



Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting, Sittwe, Rakhine

27 December 2019, 10:00-12:00, Rakhine State Health Department

Meeting Minutes

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

Deputy Chair: Dr. Khaing Hnin Wai, Assistant Director (State Nutrition Team)

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing, State Health Director
2. Updates by Dr. Khine Hnin Wai, Assistant Director (State Nutrition Team)
3. Reviewing of action points from previous December meeting
4. Introduction of the participants and updates shared by partners
5. Any Other Business (AOB)
 - a. Preparation of State level MS-NPAN
6. Closing remarks by State Health Director
7. Next Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

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

- The State Health Director- SHD, Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing acknowledged to the attending participants and appreciated IPs for their usual cooperation.
- Regarding state- level planning of MS- NPAN, SHD mentioned that the initial plan postponed to January 2020 and preparatory meeting with key focal of governmental departments and presentation to Township Medical Officers (TMOs) and learned to prepare the indicator definitions.
- SHD also suggested to have a pre-meeting with SNT and IPs (as a Core Group) to discuss some preparations and tasks allocation and continued consultation meeting with other departments to be a well-organized and smoother workshop
- SHD shared a given prioritization of Minister of Health & Sports on interventions of malnutrition in Rakhine and Shan states and Ayeyarwaddy region.
- SHD emphasized that there will be stressing on preventive measures of Anemia through the provision of iron and deworming tablets and boosting with Mother to Mother Support Group (MtMSG) activities in 2020. Besides, he shared a plan of school health activities; the selection of one school in each township for competition and rewarding (prefer resourceful school), provision of training to school teachers (initially 2 batches) and multiplication at the township level. In that school health activity, the following three basic activities will be undertaken to strengthen personal hygiene, promoting a healthy diet and food safety at schools.
- With the lesson learned of nutrition stand-alone intervention did not work, multi-sectoral interventions will be implemented thus SHD suggested IPs cooperate and support as needed. Minister of Health and Sports also reminded twice and repeated verbally the importance of nutrition operations in Rakhine.

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

- The State Nutrition Team shared that cIYCF training for BHS in Ponnagyun and Munaung was completed and Ann will be in January 2020.
- Distribution of Iodine test kits to Basic Health Staff for FY- Fascal Year 2020 (2 test kits per one BHS) had been done and mostly covered.



- Mebendazole tablets for Pregnant Women- PW had been distributed to BHS with targeting of over 60,000 PLW. BHS had been receiving for 28000 PW and the rest will be distributed after procuring with the budget of the state health department.

3. Reviewing of the action points from previous meeting

<i>Action points</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Status</i>
➤ Preparation of training PowerPoints for volunteer training by respective IPs	UNICEF	Done SNT will review and revise as necessary
➤ List of Volunteers to share by IPs	UNICEF/ SNT	Ongoing
➤ Sharing an output of MtMSG workshop	ACF	Done SHD and SNT are reviewing on that

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

World Food Program- WFP

- Routine activities were going well
- Defaulter rate in SAM follow up was significantly higher as 30% in comparison with other fascial years. In 2020, the cooking demonstration sessions on utilization of blended food with a variety of local vegetables will be initiated to adhere the MAM program
- Indicators and performance of the MAM program for under 5 children went well.
- Distribution of the fortified rice at camps were on-going as usual
- In November, 295 patients with Tuberculosis disease were benefitted with food and nutrition supports. Supporting of 1,007 TB patient across Rakhine state will be fully covered through MHAA after finishing the MOU process
- Report of WFP's performance review for FY 2019 will be submitted to the State Health Department in 2020 January tentatively
- Together with WFP and MHAA, there is planning to conduct BHS-lead cIYCF training for community volunteers in the first quarter of 2020 if respective governmental department approves

Humanity and Inclusion- HI

- Supported in celebration of state- level International Day of Person with Disabilities on 3rd December
- The Stimulation Physio Therapy- SPT training was delivered to ACF's staff at the Out-patient Therapeutic Program (OTP) centre Thet Kal Pyin camp
- In Dec 3-5, Disability and Inclusion- DI training was provided to ACF's team leaders who are working at OTP and Mental Health Care Practices at urban and rural settings
- Planning to meet with Sittwe's TMO for conducting a workshop

