**Nutrition in Emergency (NiE) SAG meeting, Myanmar**

***Zoom meeting, 24 June 2020, 15:30-17:00***

**Meeting minutes**

**Chair**: UNICEF on behalf of the nutrition sector

**Agenda**

1. Nutrition Sensitive Guidance
2. Feedback survey
3. MNTN and NPM
4. MS-NPAN
5. AOB

**Discussion**

1. Nutrition Sensitive Guidance

Most parts are complete, but some sections still need inputs. School feeding and cash transfers are some of the sections that are still under progress. Would be good to highlight key policy recommendations from each annex. The nutrition sensitive guidance should be practical and preferably include urban nutrition issues, MCCT etc. The ones leading on the document need to decide when it’s complete. Hope to finalize it and send for editing very soon, preferably tomorrow. Aim to have the final version done by next week to share to the Government.

**Action point**: Last chance to provide inputs by tomorrow.

1. Feedback survey

Few participants have replied to the survey, 26 of 300 participants. To call and have an oral survey would be too time consuming. It might be better to have a survey in each training session, real time questionnaires, linked to the zoom application.

**Action point**: UNICEF to discuss options of end of meeting surveys.

1. MNTN and NPM

Early July will be busy with the IMAM review meeting and development of IMAM plan. End July would be best for MNTN meeting since August is Nutrition promotion month. Permission from minister, terms of references, invitations etc. needed.

Given COVID-10, NPM needs to be conducted in innovative ways this year, with an online launch. Need to think how to best attract people to the virtual platform. Nutrition in Emergency should be displayed well to show what has been done during COVID-19 outbreak. Do SAG members support individually or together as a UN network?

A dedicated meeting or a small task force meeting for NPM would be useful. There was a collective plan last year, which made it easy for partners to contribute to. A challenge this year is COVID, which will make it virtual events. NNC should lead and SAG can give suggestions. Would be good to have a smaller meeting before a large meeting with all partners. Suggestions of activities and a draft plan can then be presented and adjustments to the plan can be done quickly. Two meetings in July are planned to prepare for Nutrition promotion month.

1. MS-NPAN

There will be a second multi-sectoral meeting on Friday to move the plan forward. The focus for the meeting is to work on a matrix for mapping our areas of convergence and share with partners. Group work would be faster but not possible when the meeting is an online meeting. The matrix will cover priorities and interventions identified for Kaya, Kayin, Shan (South), Chin and Ayeyarwady. The next step will be to identify areas of convergence for sectors to jointly implement interventions that address nutrition needs within the COVID 19 contect.

New date for the SUN Network meeting is 7 July, with government, donors and key CSOs. They are working on an updated agenda and will follow up on invitations. HUM response covid response component. What resources are required in coming month

There was a SUN COVID nutrition meeting earlier today with countries in the region, with sharing of countries' different experiences and good practices from COVID -19 response. Sansan highlighted Myanmar’s efforts and achievements, including support to quarantine centers. Would be good if the Coordination team, who knows the sector response, needs and gaps, was involved next time so we’re all on the same page and talk the same language.

1. AOB

Nutrition support in quarantine centers

Quarantine centers in Hp-an and Myawaddy need nutrition support. There were approximately less than 100 children under 6 months old. As eating plenty of fresh fruit during pregnancy can help to ensure that both the women and baby remain healthy WFP is currently providing fruits as extra ration to PLW and under 2 at Myawaddy quarantine centers and at border gate. It is still unclear whether children under 6 months are being exclusively breastfed or not, or what type of support that is needed. To understand the issue and need, a quick assessment on current breastfeeding practices would be useful, one-on-one IYCF counselling, emotional support etc. First step is to know if they are being breastfed or not. Increased food to the mothers without IYCF support would not be effective. Provision of targeted formula is last resort, needs to be carried out very carefully and discussed with NNC.

**Action Point**: UNICEF will follow up with UNICEF Hp-an field office.

Nutrition on peri-urban Yangon

Affected food system and production, loss of jobs, lock down restrictions etc. have negatively affected food security. Due to COVD-19 impacts WFP will move into urban areas of operations and plan a pilot for peri-urban Yangon. They are planning a concept note for nutrition interventions and requesting recommendations, both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive. Recommendations to them are welcomed over email directly. The recommendations will not be WFP’s only but rather include nutrition actors’ recommendations.

UNICEF has urban initiatives before COVID, with focus on factories and the private sector, breastfeeding and food safety in workplace. Many things can be done in this area but step one would be to understand which initiatives are going on. It might be something to raise in the MNTN meeting.

**Action point**: UNICEF will circulate the recommendations from the urban survey. UNICEF and LIFT will share experiences and initiatives on peri-urban nutrition in the next meeting.

Question of a comprehensive NIE data base

NIE google drive has all the documents, contact list, 4W, Humanitarian Needs Overview, Humanitarian Response Plan, SAG meeting minutes etc.

Meeting minutes will be summarized and shared with NNC.

The next meeting will be **Thursday 9 July**.

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