

NS SAG MEETING

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Meeting Minutes

Chair: Owen White Nkhoma, Acting NS Coordinator

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

Agenda

1. Updates on Health and Nutrition Integration
2. Update on OCHA funding

Discussions on Health and Nutrition Integration

- Following the recommendations/action points agreed upon by the Health and Nutrition sector and included in NS meeting minutes of 22 January 2026, the Health Sector was to conduct a primary health care (PHCs) feasibility assessment to identify which PHCs would be ready to integrate nutrition services (OTP, TSFP and IYCF and BSFP if feasible), by 1 April 2026, in line with the operational guidelines agreed upon by the two sectors. The Health Sector (HS) completed the assessment and shared the results with the Nutrition Sector (NS). Result of the assessment indicate that integration of health and nutrition services (OTP and TSFP) by 1st April 2026 is feasible only in 25 PHCs without challenges and 11 PHCs may integrate but with challenges. In addition, it would be possible to integrate BSFP in 7 PHCs by 1 April. Integration is not possible in 5 PHCs. Note that this exercise only include integration of wasting treatment services (OTP, TSFP and IYCF) into PHCs.
- The NS called for an adhoc meeting on 19 February 2026 to review the assessment results and decide on the way forward and in line with the 22 January meeting minutes. In the 19 February meeting, the NS partners agreed to conduct a verification assessment in those 25 PHCs (including those that can integrate BSFP) to further determine the readiness for integration. This is so because the NS feels it is critical to ensure that the right spaces for nutrition services have been provided and services would not be compromised. The NS has developed a plan with relevant Nutrition Sector members to conduct the verification visits by 10th of March 2026.
- SAG members were informed that during the adhoc NS meeting of 19 February 2026, WFP announced that they would not continue with the partial integration agenda and that their senior management would formally communicate in due course. WFP further clarified that their pull out means they would implement their Nutrition programmes (Treatment of MAM and prevention including BSFP) independently and outside the proposed PHCs effective 1 April 2026. This means that it will only be OTP and IYCF remaining to be integrated into PHCs. While there was no detailed discussion on the main reasons for pulling out of the integration in the meeting since this was not on the meeting agenda and that there was no time to do so, SAG recognises the concerns that WFP has been continuously raising regarding exclusion of BSFP in the integration and a potential increase in operational costs for WFP and the NS should BSFP be implemented separately.
- SAG members were informed that the acting Nutrition Sector coordinator sent a formal request to WFP on 22 February requesting them to clarify why they decided to pull out of integration at this stage and seek further guidance at management level. The NS is still waiting for the formal response.

- WFP reaffirmed its commitment and remains open to integration once conditions allow for a comprehensive integration model that includes both wasting treatment and prevention (BSFP particular). In addition, WFP will continue to actively participate in all nutrition coordination activities in close collaboration with all partners to ensure efficiency and effectiveness
- Given the current progress on integration, WFP's recent announcement to pull out of the integration and that there is only a month to go before April 2026, the integration process has therefore become more complex and it may not be possible to move into PHC on 1st April 2026 as previously planned and communicated to HS, RCP, Government (RRRCs office) and other relevant authorities. To avoid disruption in the delivery of nutrition services to children and women due to the ongoing and unresolved integration issues, the SAG recommended that Nutrition services should continue being delivered using the current model (in INFs) until December 2026 while pursuing feasible and revised road map for integration.

Discussions on OCHA funding:

- The US Government will provide funding (confirmed to be about US\$145.5) through UN OCHA for life-saving interventions (P1 as per 2026 JRP prioritization), with a maximum implementation period of six months (March to August 2026) and no possibility of extension. This means that the funding is time-bound and requires high-compliance, rapid absorption and disciplined implementation.
- UNOCHA has met with all Sector Coordinators and had discussions including its objectives, indicative funding envelope, timeline, and the expected number of partners to be supported mainly UN and NGOs that are prequalified by OCHA.
- Under the Nutrition Sector, appealing partners UNICEF, WFP and Concern World Wide submitted their funding gaps and budgets and are expected to receive allocations from this funding to support the P1 JRP 2026 activities. The NS is still waiting on the next course of action and will keep WFP, UNICEF and CWW updated on any developments.

Action points:

Action point	Focal point/agency	Timeline
The NS will conduct rapid verification visits to the 25 PHCs (including the 7 that could integrate BSFP) that are reported ready by the HS using a standard checklist	NS members	By 10 th March 2026
A clear and revised roadmap with milestones for integration into PHCs (wasting treatment and prevention) be developed	SAG members	TBD
Continue with implementation of nutrition services using the existing INF modality until December 2026 to avoid disruption of services while waiting for the pending issues to be resolved and further guidance.	SAG members	December 2026
The NS Coordinator will provide formal feedback to UNRC and UNRR regarding the status of integration of nutrition into PHCs based on the assessment and verification findings and any other available information.	NS Coordinator	TBD

Annex 1: List of Participants

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