

## Rakhine State Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting

**Date:** 21/7/2015  
**Venue:** UNICEF Filed Office, Sittwe  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Chair:** UNICEF  
**Participating agencies:** MHAA, UNICEF, SCI, MNMA, ACF attended.  
 WFP and WHO were absent.

No.	Agenda	Time	Who
1.	Introduction	10 minutes	Meeting chair/ all participants
2.	Review of minutes of previous meeting (7 July2015)	10 minutes	Meeting chair/ all participants
3.	Agency Updates on new activities, challenges, information sharing	20 minutes	All agencies
4.	Increased SAM caseload in OTPs	15 minutes	All participants
5.	School nutrition programme	20 minutes	All participants
6.	AOB	15 minutes	All participants

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Point / Status	Timeline / Date
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 (7.7.2015)	<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>SCI has to submit official request letter to SHD (if M o U is with MoH) for renovation of the centres.</li> <li>UNICEF to follow up with YCSD section on supply provision to MNMA and MHAA.</li> <li>UNICEF to share draft NIS (May 2015) to partners for inputs.</li> <li>To discuss school nutrition programme again in next sector meeting on 21 July 2015.</li> <li>UNICEF to share 3 W for July update.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Done:</b> SCI already submitted quarterly report and plan to Department of Social Welfare.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> UNICEF Filed Office communicated with YCSD and the latter will send the bulky items by road and lighter one by air soon to Rakhine.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> UNICEF already shared the draft analysis on 7 July 2015.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> Put in today's agenda for discussion.</li> <li><b>Done:</b> UNICEF shared the 3 W matrix to partners for updates and received inputs for July 2015 from them.</li> </ol>	
3. Agency Updates on new activities, challenges, information sharing	<p><b>SCI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine activities are ongoing in Sittwe and Pauktaw townships.</li> <li>SCI will support School Health Programme (Nutrition) focusing on Vitamin A, deworming and Vitamin B1 topics and targeting 500 students in 5-6 NFE schools and 1 middle schools in Thet Kel Pyin in the last week of July 2015</li> <li>In collaboration with ACF, SCI conducted Monitoring of Marketing of Formulated BMS training in Thet Kel Pyin SCI office from 8-10 July 2015. 14 staff each from SCI and ACF participated in this training.</li> <li>Monthly referral cross check was usually done with ACF and SCI.</li> <li>390 sachets of Re So Mal were provided to ACF in Maungdaw.</li> <li>SCI has funding constraints for the period October-December 2015 and plan to reduce number of camp-based staff and volunteers effective from 15 August but will manage not to affect existing activities.</li> </ul>		

