



## Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting, Sittwe, Rakhine

25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 15:30-17:00, State Health Department

### Meeting Minutes

**Chair:** Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing, State Health Director

**Deputy Chair:** Dr. Than Lwin Aung, Deputy State Health Director  
Dr. Khaing Hnin Wai, Assistant Director (State Nutrition Team)

### Agenda

1. Opening remarks by Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing (State Health Director)
2. Updates from Dr. Than Lwin Aung (Deputy State Health Director)
3. Updates from State Nutrition Team, Dr. Khine Hnin Wai (Assistant Director)
4. Introduction of the participants and updates, and operational concerns shared by the partners
5. Reviewing of the action points from previous September meeting
6. Any Other Business by Dr. Than Lwin Aung (Deputy State Health Director)
  - a. Nutrition Volunteer Training Curriculum Review
  - b. MS-NPAN ToT in Naypyitaw
  - c. Referral from nutrition implementing partners
7. Closing remarks by State Health Director
8. Next nutrition sub-sector meeting schedule (tentative)

#### 1. Opening remarks by Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing (State Health Director)

- State Health Director, Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing, welcomed all and thanks for attending the meeting. SHD expressed the Union Minister and MOHS commitment for nutrition activities in Rakhine during 22-23 October coordination meetings at Naypyitaw.
- SHD wanted to emphasize more on the defaulter and treatment failure among malnourished children and their referral system. Anaemia in pregnancy will be the prioritized activity and requested to support from partners. In addition, SHD mentioned about iodized salt consumption which is low in Rakhine. SHD also highlighted the interlinkages between personal hygiene, sanitation, behavioural change as well as good practices to improve nutritional status among vulnerable population through school health activities by developing health promoting schools in Rakhine in the future.
- SHD also informed about future activities of nutritional plan development in the State and showed his willingness to happen the concrete results at targeted areas in the future.

#### 2. Updates from Dr. Than Lwin Aung, Deputy State Health Director

- National nutrition promotion committee meeting was conducted in Naypyitaw
- Elucidated about state level nutrition promotion committee and its members
- UNICEF and ACF will be included in the committee
- Name of CSO will confirmed later
- Explained the ToR of committee and members



- The functions of the committee are:
  - To develop MS-NPAN for Rakhine State
  - To prioritize the nutritional activities in the State
  - To calculate the budget for the proposed activities
  - To monitor the implementing activities and provide feedback to central level
  - To conduct three-monthly meeting
- Working committee needs to form

### 3. Updates from SNT, Dr. Khine Hnin Wai (Assistant Director)

- Out of five main activities, SNT carried out in October were
  - Anaemia in pregnancy
    - SNT distributed supplementation tablets (Prenatal-180 table/bot) for pregnant women which covered about half of the targeted population in Rakhine.
    - Furamin BC tablets distribution to girls (pubertal) at schools (twice per week for 4 months)
    - micronutrient sprinkles distribution to 6-23 months
  - PEM
    - IMAM register books were distributed to all townships in Rakhine
    - IYCF & IMAM to newly appointed MWs & hospital staff with check-list
    - Nutrition session was included in township level supervisor training
  - Data collection of Vit-A and deworming were completed in NPM
  - Iodine test-kits were already ordered

### 4. Reviewing of the action points from previous meeting

<i>Action points</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
➤ GMP (Growth Monitoring Promotion) guideline to share to all nutrition IPs	SNT	Share together with October meeting minutes
➤ Nutrition IPs to share volunteer training curriculum	UNICEF	Completed (5 IPs shared)

### 5. Introduction of the participants and updates, and operational concerns shared by the partners

#### ACF

- Routine activities are on-going
- Mother-to-mother support group workshop will be conducted in November
- Quarterly meeting will be conducted in Thandwe if the budget is available
- At Thet Kel Pyin OTP, provides nutritional support to developmental delayed SAM children jointly with HI
- IYCF counselling will be done by emergency nutrition team in the future at OTPs



## **RI**

- RI was implementing mainly among Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw and Myaebon in October
- In Kyauktaw, maternal nutrition awareness session and cooking demonstration activities will be carried out in November
- In Myaebon, GMP and M2M sessions were supported.
- School health and cooking demonstration activities were on-going

