

AIM Taskforce meeting

10 May 2026, 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, NS coordination meeting room

Meeting minutes- Final

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Agenda

1. Discussion on 2026 nutrition survey in Cox's Bazar camps.

Welcome and introductions

Md. Ashikulla welcomed all the participants to the Nutrition Sector AIM Taskforce meeting on 10 May 2026. Representatives from all the organizations participated in the meeting. Following a brief introduction, the meeting started.

1. Discussion on 2026 nutrition survey in Cox's Bazar camps.

The objective of the meeting was shared with the participants. During the April 2026 NS Coordination Meeting, it was discussed that a Nutrition Survey had not been conducted in 2025 in anticipation of the availability of MICS data. Although the MICS data is now available, it has not yet been validated by the Government. Therefore, to support evidence-based planning for 2027, the Nutrition Sector (NS) is planning to conduct a Nutrition Survey in 2026. Following the discussion, the AIM Taskforce was reactivated during the NS Coordination Meeting and requested to initiate the planning process. As part of this initiation process, this meeting is convened. The following key points were discussed-

- ✓ **Methodology:** Members discussed potential survey methodologies, including SMART Plus, SMART, and SENS. Considering the time constraints and the type of data required, members agreed that an integrated SMART survey methodology would be most appropriate. As SMART Plus would require a longer implementation period, it was not considered feasible within the available timeline. Considering the ongoing measles outbreak, participants also emphasized the need to consider an adapted survey methodology.
- ✓ **Indicators:** It was agreed that only the minimum required indicators would be included in the survey. A separate meeting will be convened for detailed discussion on the indicators. Suggestions were made to incorporate a limited number of qualitative questionnaires to help triangulate variations observed between different survey findings. However, members discussed and agreed that variations between surveys cannot be adequately explained through a few qualitative questions and that only a comprehensive causal analysis would be appropriate for such interpretation, which had already been conducted in 2025. Therefore, inclusion of qualitative questionnaires was not recommended. To support triangulation and validation of findings, data from surveys conducted by other sectors will also be reviewed.
- ✓ **Workplan and timeline:** The Taskforce highlighted that the optimal period for data collection would be June–July 2026. Based on this timeframe, a detailed workplan and timeline were drafted in consultation with Taskforce members.

- ✓ **Technical Support:** The NS will communicate with the GNC to seek technical support for the survey. ACF has already initiated communication with the regional SMART team. During communication with GNC, nutrition sector will include the regional SMART team in the correspondence. ACF will also share previous survey-related communications with both the AIM taskforce and the NS. The Taskforce will inform the NS regarding the timeline for these communications.
- ✓ **Budget:** All appealing partners specially UNICEF, WFP and CONCERN within the Nutrition Sector expressed their willingness to provide both technical and financial support for the survey. The draft survey budget was reviewed by the members. The estimated budget requirement is approximately USD 59,000 if technical support from GNC is provided on a non-budgetary basis. Otherwise, the estimated budget would be approximately USD 80,000.
- ✓ **Implementation modality:** The implementation modality for the survey/ protocol development will be discussed and finalized in a separate meeting. However, members agreed that channelling all available survey funds through a single agency would help reduce operational challenges and minimize lengthy coordination processes.
- ✓ **Approval Process:** Approval from IPHN, RRRC, and the Civil Surgeon's Office will be required, and the approval process should be facilitated by June 2026. ACF will support for the approval from IPHN and NS will facilitate the approval process for RRRC and CS.

Action points:

Action points	Focal point/agency	Timeline
To convene a meeting to finalize survey indicators and protocol	AIM Taskforce	ASAP
To communicate with the GNC to seek technical support for the survey, while looping in the regional SMART team in the correspondence	NS and Taskforce	ASAP
To share previous survey-related communications between ACF and the regional SMART team with NS and Taskforce	ACF	ASAP
To inform NS regarding the timeline to establish communication with GNC	Taskforce	ASAP
To facilitate the required approval process for the survey	ACF and NS	June 2026

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