



### May Nutrition Sub-sector meeting

27 May 202, 14:00 PM to 15:30 PM, Rakhine State Health Department

#### 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
3. Reviewing of action points from previous April meeting
4. Any Other Business (AOB)
5. Closing remarks by State Health Director
6. 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 the nutrition sub-sector meeting regularly.
- ❖ Highlighted to do a good transformation in the nutrition sector complying with the guidance of the Ministry of Health and Sports- MoHS and donor requirements.
- ❖ Encouraged Implementing Partners- IPs to have a close-collaboration and joint cooperation with TMOs/THDs to smooth the exit strategy of international organizations to government departments E.g Outpatient Therapeutic services by the staff of MoHS and IPs jointly at SHU/RHC/SRHC
- ❖ Highlighted to review the exiting supplies and plan for transportation of nutrition supplies with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- ❖ Emphasized the importance of nutrition data accuracy and credibility without overlapping of the coverage, activities duplication, and beneficiaries.
- ❖ Explained the final product of monthly reporting template through series of meeting and discussion with the nutrition IPs. Encouraged IPs to submit monthly reports to SNT and SHD.

#### 2. Introductions of the participants and updates shared by partners

##### State Nutrition Team- SNT

- Encouraged IPs to include the total population, under 5 children in the quarterly report
- Discussed with IPs to avoid activities overlapping and beneficiary's duplication in the data reporting
- Made a kind reminder on IPs' supported relocations of RUTF to respective townships



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#### **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit- GIZ**

- Operating the nutrition activities through partners and self-implementation; both are suspended with the concern of COVID-19
- With MHAA, nutrition activities were resumed with minimal beneficiaries
- New-born kits for Internally Displaced Person at the Kyauktaw camps had been procured and will be distributed soon. There was a bit delayed in procurement and transportation process due to the impact of COVID-19

#### **World Food Program- WFP**

- Travel authorization for distribution of supplies was already received for June 2020.
- Continuation of Supplementary Feeding Program- SFP from April to December with MHAA was signed in the late of April 2020
- Nutrition support for Tuberculosis patients was newly expanded to Kyauktaw and SFP in Rathedaung
- Distribution of two months rations under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program- BSFP will be started in June 2020
- Surgical masks, surgical gloves, hand gels and infrared thermometers will be supplied to WFP's partners to reduce the COVID-19 transmission
- Fortified rice will be distributed at Ahnuk Pyin and Nyaungpin Gyi villages in Rathedaung and Ahnauk Ywe and Nget Chaung camps in Pauktaw townships

#### **Humanity and Inclusion- HI**

- Delivering the support for the children with developmental delay at the OTPs centres at Baw Du Pha, Dar Paing, and Thetkal Pyin camps
- Planning to do awareness of the children with developmental delay at 3 villages in Sittwe

#### **People In Need- PIN**

- Planning to implement at 14 camps and 10 villages in Mrauk-U and 3 camps and 5 villages in Minbya through a partnership with People for People- PFP, Community Empowerment and Resilience Association- CERA
- Most of the activities were suspended in May and hoping to start in the third week of June
- Supported for a water-refill at the tank of 11 camps in Mrauk-U and 1 camp in Minbya township
- Hygiene kits were distributed at the camps

#### **Action contre La Faim- ACF**

- Routine activities are ongoing



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- With the fund of Access to Health, ACF gained Memorandum of Understanding- MOU for 17 townships in Rakhine
  - In the early of June, ACF is planning to orientate the “Nutrition in Emergency Guideline in the COVID-19” to the partners’ staff of ACCESS in Rakhine

#### **Relief International- RI**

- Nutrition-related group activities were suspended in May
- Discussing with TMOs and basic health staff for resuming of nutrition activities in accordance with the guideline of COVID-19 prevention measures and recommended precautions
- Operating the live-saving activities like Primary Health Care Services General illness, Diarrhoea, EWAS, ARI Referral support (Camp to Sittwe General Hospital) and Reproductive Health (e.g with the limited human resources

\*\* PHC includes general illness, diarrhoea, EWAS, treatment of acute respiratory infection, referral supports (Taung Paw camp to Sittwe General Hospital) and RH includes ante and post-natal care, family planning (provision of oral contraceptive pill, Depo injection)

#### **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, and distribution of blanket supplementary foods were ongoing

#### **International Organization for Migration- IOM**

- Nutrition group activities were suspended temporarily in May
- Coordinating with the respective TMOs at the coverage areas to resume the following activities applying with the recommended precautionary measures. The intended activities are Mother Support Group, Growth Monitoring Promotion, Culinary session with mothers

#### **The Consortium of Dutch NGOs- CDN/ ZOA**

- Submitted the Travel Authorisation letter to the Coordination Committee for resuming of the project activities in June
- A 7-day Community Infant & Young Child Feeding- cIYCF training was attended virtually on 18 to 22 & 25 to 26.

