

## Rakhine State Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting

**Date:** 08/04/2015  
**Venue:** Rakhine State Health Department, Sittwe  
**Time:** 02:00- 04.00h  
**Meeting Chair:** Deputy State Health Director  
**Participating agencies:** SHD, MHAA, UNICEF, WHO, SCI, SRNT, ACF, WFP, MNMA

| No. | Agenda  | Time       | Who                            |
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| 1.  | Introduction  | 10 minutes | Meeting chair/all participants |
| 2.  | Review of minutes of previous meeting (25 March 2015)             | 10 minutes | Meeting chair/all participants |
| 3.  | Agency Updates on new activities, challenges, information sharing | 15 minutes | All agencies                   |
|     | Updates on Vitamin A supplementation and deworming campaign       | 15 minutes | SRNT                           |
| 4.  | Nutrition Sector contingency planning 2015                        | 15 minutes | UNICEF                         |
| 5.  | Updates from IYCF working group                                   | 15 minutes | SC                             |
| 6.  | AOB   | 10 minutes | All participants               |

| Agenda Item   | Discussion Points   | Action Point/Status  | Timeline / Date   |
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| 1. Introduction                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was well attended; all members present introduced themselves.</li> </ul>   | All participants   |   |
| 2. Review of minutes of previous meeting (25.03.2015) | <p>Sector members reviewed the status of action points from previous meeting and updates provided as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF to liaise with SRNT to get the amount of Vitamin A and deworming supplies used for the campaign once all the reports from townships have received and also discuss in today's meeting.</li> <li>Nutrition response strategy/work plan with inputs from Rakhine nutrition sub-sector to be developed in coming weeks under the coordination of the national nutrition sector coordinator.</li> <li>Programme Cooperation Agreement between UNICEF and 2 organizations (MHAA, ACF) is being fast tracked to avoid gaps in services.</li> <li>SCI to update on progress of VAS activities in Pauk Taw Township.</li> <li>ACF to provide VAS/deworming data and supplies received from Sittwe THD on completion of activities.</li> <li>ACF to follow up on MOU for screening with SCI.</li> <li>SRNT to share Vitamin A supplementation (VAS) and deworming coverage data and amount of supplies used with sub sector members.</li> <li>SCI to coordinate with MHAA and MSF to avoid overlaps of the referral services.</li> <li>Following the gap created by the temporary pause with MHAA interventions due to the interruption between the previous PCA and the next one, UNICEF, MHAA and WFP will discuss the nutrition situation of malnourished children and referrals with a view to finding a way of filling the gap for new admission in April.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ongoing:</b> SRNT is still collecting the reports from the townships and the data/ supplies updates will be ready by 30 April 2015.</li> <li><b>Ongoing</b></li> <li><b>Ongoing</b></li> <li><b>Ongoing:</b> Vitamin A and deworming activities were already accomplished in Sin Tet Maw and Kyein Ni Pyin camps and TMO will let SCI know the available dates for same activities in Ah Nauk Ywe and Hnget Chaung IDP camps. Deputy SHD recommended the activities to be completed before the rainy season. The State Health Department will coordinate with Pauk Taw TMO for the activity and SCI will follow up.</li> <li><b>Done/ongoing:</b> ACF have already shared the data with SHD/SRNT and UNICEF and reporting on supplies received is ongoing.</li> <li><b>On-track:</b></li> <li><b>Ongoing:</b> Coverage data being compiled.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> SCI focal persons in camps are coordinating with SC camp-based staff and MSF camp-based staff to avoid overlapping in referral.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> WFP, MHAA and UNICEF met on 26.03.2015 in WFP office and concluded that there will be no major gaps since MHAA have already done a distribution of SFP food up to end of April. The main concern will be that of new cases of acute malnutrition coming up. It is hoped that the PCA between UNICEF and MHAA will be in place beginning of May.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> Rathedaung SMART survey report already shared.</li> <li><b>Done</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 30.04.2015</li> <li>By May/June 2015</li> <li>By 22.04.2015</li> <li>By 22.04.2015</li> </ol> |