	<p><b>MHAA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHAA recently opened new OTPs in Byine Phyu, Shwe Pyi Thar and Kyay Taw villages in Sittwe rural areas.</li> <li>• MHAA in collaboration with SCI and ACF conducted training on basic concepts of Acute malnutrition and anthropometric measurement for camp-based staff and volunteers last month in Thet Kel Pyin.</li> <li>• MHAA MAM project supported by WFP will be completed in July 2015 but new proposal was submitted to WFP for the period Aug-Dec 2015.</li> <li>• On 16-17 July 2015, MHAA jointly monitored health and nutrition activities with UNICEF and MNMA in Kyauk Taw IDP camps. MHAA and UNICEF also conducted brief training on causes and types of malnutrition, components of IMAM, anthropometric measurement, DHF and communication with community to MHAA and MNMA staff from Kyauk Taw, Mrauk-U and Minbya townships.</li> <li>• MHAA has defaulters in both SAM and MAM programmes in Kyauk Taw and Minbya due to movement of IDP to other places far away from their place of origin.</li> <li>• MHAA faces security concern and bad weather as challenges.</li> </ul> <p><b>UNICEF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myanmar Quarterly Monitoring report for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was drafted and shared with partners.</li> <li>• UNICEF PCA with SCI will be approved in coming weeks.</li> <li>• Nutrition sector funding sought from CERF and ERF (for NGOs)</li> <li>• Nutrition sector strategy 1<sup>st</sup> draft has been shared already and National nutrition Sector Coordinator will prepare 2<sup>nd</sup> draft with partners' inputs.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 7 OTPs and 7 distribution points in Sittwe rural area. SAM new admission is continuously increasing in Sittwe compared to May, June with July 2015. In May, SAM admission was higher than before and ACF primarily thought</li> </ul>		
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	<p>that over-five year SAM admission will be reduced in coming months but in June, it is higher than previous months. (24% of total admissions are over-five year old children) and this increase affect RUTF distribution. ACF will conduct a small internal survey to understand the evolution of MHCP and nutritional conditions..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass screening report shared last week indicated higher SAM in urban Rakhine areas.</li> <li>• Follow up for the referral cases to MHAA regularly done. ACF will train mothers to take MUAC during the follow up period to increase coverage and enhance community base learning process.</li> <li>• Sector to organize to meet Deputy SHD for establishment of Stabilization Centre in Sittwe rural. ACF also encourage partners for joint monitoring visits.</li> <li>• There are 2 stabilization centres, 8 OTPs and 11 distribution points and MHCP programme in Buthidaung and Maungdaw Townships. In OTPs, SAM admission keep increasing (including over 5) and to analyse to see the cause and ACF advocate UNICEF and donor to ensure quality of care in OTPs.</li> <li>• Additional OTP for Buthidaung Township required to provide treatment for over-five children (35% of total admission) if funding is secured.</li> <li>• ACF received authorization to open 1 new distribution point in Maungdaw and will open within next few months.</li> <li>• ACF will conduct SMART surveys in Maungdaw and Buthidaung in September and October 2015 respectively.</li> </ul> <p><b>MNMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine activities in 5 project townships are ongoing as usual.</li> <li>• MNMA helped arranged the nutrition and DHF training conducted in Mrauk-U for MNMA and MHAA staff from Kyauk Taw, Mrauk-U and Minbya last week.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sector partners</b> To meet Deputy SHD for establishment of Stabilization Centre in Thet Kel Pyin in Sittwe.</p>	<p><b>Sector partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By 27 July 2015</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Increased SAM caseload in OTPs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In ACF programme in June 2015, 35% of SAM admission is over-five year in Buthidaung and in 6-59 month age group, the</li> </ul>		

	<p>same increase in admission observed in Maungdaw. There is 4-fold increase in Buthidaung in April, May and June on average. ACF shared the database with UNICEF and analysis will be done by ACF at the end of July to see the causes. UNICEF country office, regional office and HQ closely looked into it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACF accepts children over-five and ACF volunteers also take measurement to over-five. Communities in Buthidaung and Maungdaw disseminated this information among others.</li> <li>• In MHAA programme, no similar increase observed till now. No over-five admission in MHAA and SCI programmes.</li> </ul>		
<b>5. School nutrition programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sector members proposed joint effort to support SRNT of SHD for awareness raising session, food provision and if possible cooking demonstration in 2-3 schools per month.</li> </ul>		
<b>6. AOB</b>	<p><b><u>Vitamin A and Deworming campaign(UNICEF)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF organized partners to meet again in next week for planning on upcoming campaign in August.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Data collection(UNICEF)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To collect new comers only in IYCF counselling and MMN supplementation for Nutrition Information System.</li> <li>• UNICEF requested available nutrition programme database from SCI and MHAA for further analysis and partners agreed to provide it.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sector partners</b> To meet on 28 July 2015.</p> <p><b>SCI,MHAA</b> To provide database to UNICEF</p>	<p><b>Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By 28 July 2015</li> </ul> <p><b>SCI,MHAA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 July 2015</li> </ul>

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**Next Nutrition Sector meeting: 4 August 2015 (SHD meeting hall, Sittwe) 10:00 a. m**