United Nations Children Fund- UNICEF

- Joint working with MHAA and ACF for health and nutrition interventions



- Supported in rolling out of Community Infant and Young Child Feeding (cIYCF) training for BHS at Ponnagyun
- Supported to SNT in preparatory meeting with the staff of governmental departments and TMOs

Action contre La Faim- ACF

- Routine activities (cooking demonstration, MtMSG) went well
- Training was on-going as usual under the grant of state health department
- A 3-day nutrition review workshop with two represents from each township (one nutrition focal and one HA as township representative) will be in January 2020 at Sittwe.
**SHD will confirm an available date to Dr. Khine Hnin Wai.
- Developing a form for nutritional supervision visit that will be discussed in MS-NPAN workshop for further consensus process

International Organization for Migration- IOM

- Supported and participated as facilitators for cIYCF training for BHS from 9-13 December in Buthidaung
- Routine activities of MtMSG, cIYCF awareness sessions, community-based cooking demonstration sessions, nutrition awareness session in school, supporting GMP activity and TA follow up for malnourished children at covering townships were running well

Save the Children- SC

- Routine activities; (Antenatal support services, IYCF awareness, MtMSG, Blended Supplementary Food Program) were on-going at Sittwe and Pauktaw
- Formation of MtMSG and cooking sessions were undertaken at development setting
- 18 cooking demonstration sessions were conducted and benefitted to 460 PLW from 18 camps of Sittwe
- 30 SAM children were newly admitted to Pauktaw's OTP centres and 52 children are remaining

Myanmar Health Assistant Association- MHAA

- SAM treatment and other activities were going well
- MAM program at 5 townships (Kyauk Taw, Mrauk U, Min Bya, Sittwe, Pauktaw) with supporting of WFP will be ended by Dec 2019 and anticipated to have one- month gap

5. Any Other Business- AOB

Temporary discontinuation or Unclarity of MHAA's MAM program with supporting of WFP

- 🚩 SHD asked the monthly caseload; 400 to 500 new MAM admission (Max- around 700)
- 🚩 MHAA covers 60 villages and all camps
- 🚩 WFP said the one-month delay is uncertain and headquarter is considering that (Go or No Go)
- 🚩 ACF supported Sittwe villages thus it could be covered in gap period
- 🚩 TA availability for Kyauk Taw, Mrauk U and Minbya is the main challenge. Normally WFP applied for these villages
- 🚩 Signing of the Long-Term Agreement- LTA between ACF & WFP for FY 2020 was underway at country offices
- 🚩 Stocks distribution for the first 2 weeks of January will be implemented
- 🚩 SHD discussed the involvement of BHS in this activity and getting aware of this program
- 🚩 MHAA will share a beneficiary lists at the end of December 2019
- 🚩 SHD concerns the ownership of community



- ✚ SHD suggested to prioritize urgently and discuss details critically
- ✚ As it cannot be discussed deeply today, the SHD suggested Dr. Khine Hnin Wai (SNT Team Leader) to discuss with nutrition focal to find out the solutions
- ✚ SHD suggested discussing with nutrition IPs and Access Partners for overcoming of that challenge
- ✚ SHD encouraged WFP to share the updates next week

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

- SHD thanked the attendants for active participation with supportive inputs in the meeting
- SHD highlighted to organize the preparatory meeting with IPs and governmental departments
- SHD encouraged to find out an appropriate venue for accommodating of all participants

The next nutrition sub-sector meeting in December will be tentatively scheduled *on 27 January 2019*

Action Points

<i>Action points</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
➤ Updating of WFP decision for continuation of MAM project with MHAA in Rakhine	WFP	First week of Jan
➤ Discussion with nutrition focal for temporary discontinuation of MHAA's MAM program	SNT	ASAP
➤ Preparatory meetings with IPs and governmental counterparts for state-level MS-NPAN	UNICEF/ SNT	30 January 2020s

Participant Lists

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