



June nutrition sub- sector meeting

23 June 2020, 13:30 to 15:30, State Health Department Meeting Hall

Meeting minutes

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing, State Health Director
2. Introduction of the participants and updates shared by partners (activities resumption plan)
3. Reviewing of action points from previous May meeting
4. Sharing of nutrition dashboard
5. Updates of Nutrition Promotion Month planning
6. Supply forecasting and quantification
7. Any Other Business (AOB)
8. Closing remarks by State Health Director
9. Next Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

1. Opening remarks

Rakhine State Health Director Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing addressed the opening remarks as follow:

- ❖ Thanked IPs for attending regularly the nutrition sub-sector meeting.
- ❖ Highlighted to coordinate with the respective Township Medical Officers- TMO and cooperate with Basic Health Staff- BHS if the letter of Travel Authorisation- TA is a barrier for the field implementations
- ❖ Stressed that the impact of COVID-19 will affect somehow on the program implementation thus some adaptations would be needed to continue or resumption and collaboration with BHS to be a continuum of care
- ❖ Suggested to the nutrition partners to follow-up periodically while they refer the detected malnourished children from the newly displaced sites to the nearest health facilities.
- ❖ Expressed the grateful thanks to the partners who supported for the relocation of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food- RUTF cartoons
- ❖ Suggested to consider the transportation delays and prepare the necessary forecasting of the nutritional supplies and storage capacity
- ❖ Highlighted to support IPs on the preparation works of MS-NPAN at the township level in close coordination with TMOs especially some townships needed more assistance



2. Introductions of the participants and updates shared by partners

State Nutrition Team- SNT

- Made a kind reminder to the nutrition partners to submit the monthly reports with the standardized template. Requested to submit with both soft and hard copies to be easily data entry
- Updated the accomplishment of deworming campaign activity at Sittwe and Pauktaw camps with the support of Save the Children International- SCI
- Highlighted that SNT could provide the MUAC tapes, Multi-micronutrient tablets, and Mebendazole (camps) if nutrition partners were able to distribute them at needy areas. Suggested to make a prior discussion with the SNT for further discussion with the NNC and supplies requisition to UNICEF
- Updated that the official letter has been issued for the relocations of RUTF to respective townships as it required for the supply movement and documentation process
- Updated that the preparatory meeting with partners for the Nutrition Promotion Weeks will be in July 2020

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit- GIZ

- Operating the nutrition activities through partners and self-implementation; both were suspended with the concern of COVID-19
- Supported for the new construction of 2 sub-rural health centre in Pauktaw Township. There was a bilateral discussion between Pauktaw TMO and GIZ to hand over the medical equipment and newly constructed SRHCs. The hand over process will be finished tentatively in the next month.
- With a target for the community, there is planning to set-up 5-hand washing stations at Sittwe and Pauktaw townships. Planning to support for the DHF related IECs
- Then, 5 sets of the sanitation tools kit (including agriculture hand hoe, spoon spade shovel, garbage bin) will be distributed at Sittwe, Pauktaw, and Kyauk Taw townships

World Food Program- WFP

- The BSFP distribution in May reached and benefitted for 25,000 (U-5) & 5,000 (PLW) at the camps, more than 2,200 (U-5) and 400 (PLW) at the new displacement sites
- Travel authorization for July is granted thus WFP's routine activities will be continuing
- Due to the impact of COVID-19, as the nutritional supplies need to be exported from the foreign countries, the arrival of nutritional supplies to Yangon and Rakhine was delayed thus WFP's Sittwe would able to release the supply rations to partners in the last week of June
- Nutrition supplies for the TB patients were distributed for 2 to 3 months (follow-up schedule) in accordance with the adapted emergency guideline and the guidance of the State Health Department
- Fortified rice for 2 months (June and July) will be distributed at Ahnuk Pyin and Nyaungpin Gyi villages in Rathedaung and Ahnauk Ywe and Nget Chaung camps in Pauktaw townships
- WFP and ACF are discussing for the application of TA for the continuation of ACF's nutrition services at Sittwe for the month of July.



