

**Minutes**  
**Nutrition Sector Meeting (National level)**

19 March 2015

Meeting room 1, UNICEF

14:00-16:00 hr.

**Participating agencies:** ACF, Plan, SCUK, MHAA and UNICEF

**Agenda**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow up on action points of last meeting</li> <li>2. HRP periodic monitoring (Q1)</li> <li>3. Sector updates from Rakhine</li> <li>4. Sector updates from Kachin</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Presentation of Rakhine State nutrition information (January) and follow up on recommendations.</li> <li>6. AOB</li> </ol> |
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| Agenda Item                                | Discussion Points  | Action Point   |
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| Follow up on action points of last meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SCUK to share assessment on income generation opportunity for Kachin and Northern Shan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not yet shared</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Combined health and nutrition coordination meetings in northern Rakhine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ District level Health Sector meeting will be conducted bi-monthly in Maungdaw led by SHD or Deputy SHD himself if available. If not available, they will instruct TMOs to chair the meeting. The bi-monthly meeting will include Nutrition Sector but will be called District Health Sector meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Funding updates should be provided to sector coordinator, e.g. to track progress against 2015 HRP sector requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was suggested to remove funding updates as a fixed agenda item as updates are rarely provided through meetings. Donor contributions are usually captured by the Financial Tracking System.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>To be shared by SCUK</p> <p>Sector partners may share updates at any time; sector coordinator to consult with partners when funding updates are required for tracking progress against 2015 HRP requirements.</p> |
| HRP periodic monitoring (Q1)               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First quarterly monitoring report to be finalized by 8 April</li> <li>● Nutrition sector to report on progress against targets under the three indicators in the HRP</li> </ul>   | Sector coordinator to circulate reporting form in order for partners to provide input  |

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|                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on sector challenges in Q1 (overall and per indicator) and indicate measures taken to mitigate challenges and if HCT support is needed</li> <li>• OCHA will produce a dashboard for quarterly monitoring and tracking of progress for all sectors/clusters</li> </ul>   |   |
| Sector updates from Rakhine | <p><u>MHAA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UNICEF to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Draft PCA proposal will be submitted shortly.</li> </ul> <p><u>SCUK</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 grants will expire by the end of March (out of 5); fundraising is ongoing</li> <li>• ECHO donor visit in Sittwe and Pauktaw on 16-17 March (IYCF, OTP, ANC activities observed)</li> <li>• SMART and SQUEAC surveys finalized. Both GAM rate and OTP coverage are lower than in previous surveys, but not significantly.</li> <li>• Video production ongoing which focuses on IYCF, OTP, ANC – for both communities.</li> </ul>  | SCUK to share survey reports when finalized |
| Sector updates from Kachin  | <p><u>SCUK</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KAP was planned to be conducted in March, but has been postponed due to security concerns.</li> <li>• Key IYCF indicators will be assessed using the IYCF assessment tool from WHO. A barrier tool will also be used.</li> <li>• Programme activities were on stand-by for two weeks due to security concerns but all activities have now resumed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing training for SMART survey in selected townships. Survey was initially planned to be combined with a wider ProPAN survey, but this was cancelled due to withdrawal of survey consultant and security/TA problems. ProPAN is still planned but might be conducted at a smaller scale.</li> <li>• Plan has extended its project with UNICEF on GBV, Child Protection and Nutrition.</li> </ul> |   |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan is looking to expand nutrition activities (in particular stunting) in Kachin for both IDP and host populations, specifically through an MCH-Nutrition integrated project. Overall focus on promoting and ensuring nutrition sensitive programming.</li> <li>• Some overlapping activities of Plan and HPA. 3W mapping is useful but not specific enough.</li> <li>• The provision of micronutrients while fortified blended food is also being provided is not always clear.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF to review 3W format.</li> <li>• Plan and HPA to discuss overlapping activities.</li> <li>• UNICEF to clarify how micronutrients should be provided with/without fortified blended food.</li> </ul> |
| Presentation of Rakhine State nutrition information (January) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No presentation made at this meeting. Analysis has been shared for comments via email.</li> <li>• The monthly analysis in its current form is functional and a good source of information, but only relevant for technical people. The content could be adapted in order to share with a wider audience, including non-technical people.</li> <li>• Suggestion was made to simplify the analysis and provide a one-pager with key advocacy points. Advocacy points could be included in the analysis on a quarterly basis.</li> <li>• It was mentioned that a quarterly nutrition analysis from Kachin/north Shan would be useful (same frequency as coordination meetings)</li> </ul>  | <p>To decide in next sector meeting</p> <p>UNICEF to produce a quarterly analysis when sufficient data is available from partners</p>  |
| AoB   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCUK is using a newly developed IYCF-E toolkit.</li> <li>• Announcement of meeting between nutrition partners and ECHO on 20 March 2015</li> <li>• Announcement of HCT scenario planning exercise on Friday 20 March from 8:30 to 12:30 at UNICEF meeting room. The objectives include the development of a common understanding amongst HCT members on likely scenarios and identification of risks and required preparedness measures.</li> <li>• Development of Communications with Communities – messaging in emergencies; final workshop on 26 March (SLM from SCI participates). Meeting will focus on translation, testing messages with communities and final sign off. BBC Media Action will be hosting the workshop which will bring together key stakeholders to agree on the key messages for the community and understand how the different initiatives fit together in a response.</li> </ul> | <p>SCUK to share link or other information about IYCF-E toolkit.</p>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New UNICEF Health &amp; Nutrition Specialist (Ms. Aye Aye Khaine, <a href="mailto:akhaine@unicef.org">akhaine@unicef.org</a>) has joined Myitkyina office. She will support the coordination mechanism.</li></ul> |  |
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**Next sector meeting (tentatively): 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 14:00-16:00 at UNICEF, Yangon Office**