

# NS COORDINATION MEETING

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## Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anjuman Tahmina Ferdous, OiC Nutrition Sector Coordinator

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

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

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced with OiC Anjuman Tahmina Ferdous welcoming participants to the Nutrition Sector Coordination Meeting on 30 March 2026, followed by a brief introduction and transition to the main agenda.

### Agenda

1. Reviewing action points from the previous meeting
2. Nutrition Sector Update
  - ✓ Update on H/N integration
  - ✓ Update on OCHA funding
3. IM Update
4. Update from the cross-cutting focal points (if any)
5. New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)
6. AOB
  - ✓ SAG membership
  - ✓ NS bulletin Q1 2026
  - ✓ RCP reporting requirement- 4W reporting and Bhasanchar log frame harmonization

### 1. Reviewing the action points from the previous meeting:

SL	Action points	Focal point	Timeline	Status
1	To share a table summarizing the overall JRP funding status and budget ceilings.	NS	2026	Completed
2	To share all relevant Health and Nutrition operation guidelines once they are received from the three working groups.	H&N Service CHN TWG Supply	ASAP	Waiting for a response from working groups
3	To circulate the PHC feasibility assessment findings to NS partners for review once received from the Health Sector.	NS/Health Sector	ASAP	Presented to NS
4	To convene a meeting on micro-planning and ensure necessary follow-up actions are implemented after the election preparedness activities.	CMAM Task Forced	4 <sup>th</sup> week of January 2026	Completed

### 2. Nutrition Sector Update

#### Update on H/N integration

- Findings from the PHC feasibility assessment were shared with Nutrition Sector (NS) partners. Teams were assigned to specific camps to verify whether the findings align with NS requirements for quality service delivery through health facilities.
- Partners requested additional time to conduct a more comprehensive verification and suggested involving the Health Sector in the process
- The NS Coordinator emphasized that verification of the findings is essential to strengthen advocacy for NS requirements in health facilities.

- NS will hold a follow-up meeting with partners to review the verification checklist in detail, agree on a submission timeline, and update the Health Sector on the assessment process and H/N integration developments.

### Update on OCHA Funding

- The USG UNOCHA will provide approximately US\$145.5 million for life-saving P1 interventions under the 2026 JRP, with a maximum six-month implementation period and no extension, requiring rapid and compliant implementation.
- OCHA has already met with Sector Coordinators to discuss the funding objectives, indicative envelopes, timeline, and expected partner coverage, focusing mainly on UN agencies and appealing partners.
- Under the Nutrition Sector, UNICEF, WFP, and Concern Worldwide have submitted proposal and are expected to receive allocations to support P1 JRP 2026 activities. NS is awaiting further guidance and will keep the appealing partners updated.
- A concern was raised regarding the monthly reporting timeline, as OCHA reporting is due by the 7th of each month, while implementing partners currently submit by the 5th, leaving limited time for consolidation. The NS Coordinator advised appealing partners to discuss this bilaterally with donors after agreement finalization, and NS may further engage with implementing partners if needed.

### 3. Key IM update as of February 2026

**Coverage (Feb 2026):** 13% of SAM, 12% of SAM inpatient, 13% of MAM U5, and 15% of MAM PLW reached against revised 2026 targets.

**Admission trends:** Overall admissions decreased by 2% for both SAM and MAM in 2026 compared to Jan–Feb 2025, while MAM PLW admissions increased by 18%.

**SC admissions:** Declined significantly by 62% compared to the same period in 2025. Key challenges include:

- Refusal of admission for <6 months infants with complications, indicating the need for orientation on updated protocols.
- Transport and referral delays (2–3 hours), coordination gaps, and linkage challenges, reducing caregiver willingness to seek SC services.
- Temporary closure of INFs (two weeks in February) due to elections, affecting active case finding, one partner reported.
- Refusal of SC admission for OTP-enrolled SAM cases transitioning to MAM with complications; protocol review and harmonization with Health Sector partners is required. Pending this, such cases should continue to be referred to health facilities for complication management.