## **HI**

- Joint one-day workshop with ACF was conducted
- Advocacy meetings with DSW and respective THDs/RHCs were carried out
- Explained about the future activities if the approval receives

## **IOM**

- Routine activities in 3 Townships; Pauktaw, Buthidaung, Maungdaw
- In Pauktaw,
  - 24 cIYCF awareness sessions were done by BHS and it's increasing after cIYCF training in Pauktaw
  - Mother support group training (3-day) will be carried out in next month
  - Other activities were on-going
- In Buthidaung,
  - Routine activities were on-going
  - IYCF training will be done during 2019 if possible
- In Maungdaw,
  - 19 cIYCF awareness sessions were done
  - GMP activity targets were reduced to compare with previous month
  - IMAM reporting format and register book were received and assisted to collect data

## **PIN**

- With MHF fund, food security activities (chicken distribution by two phases in each township) were started in Mrauk-U (6 villages) and Minbya (11 villages)

## **UNOPS**

- Supports to A2H partners in Rakhine
- ACF is delivering nutritional activities in Rakhine under A2H fund

## **GIZ**

- Six two-day facilitation workshops were done for 68 MWs and 65 final year MW students
- Wash in School will be started in first week of November among five targeted schools in Pauktaw
- GIZ Steering committee meeting will be carried out on 29 October
- Theatre play activities will be carried out at middle and high schools (11 in Pauktaw) possibly in November and December after Thazaungdaing festival. MN tablets will be distributed during that activities.

## **SCI**

- Routine activities were on-going at Sittwe and Pauktaw

## **UNICEF**

- UNICEF partners, MHAA and ACF nutritional activities were on-going
- MS-NPAN ToT will be carried out at Hotel Max in Naypyitaw on 29-31 October.



- Myanmar Nutrition Technical Network (NiE) meeting will be conducted in Yangon UNICEF office on 1 November. NNC will be attended in that event.

#### WFP

- MHAA, SCI and ACF partners routine activities were on-going.
- Defaulter rate is getting reduce because of post-rainy season. Increased in screening.
- About 250 TB patients received nutrition supports which worked with MHAA and which intended up to 1,000 patients
- Blanket food distribution to U5 (target: 23,000) and PLWs (target: 5,000)
- Fortified rice distribution to 11 Sittwe camps (400 mton/month)
- School feeding activities were on-going

#### MHAA

- In Buthidaung, volunteer training was carried out in October. Maungdaw and Rathedaung will be continued in November.
- Nutrition support to all TB patients in five townships of central Rakhine which will be started in November.
- MAM activities will be extended to Ratheaung (submitted on third week of September)
- Nutrition security activities with GIZ will be expended to 10 more villages in Sittwe

#### 6. Any Other Business

- Nutrition volunteer training curriculum (NIMU is updating national level one) by Dr. Than Lwin Aung
  - More details, please see in the attached PPT.
  - Master mentor trainings will be conducted in December 2019 & January 2020
  - Pre- & post-test will be developed (at least two pages)
- MS-NPAN ToT will be conducted at Naypyitaw (Hotel Max) from 29-31 October by Dr. Than Lwin Aung. Deputy SHD, SNT, UNICEF, ACF, SCI and WFP will join in that event.
- Invite nutrition partners to 26<sup>th</sup> referral meeting

#### 7. Closing remarks by SHD and next Nutrition Sub-Sector meeting schedule (tentative)

- SHD thanked again for active participation in the meeting and encouraged to get more concrete results in nutrition throughout Rakhine without discrimination and benefitting to all communities.

The next nutrition sub-sector meeting in October will be tentatively scheduled *on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (followed by Mother Support Group Meeting).*

#### Action Points

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➤ GMP (Growth Monitoring Promotion) guideline to share to all nutrition IPs	SNT/UNICEF	Together with October meeting minutes
➤ Nutrition Volunteer Training Guideline (first draft)	SNT/UNICEF/IPs	Before next meeting
➤ List of Volunteers to share	IPs	Before next meeting



## Participant Lists

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