

Minutes
Nutrition Sector Meeting (National level)

11 September 2015
Meeting room 3, UNICEF
14:00-16:00 hr.

Participating agencies: ACF, SCI, Plan, PACT and UNICEF

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow up on action points of last meeting 2. Presentation of UN REACH Initiative (Renewing Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition: a Joint UN Initiative of IFAD, FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Sector updates from partners – Rakhine/ Kachin/ floods 4. Presentation of recent SAM admission trend + discussion 5. AOB |
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Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Point
Follow up on action points of last meeting	No follow up action	
Presentation of UN REACH Initiative (Renewing Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REACH has a dual role: supporting the government & multi-stakeholder platform and the UN Network <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen national nutrition policies / action plans 2. Increase advocacy, awareness and consensus 3. Increase national capacity and expertise 4. Strengthen governance by increasing effectiveness and accountability 5. Co-facilitation of the UN Network together with the UNSCN 6. Provides support to the UN nutrition efforts in country ○ Discussion focused on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linkage between REACH and emergency 2. Type of advocacy 3. Role of CSO and NGO in REACH 	
Sector update from Rakhine / Kachin and Flood	<p>SCI: <i>Rakhine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Routine nutrition activities also include flood affected people 	

	<p><i>Flood response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participated in MIRA assessment ○ No specific nutrition activities but GFD and NFI distribution in SC townships of implementation. <p>Plan:</p> <p><i>Kachin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed comprehensive IYCF assessment covering 44 camps (with cluster sampling only 19 camps sampled) ○ Plan can conduct SMART survey in flood affected area in Kachin under current project with UNICEF. ○ NPM activities were conducted in camps in collaboration with State nutrition team (invited but could not join yet). <p><i>Flood response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No nutrition specific activity. <p>PACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distributed growth monitoring charts and IEC (mainly IYCF) material in 5 flood affected townships in Sagaing. ○ Continue food and hygiene kit distribution in same 5 townships. <p>ACF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared hard copy of anthropologic study which was conducted in Sittwe and Maungdaw District. These documents have already been shared at Rakhine level with the authorities as well with the NNC team. ○ Usual activity for Sittwe ○ SMART survey training is being conducted in Maungdaw Township and data collection will start in coming weeks. 1 MoH staff participated during 2 days of the training. SMART survey in Buthidaung will be conducted in October. ○ Increased SAM admission rate in August in Sittwe and Maungdaw Township. A reason for this is the fact that the population is looking for 	<p>UNICEF and Plan to discuss bilaterally</p>
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	<p>any kind of food assistance due to recent deterioration of the nutrition security situation.</p> <p><i>Flood response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WASH activities in Sittwe, Minbya, Buthidaung and Maungdaw ○ Double ration distribution to PLW and TFP follow up as well as protection ration for SAM children in Maungdaw District in order to mitigate the nutrition security deterioration. ○ TMO authorized to open new OTP in Maungdaw Township and it should start in November. 	
Presentation of recent SAM admission trend + discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the most severe humanitarian crises, older children and adults are likely to be affected, as well as infants and young children (GAM higher than 20% in Maungdaw/ 8% in Sittwe/ 11% in Pauktaw). ○ No major change/shock has been observed in the nutrition security of the townships concerned in these first six month of the year. ○ The switch of admission criteria (WHO standard) is the main reason for such increase of children above 59 months years old. ○ Flooding in Rakhine State in June/July will impact on agricultural output with a likely deterioration of nutritional status of the entire population before the end of the year. ○ Taking into consideration the high level of GAM and SAM, the inclusion of children above 59 months in nutrition program is needed and should be considered as a life-saving humanitarian intervention. 	Partners agree that there is a need to treat SAM children >59 months. Follow up discussion should take place before discussion/meeting with NNC.
AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNICEF and WFP submitted a combined CERF proposal for SAM and MAM treatment in northern Rakhine State. ○ Malteser and SCI submitted ERF proposals. ○ A second draft nutrition guide/strategy will be shared with partners for inputs in the coming weeks. ○ Partners agreed on the need to have a positioning paper related to the response to the recent flooding/landslides. The floods/landslides will likely have a long term impact on nutrition security of vulnerable populations. A draft will be shared with partners for input. 	

Next sector meeting (tentatively): 23.10.2015, 14:00 at UNICEF, Yangon Office