Humanity and Inclusion- HI

- Screening of developmental delays and provision of the necessary supports at 3 IDP camps and 15 villages in Sittwe
- SAM with developmental delays had been followed up jointly with the ACF to the beneficiaries' houses
- Screening of developmental delays activity is continuing
- COVID-19 general messages have been disseminating through camp-based volunteers to the beneficiaries at the Sittwe's IDP camps

People In Need- PIN

- Set-up of the handwashing stations at the displacement sites in Mrauk-U is still ongoing
- Replenishment of water among newly displacement sites is ongoing based on requirement
- Sending of the COVID-19 related general messages to the targeted 52 villages and teleconsultation had been piloted and will be reviewed after one month later
- Planning to provide a MUAC measurement training to the volunteers for screening activity at the project areas
- PIN staff provided the basic nutrition training to their consortium staff

Action contre La Faim- ACF

- Due to the pending on the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with MoHS, TA challenges for continuing of the routine nutrition activities
- WFP will be applying July- TA for ACF's BSFP activities thus other nutrition activities could be resumed under that TA
- The offer letters had been provided to the selected candidates thus provision of technical backstopping to the ACCESS partners could be improved.
- With the guidance and collaboration of Sittwe's TMO, distribution of the nutrition supplies had been resuming in Sittwe through government health facilities and partners' mobile clinics

Relief International- RI

- In collaboration with BHS, the formation of Mother to Mother Support Group- MtMSG at 5- Rural Health Centres and maternal awareness sessions were provided in Mrauk-U
- Growth Monitoring Promotion and the nutrition awareness session at War Taung camp in Kyauk Taw was supported jointly with the BHS
- The maternal nutrition awareness session, primary health care services, screening of 6-59 month child, and referral supports were provided in Myebon. There is planning to do MtMSG session in July at Myebon
- Planning to continue the routine activities and distribution of healthy baby kits to new-born children at Myebon (Rakhine IDP camp and Taungpaw camp)

Save the Children International- SC

- Nutrition group activities were suspended temporarily in May



- Nutrition life-saving activities like MUAC screening, treatment of the Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children and referral, Ante-natal support services and referral of the high-risks pregnancy, Clean-deliver kits distribution were ongoing with IPC measures
- To date, the distribution of Blanket Supplementary Foods- BSFP for June has not started yet due to delays of supplies arrival to Rakhine. With the update of WFP, the BSFP distribution would be started in the last week of June
- Supported for the deworming campaign for Sittwe and Pauktaw camps.

International Organization for Migration- IOM

- With the Infection Prevention Control- IPC measures, the nutrition group activity like MtMSG is resuming in June
- Coordinating with the respective TMOs, immunization activity in Pauktaw and Dengue Haemorrhage Fever- DHF, and deworming activities in Sittwe were supported.

The Consortium of Dutch NGOs- CDN/ ZOA

- With the recommendation of the Coordination Committee- CC, the TA application along with the counterpart agriculture department letter will be submitted to the in this week
- With GIZ fund, piloting the provision of COVID-19 awareness session and installation of the handwashing station at Pin Lin Pyin and Tin Lay at Sittwe. Weekly monitoring will be followed on these activities.
- With other funds, setting-up of the handwashing stations, improving of the drainage system and distribution of hygiene kits were done at the newly displacement sites of the Kyauktaw township

International Rescue Committee- IRC

- In close coordination with TMOs, supported at the relocation of RUTF and nutrition-related activities (GMP, MtMSG-- etc) through basic health staff
- Planning to support for the establishment of the handwashing stations at 10 schools for a township

Myanmar Health Assistant Association- MHAA

- Nutrition activities under the food and nutrition security project are ongoing
- The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Project went well in the third week of June with an expansion of Rathedaung in the new agreement
- At the ACCESS coverage townships (mostly at southern part), the MtMSH activities were resumed with the guidance of TMOs
- Human and logistical resources were supported for the fever surveillance at activities of the Township Health Departments- THDs
- Supported to the THDs in the immunization activities at Sittwe, Mrauk-U, Minbya, and Myebon
- Health and Nutrition project extended to the end of December 2020 with increased new displacement sites. (126 villages and 59 sites in 9 townships)
- Deworming campaign at Sittwe was also supported



United Nations Children's Fund- UNICEF

- On 9 June, a joint field visit with the SNT was conducted to the Sin Tet Maw RHC at Pauktaw where IMAM and other nutrition related services were discussed with the BHS. Then, there was an opportunity to observe and learn the SCI's nutrition services at Sin Tet Maw camp and villages.
- Updated the online discussion at pre-meeting of the Nutrition Promotion Month- NPM (1 PM on 18 June) which was organized by the NNC with the engagement of the respective nutrition IPs, agencies, and fund management offices. Staff from the nutrition IPs- Rakhine were able to attend the meeting virtually.
- With the support of National Nutrition Centre and the organising of UNICEF, the online IMAM training will be organized in the early week of July which can be registered through the link and joined from the nutrition partners across Myanmar.

