitate this session.

#### 8. AOB

- ✓ **GFA program alignment:** WFP updated that there will be a realignment in GFA approaches effective from August-25 to prevent the duplication and ensure the maximization of resource utilization. It includes the following-
  - 0-5 months children will be excluded from GFA voucher from August 2025.
  - As children 24-59 months are receiving nutrition value voucher (USD 3), they will no longer be receiving the Extremely Vulnerable Individual (EVI)-Fresh Food Corner (FFC) voucher as members of extremely vulnerable households starting August 2025.

WFP developed messages to create awareness for the beneficiary about these changes and conducted a meeting on 21 July 2025 with nutrition partners on messaging and to support the sensitization effort. WFP will share the key messages with the NS for further dissemination. All the nutrition partners are requested to play a key role on sensitizing the beneficiaries during different sensitization / mobilization session in INF and outreach level. All partners are also requested to inform NS of any reflection on the issue and WFP was asked if they have any risk mitigation measures.

#### Summary Action Points

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
Formal communication, jointly addressed to Health and Nutrition Sectors, confirming their continued support for SC operations	UNHCR	ASAP



Send an email to Health and Nutrition Sector Coordinators, including pictorial confirmation of the opening of the SC in Camp 21.	SCI	ASAP
Communicate with ISCG to confirm whether NS can be part of ISNA and coordinate with the AIM TWG to identify and finalize relevant indicators for inclusion in the survey.	NS IMO	ASAP
Modify PPT based on suggestions and revised targets	NS IMO	Next meeting
Share proposed methodology of nutrition survey 2025 with Nutrition Sector partners for initial review.	AIM TWG	ASAP
Formal communication with the supporting partners on KTP RC SC immediately to agree on the next step.	GK	ASAP
Inform NS Coordinator of planned activities and budget that are going to be used in the WBW campaign.	IYCF TWG	ASAP
Convene a meeting to receive updates on digitalization from partners.	NS	ASAP
<b>Workshop on comprehensive review of priorities for 2026</b> I. Share proposed activity list for 2026 considering proposed changes in sector due to prioritization II. Share INF caseload/population analysis with partners III. Share a presentation template with partners for presenting the analysis from partners' side IV. Prepare color coded heat map on caseload/ population V. Facilitate discussion session on role interaction matrix	-NS (I-IV)    -SHED (V)	29-30 July 2025

**Closure:** Nutrition Sector is grateful to all nutrition partners for their active participation and contributions. The meeting ended at 02:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Monday 25 August from 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM.

## Annex 1:

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