#### **Myanmar Health Assistant Association- MHAA**

- Nutrition activities under the Food & Nutrition Security Project and the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Project were undergoing with existing staff.
- Bilateral discussion and soft-work preparations for the extension of additional 6 months for the Health and Nutrition project. The project's life will be extended till December 2020.
- Fever surveillance support was provided to the Sittwe Township Health Department
- Opened mobile health clinics at the new displacement sites of Kyauktaw, Myebon, and Rathedaung townships



- Exercised the SAM follow-up frequency from weekly to biweekly with a reference of the adapted nutrition in emergency guidelines which was developed by the Myanmar Nutrition Technical Network in April 2020.
- 47 MHAA's staff was able to join the online cIYCF training which was delivered by the organization of UNICEF

#### **United Nations Children's Fund- UNICEF**

- With the leading of UNICEF, the cIYCF training was organized from 18 to 26 of May which was able to join around 95 participants from eight nutrition IPs. These participants were registered through the focal of UNICEF's Sittwe field office.
- A total of 3 representative staff from the nutrition sub-cluster were able to attend the 1-day Rapid Needs Assessment- RNA training. The OCHA organized and provided this online training for all clusters in Rakhine to be a standby team to respond to any emergencies in Rakhine. The training completed staff from nutrition sub-cluster in 2019 and 2020 will be included in the list of pre-approved travel authorization to be able to respond to the emergencies as quickly as possible
- Supported to the SNT in developing the "Reporting Template" to use all nutrition IPs while they submit monthly and quarterly to the SHD, SNT and TMOs. The simplified template was drafted with the nutrition IP's feedbacks and finalized by the SHD/SNT.
- On behalf of the SHD/SNT, the short guide of the Mother to Mother Support Group and training package of the nutrition volunteers were circulated widely within the network of nutrition's IPs. As these guidelines were reviewed and finalized by the SHD/SNT, the standard guideline can be used while IPs form the mother groups and provided the nutrition training to the volunteers

### **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>
Compilation of the IPs support for the needy transportation support of RUTF	UNICEF and SNT	8 May	Done
Completion of the curriculum and Power points- PPTs for the nutrition volunteers training	ACF	<i>End of May</i>	Done
Meeting with State Nutrition Team- SNT & Implementing Partners-IPs for contribution of state-level MS-NPAN related workshops and meetings	SNT & UNICEF	<i>End of May</i>	Ongoing

\*MS-NPAN- Multi Sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition

### **4. Any Other Business**

- ❖ SHD highlighted and encouraged to the nutrition IPs to support, in close collaboration with respective TMOs, on the prevention of Anaemia in pregnancy through the provision of the Multi-micronutrient tablets- MNTs to the pregnant and lactating women and mebendazole tablets to the pregnant women. The breakdown of the drug distribution will also be shared with nutrition IPs to aware of the process and fill the necessary gaps. The availability of these drugs and regular taking



practices will reduce and prevent the deaths of maternal with post-partum hemorrhage and babies with low birth weight.

- ❖ Then, SHD updated the recent distribution of the Albendazole tablets to six townships (Buthidaung, Pauktaw, Kyauktaw, Sittwe, Ponnagyun, Mrauk U). Then, he emphasized to integrate the handwashing practices with environmental sanitation with a forward-thinking of the Dengue Haemorrhage Fever-DHF as the raining season is coming in. He suggested nutrition IPs to collaborate with TMOs for special activities like immunization, vitamin A, and deworming campaigns for the residents of the IDP camps and sites.

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SNT asked the specific age range of SAM children with above 5 age	ACF (nutrition in emergency)	12 <sup>th</sup> of June
Sharing of the pre-approved Travel Authorisation List who were nominated staff for engaging in the emergency response activity as nutrition sub-sector	UNICEF	5 <sup>th</sup> of June
Confirmation of nutrition partners on the refreshments support plan for monthly nutrition sub-sector meeting for the year of 2020	UNICEF and IPs	5 <sup>th</sup> of June

## 5. Closing Remark

SHD thanked all IPs for attending the meeting regularly and close coordination. As usual, he encouraged IPs to support community sensitization and delivering the messages to beneficiaries with regards to deworming tablets distribution. He added to work closely and jointly with the basic health staff at the ground level to be able to support and complement if IPs are unable to continue the routine activities or project exists.

## 6. Next nutrition sub-sector meeting schedule

June nutrition sub-sector meeting is tentatively planned to hold on 22 June. The meeting invitation will be sent to nutrition IPs with the confirmed date and timing as always.

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