3. Review of the action points from the previous meeting

<i>Action point</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Status</i>
Meeting with State Nutrition Team- SNT & Implementing Partners-IPs for contribution of state-level MS-NPAN related workshops and meetings <small>*MS-NPAN- Multi Sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition</small>	SNT & UNICEF	<i>End of July</i>	Ongoing

4. Sharing of nutrition dashboard

UNICEF presented the progressive status of preventive and curative nutrition services in Myanmar and Rakhine. Explained that this dashboard includes a total reached population, funding requirement Vs gap, the achievement of the single nutrition activity, and quality of malnutrition program. This dashboard was visualized through the collection of monthly nutrition data from the implementing partners from Rakhine, Kachin, Shan states. In addition, the performance of SAM and MAM programs for Rakhine were also highlighted in this sharing.

5. Updates of Nutrition Promotion Month

There was a virtual preliminary meeting for the NPM activities on 18 June. With the leading of the NNC, this meeting was attended virtually from the represents from NGOs, INGOs, UN agencies, and FMO. Key discussions in this meeting were

- a) formation of NPM preparation committee and administrative procedures (approval request and instructions for state and region preparation and activities)
- b) confirmation of the main theme of NPM 2020 (***Invest in Nutrition; Join hands in building the nation***)



- c) weeks for 2020 NPM (**1st week- World breastfeeding week, 2nd week-U-5 and school children nutrition promotion week, 3rd week- PLW nutrition promotion week, 4th week- Iodine deficiency disorders elimination and Food fortification week**)
- d) Myanmar translation of 2020 theme of the World Breast Feeding Week (**Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet**),
- e) use of promotional items; provision of reusable cloth masks and face shield
- f) community mobilization through media broadly
- g) Seeking of IPs' contribution and ideas

6. Supply Forecasting and quantification

UNICEF shared briefly about the calculation and forecasting of the contingency stocks for the nutrition sector which relates to the multi-sectoral contingency plan for Rakhine. The nutrition contingency stocks in Rakhine include F-75, F-100, Resomal, RUTF, child and adult MUAC, multi-micronutrient tablets for PLW and powders for U-5 children, and some IEC pamphlets. As SHD indicated in the opening remarks, through leading of the SNT, a date will be specified for meeting with nutrition IPs for forecasting of required supplies, existing and gaps for further preparations and following actions as needed.

7. Any Other Business

- ❖ SHD suggested to the GIZ to keep the allocated budget for the MS-NPAN related costs within this year/ 2020 FY while GIZ asked the planning of the MS-NPAN coordination meeting
- ❖ Then, SHD discussed the transportation challenges of the supplies/ materials and requirements of the recommendation letter from the state security minister for this process. SHD expressed his willingness to support for the TA application process if IPs can provide the specific information (supply specifications, quantities, number of cars will be used, --etc)

<i>Action points</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
SHD asked WFP to submit the foods distribution report with photos at the displacement sites and camps	WFP	31 st of July Done
ACF's Maungdaw office to submit the monthly report with the simplified template to the SNT	ACF	31 st of July Done
Nutritional Supply forecasting and quantification	SNT, UNICEF and IPs	31 st of July Ongoing

8. Closing Remark

SHD expressed his grateful thanks to all IPs for attending the meeting regularly, close coordination, supportive collaboration when needed.



SHD encouraged IPs to prioritize and support for the new displacement people with arm conflicts especially at Kyauktaw, Mrauk- U and affected townships.

He updated the provision of Measles and Rubella- MR and oral Polio vaccination, Vit-A, and deworming campaign in June where measles cases were found at the Puktaw camps. At the same time in July, the second round MR and Polio vaccination will be continued with a lead of THD- Pauktaw and support of MSF, IOM, SCI, and MHAA.

SHD highlighted the importance of community-based volunteers for social mobilization and real-time reporting in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic period. He elaborated briefly for system set-up and strengthening for volunteers' registration, scaling-up plan, retention approach, and their role in the health and nutrition services. Volunteer registration could be started in early 2021 and its related works have been discussing and starting with the support of IPs, UN agencies, and respective funders.

9. Next nutrition sub-sector meeting schedule

July nutrition sub-sector meeting is tentatively planned to be held on the 20- 24 week of July. The nutrition IPs will be invited with the confirmed date and timing as always.



Nutrition sub-sector meeting conducted on 23 June 2020 at the State Health Department (credit- Zayar Hein Aung, UNICEF)



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