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|  | <p>10. ACF to share the final SMART survey report with members.</p> <p>11. MNMA to get the medical supplies and equipment from UNICEF as per the PCA with UNICEF.</p> <p>12. Partners to provide input to the NIS report for ownership.</p> <p>13. IYCF technical working group to meet on 30. 03.2015 and among other discussions plan for the training on feeding of non- breastfed infants less than 6 months.</p> <p>14. Partners to provide NIS March 2015 data earlier than before to allow for accurate reporting in the HRP monitoring framework.</p> <p>15. UNICEF/WHO to follow up on coordination in Maungdaw with SHD and update sector members</p>  | <p><b>12. Expected to start:</b> currently only ACF inputs into the report.</p> <p>13. <b>Done:</b> IYCF TWF meeting conducted on 30.03.2015 and SC plans a training on BMS code of marketing in Sittwe in June 2015 with the support from SC Yangon Office</p> <p>14. <b>Done</b></p> <p>15. <b>Done:</b> Deputy SHD clearly stated that Rakhine State level Health and Nutrition sectors coordination meetings will be held in Sittwe and one representative from Maungdaw could attend the meeting to share updates. District Level Health Sector meeting (including Nutrition) will be held in Maungdaw on bimonthly basis. SHD or Deputy SHD will chair the meeting depending on their availability. If they are not available, TMO will be instructed to chair the meeting.</p> |                                       |
| <p><b>3.</b> Agency Updates on new activities, challenges, information sharing</p> | <p><b>SCI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During Water festival, most of the staff are away from Sittwe and camp-based staff will perform routine activities; for instance screening, IYCF counselling, home visit and referral will continue in Sittwe and Pauktaw camps.</li> </ul> <p><b>MHAA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHAA Health and Nutrition activities have already been completed as of 21 March 2015. For the time being, emergency referral support remains functioning in 6 townships. There is no overlapping in emergency referral service between MHAA and ICRC due to different geographical coverage by the respective organization.</li> </ul> <p><b>UNICEF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF is leading Nutrition Sector contingency planning for 2015 and needs inputs from the sector partners.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners to provide their inputs into the contingency plan as requested.</li> </ul>  | <p>Before next bi-monthly meeting</p> |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WFP conducted training to implementing partners to understand and emphasize on the nutritional values of food. There will be a follow up meeting in next month.</li> <li>Government is going to conduct the household survey to determine proper IDPs and thereby correct numbers of IDPs will be available and this will minimize commodity wastage.</li> </ul> <p><b>MNMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MNMA will temporarily suspend their activities during the water festival and resume later.</li> </ul> <p><b>SRNT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRNT is collecting VAS and deworming report from the township health departments. Five townships do not send the reports yet.</li> <li>Nutrition partners need to share the VAS reports with SHD and SRNT. SRNT has received report from MHAA only.</li> <li>Target for VAS is very low in some Sittwe IDP camps and incredible percentage coverage attained. Hence partners should set the reasonable and realistic targets based on last year achievement.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRNT to share vitamin A and deworming coverage data once this is compiled.</li> </ul> <p><b>Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCI and ACF to share vitamin A /De-worming reports with SRNT</li> </ul> | <p>Within the next one month.</p> <p>By 10.04.2015</p> |
| <p>4. Nutrition Sector contingency planning 2015</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutrition sector is updating Contingency Response Plan 2015 (CRP) and partners were requested to provide inputs in the format to be incorporated in combine Nutrition sector CRP.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide input into the Nutrition CRP 2015.</li> </ul>   | <p>By 10.4. 2015</p>                                   |
| <p>5. Updates from IYCF working group</p>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCI shared the updates from IYCF working group as follows:<br/>-Identification of 0-6 month children with Severe Acute malnutrition; SCI consultant will share WHO guideline on this.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>SCI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To share the WHO guidelines on identification of children 0-6 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition.</li> </ul>   | <p>By 22.04.2015</p>                                   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral pathway was devised in Sittwe and Pauktaw and patients will be sent to Sittwe General Hospital.</li> <li>SCI will conduct BMS code of marketing training in June 2015.</li> </ul>  |   |                             |
| <p><b>AOB</b><br/>-Deputy SHD recommendations and comments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 8 UN/INGOs (SHD/SRNT, MNMA, MHAA, SC, ACF, UNICEF, WFP, WHO) working in the area of nutrition response in Rakhine State and at least 5 organizations should be present to form a quorum for the nutrition sector meeting to be held.</li> <li>A single organization should not miss 3 consecutive meetings.</li> <li>Absence with apology is appreciated and members can send updates for sharing with other sector members.</li> <li>If less than 5 organizations are present, the nutrition sector meeting will not convene on that very day.</li> <li>Extension of contractual agreements between organizations should be prepared way in advance of expiry to avoid unnecessary gaps in service provision and for sustainability.</li> <li>Meeting on Health Emergency Response Plan will be conducted in Sittwe either on 30.04.2015 or 02.05 2015 and nutrition sector partners will be invited.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutrition sector members to plan to attend the Health Emergency response planning meeting</li> </ul> | <p>Date to be confirmed</p> |

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**Next Nutrition Sector meeting: 24 April 2015(UNICEF Field Office, Sittwe)**