



## Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting, Sittwe, Rakhine

28 February 2020, 9:00-12:00, Rakhine State Health Department

### Meeting Minutes

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

### 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 January meeting
4. Any Other Business (AOB)
5. Closing remarks by State Health Director
6. Next Nutrition Sub-Sector Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

#### 1. Opening remarks and updates from Dr. Sai Win Zaw Hlaing (State Health Director)

- Welcomed to the attendees and explained for holding the meeting on the last day of February.
- Thet Kal Pyin hospital in Sittwe township has been opened to provide the deliverable services for residents of camps and host villages.
- TKP SRHC is available to use for public purposes and utilization has to be discussed in advance with the Sittwe TMO.
- There was a space at the TKP SRHC thus volunteers' training for CHWs and AMWs can be conducted there. That has to be informed to Sittwe Township Medical Officer- Dr. Kyi Kyi Thar
- Regarding the livestock death (chickens) and having sick patients in Darpaing camp, it is a lesson learned for the role of volunteers in reporting specific information. The verification needs to be done by the health department.
- A preparatory meeting with IPs for the launching of the MS-NPAN event will be in March 2020. SHD suggested IPs to consider their existing resources; technical, workforce, financial and others-etc

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

<i>Action points</i>	<i>Focal point/agency</i>	<i>Status</i>
Completion of the curriculum and PPTs for the nutrition volunteers training	ACF	SHD is reviewing on that
Meeting with SNT & IPs for contribution of state-level MS-NPAN related workshops and meetings	SNT & UNICEF	<i>End of March</i>

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

##### State Nutrition Team- SNT



- A small assessment on the optimal IYCF practices has been done at the Sittwe downtown that will be submitted and presented at the conference of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association- MMCWA
- SHD also added as food for thought for nutrition IPs to consider such IYCF assessment for other communities through the ethical process

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

- As a usual practice, the WFP's performance report for FY 2019 has been sent to SNT, Dy SHD and SHD for receiving the feedbacks.
- MHAA has been informed via mail for an extension of the MAM program for an additional 9 months from April to December 2020. MHAA is developing the proposal and discussion is underway. Signing stage is not reached yet.
- Due to the constraints of the supply chain, blanket distribution of WSB++ for U-5 children will be reduced to a half (3 Kg to 1.5 Kg) that have been made prior informed to partners and camps. The WFP would be able to distribute 3Kg for each U-5 children when they get enough supplies.
- Starting from May 2020, distribution of the fortified rice will be expanded to Anauk Ye' and Nget Chaung camps in Pauktaw and 2 villages in Ratheduang. Awareness of the fortified rice has been implemented since February as 3 months ahead
- Routine activities were going well

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

- Started the HI activities at ACF's Thet Kal Pyin OTP in Dec and expanded to Dar Paing and Baw Du Pha camps in February
- In consultation with Sittwe TMO, the Early Detection of Impairment workshop has been desensitized with the BHS to identify the new-born and U-5 children impairments at 15 Rakhine villages.
- Supported the exercise for the SAM children with developmental delays at ACF's OTP centers
- Able to support the rehabilitation exercise for the children with disabilities at the project area
- Exercises can be supported for any aged children with disabilities and further referral to nearby Thetkalpyin SRHC is necessary

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

- Partnering with MHAA, ACF, and SC for health and nutrition interventions.
- UNICEF's Yangon staff and a national consultant will be coming and meeting with the SHD and SNT for scaling-up of the IMAM services in Rakhine. Meeting and discussion with IPs will be included in the visits
- Discussion with IPs for application of new NIS template will be continued for getting a key and deeper information

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

- As an update of A2H fund activity in February, MOU for the rest 8 townships are just received and TA as well
- Planning to provide the nutritional technical supports to A2H's partners across 17 townships in Rakhine
- Routine OTP activities were going well.
- In close coordination with Township Health Department, on 3 March 2020, a joint OTP centre will be opened by the BHS and ACF staff at the Shwe Zar RHC in Maungdaw township.

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



- Implementation of the MUAC screening, follow up of malnutrition cases and cooking session had been coordinated and cooperated through BHS at Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Pauktaw townships
- 3 MtMSG groups were formed at Kyat Thayay, Kan Chaung and Lwan Oo villages in Pauktaw township. Basic MtMSG training has been starting from 26 to 28 February.
- There were 2 MtMSG groups in HinduYwar Thit and Kaing Gyi (Myo) at Maungdaw township and Basic MtMSG training was not started yet.