**IM Update Presentation-** [Link](#)

### 4. Update from the cross-cutting focal points (If any)

**Update from PSEA focal:** The Cox's Bazar PSEA Network has been rolling out PSEA ToT for Rohingya volunteers since November 2025 across camps. During the latest PSEA coordination meeting, it was noted that some enlisted volunteers did not attend the scheduled sessions. The PSEA Focal Point requested partners to ensure the attendance of nominated volunteers in future training.

### 5. New Initiatives/challenges (Partners update)

- **SHED** reported rising facility rental costs, with landowners of three sites issuing eviction notices unless rents are increased. SHED is coordinating with the CiC Office and requested NS to liaise with RRRC. The NS Coordinator also encouraged UN partners to support resolution efforts.
- **Measles update:** Partners requested an update; the NS Coordinator confirmed that no cases have been officially reported to date and will share updates as they become available.

- **INF funding:** GK informed that INFs in Camps 21, 24, and 26, previously funded by UNICEF-WFP, will be supported by Concern-WFP from April 2026.
- **Overcrowding (Camp 10):** Friendship raised concerns following the closure of one INF. Prior to the closure, it was proposed to share some blocks of Camp 10 with Camp 9 (Site 2) to ensure manageable coverage. However, the proposal was not approved, and one INF was subsequently closed. As a result, the remaining INF has become consistently overcrowded. Given the limited space and the responsibility to cover the entire Camp 10, service delivery has become challenging. Friendship requested a review of the block-sharing arrangement to ensure effective service delivery. In response, the NS Coordinator proposed a bilateral meeting to address the issue.
- **Survey planning:** Concern Worldwide expressed interest in supporting future nutrition surveys. The NS IMO noted that surveys are typically conducted in Nov–Dec; planning has not yet started, but the 2026 JRP includes a budget. Concern will be engaged in the process.

## 6. AOB

- **SAG membership:** The NS Coordinator informed that current SAG membership will expire in Q1 2026, with elections for the next term planned for Q2 2026.
- **NS Bulletin (Q1 2026):** Partners are requested to share success stories, key events, and updates by 7 April 2026 for inclusion.
- **RCP reporting (4W) & log frame harmonization:** RCP is transitioning from 3W to 4W reporting and harmonizing indicators across Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar. A working session with the AIM Taskforce was scheduled on 31 March 2026 to finalize the template and indicators.
- **LNS-MQ introduction:** WFP confirmed sufficient stock, with rollout expected in early May 2026. April will focus on beneficiary sensitization.
- **Bhasanchar Nutrition Program:** UNHCR will phase out support for operational costs after June 2026 and encouraged partners to consider filling the gap.
- **Deworming campaign (R1):** Postponed due to Ramadan and Eid. UNICEF requested partners to propose feasible weeks in April; NS IMO will follow up.

## Summary Action Points

Action Points	Focal Point/Agency	Timeline
Convene an orientation session on the PHC verification checklist and agree on submission timelines	NS	ASAP
Review SC management protocol for OTP-enrolled SAM cases transitioning to MAM with complications and disseminate guidance	NS / CMAM Taskforce	ASAP
Liaise with RRRC on SHED's facility rental cost issue	NS	ASAP
Share measles outbreak updates with partners as available	NS	ASAP
Hold a bilateral meeting on block sharing between Camps 9 and 10	UNICEF, WFP, Friendship, SHED	ASAP
Submit inputs (success stories, events, updates) for NS Bulletin Q1 2026	NS Partners	7 April 2026
Organize AIM Taskforce session to finalize 4W template and indicator harmonization (Cox's Bazar & Bhasanchar)	NS IMO	31 March 2026
Follow up with partners to confirm feasible timing for April 2026 deworming campaign	NS IMO	ASAP

**Closure:** Nutrition Sector is grateful to all nutrition partners for their active participation and valuable contributions. Next meeting will be held on last week of April 2026 from 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM.

### Annex 1:

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