#### **Save the Children- SC**

- Routine activities in camps and villages; (Antenatal support services, IYCF awareness, MtMSG, Blended Supplementary Food Program) were on-going at Sittwe and Pauktaw
- Supported the Sport shirt for BHS (150 Nos) and CHWs (200 Nos) at Sittwe township
- Together with other IPs, support to SNT is continuing
- Planning to attend an EPI planning meeting at Pauktaw on 29 February

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

- With the support of A2H fund, RI implements at Kyauk Taw, Mrauk U and Myebon townships
- Formed MtMSG 2 groups at Mrauk U,
- Supporting of GMP session is going as usual
- Suggestion to have close coordination and cooperation with RI, MHAA, and PIN to avoid area overlapping at Mrauk U township

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

- Implements 3 projects for nutrition
- Supplementary Feeding Program at Sittwe, Pauktaw, Kyauktaw, Mrauk U, Minbya townships will be ended by March 2020. Continuation is under discussion
- Some activities at Mrauk U and Minbya townships are temporarily stopped due to security instability and escalation.
- H & N activities at Myebon township was unable to implement due to bomb incidents and no TA
- On 29<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a meeting with TMO for EPI activities at Pauktaw township
- Routine activities are ongoing

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

- GIZ had been implementing the Food and Nutrition Security Project at Kyauktaw and Pauktaw in partnership with MHAA
- Nutrition education sessions are implemented at Kyauktaw and Sittwe townships in close collaboration with MHAA
- 4<sup>th</sup> round of hygiene playing in high school at Pauktaw was finished
- 2 new SRHC constructions at Pauktaw are still ongoing and will be finished before raining season/ end of May

#### **People in Need-PIN**

- 2 MHF projects are coming to end;
- Covering areas are Mrauk U, Minbya, Kyauk Taw, Ponnagyun, and Buthidaung townships through CDN, PfP, CERA
- Some key activities are MtMSG, referral supports for SAM and MAM cases, livestock distribution

#### **International Rescue Committee- IRC**



- Implements at Sittwe, Ponnegyun, Minbya and Rathedaung townships
- The advocacy meeting with TMOs had been conducted and activity planning will be developed through consultation with BHS
- MtMSG will be reformed in 2020 with the reference of short guidance
- As PIN is planning to implement at Ponnegyun and Minbya townships, it would be great to coordinate for area overlapping

#### 4. Any Other Business- AOB

##### Field level coordination with BHS at health facilities if possible

- ✚ SHD suggested IPs to collaborate with BHS to have the coordination meeting between volunteers (CHWs, AMWs) and BHS
- ✚ UNICEF and RI discussed for having the periodic coordination meetings between BHS and volunteers through A2H support
- ✚ SHD discussed the important process of volunteer registration, ID card issuing and provision of further refresher training for the continuation of volunteer' term and validity

##### Sharing of Volunteer lists

- ✚ UNICEF will email the existing volunteer lists to Sayarma Htet Htet Aung for the process continuation of collection, compilation, and mapping out
- ✚ Suggested to fill in the excel version with Pyihtaungsu font for an easier compilation and analysis

##### Collection of quarterly 4Ws for updating of nutrition IPs presence and its services

- ✚ With the responsibility of nutrition sub-sector, UNICEF is collecting the 4Ws from nutrition IPs either humanitarian or development for updating of operational presence and services coverage
- ✚ A final compiled one will be circulated to nutrition IPs for the reference and information as necessary

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

- SHD thanked IPs for coming and attending the nutrition sector meeting.
- Expressed his pleasure to hold the meeting with the partners
- SHD highlighted the preparatory meeting for launching of MS-NPAN will be in March and requested nutrition IPs to support other areas; school health activities, WASH activities
- Encouraged to work for the best interest of the children, Pregnant and Lactating Women through focusing on intergenerational cycle/ life cycle approach
- Focused to plan hand-on-hand with every aspect of the partners for making something difference through setting a system for the benefits of the people

The next nutrition sub-sector meeting in March will be tentatively scheduled *on 23 March 2020/ Monday*

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