Minutes
Nutrition Sector Meeting (National level)
8 January 2015
Meeting room 3, UNICEF
14:00-16:00 hr.

Participating agencies: ACF, HPA, Plan, and UNICEF

Agenda

1. Follow up on action points of last meeting
2. Multi-sector initial rapid assessment form (MIRA)
3. Sector updates from Rakhine
4. Sector updates from Kachin
5. Presentation of Rakhine nutrition data (November) and follow up on recommendations
6. Funding updates
7. Any other business

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| Action points of last meeting | **Nutrition advocacy documents**  
  • In the process of development  
  **Overlapping of IYCF activities in the camps of Northern Shan State**  
  • Save and Plan?  
  **Focal points for Gender**  
  • 2 focal from Rakhine and 1 from Yangon were identified  
  **Assessment on income generation opportunity for Kachin and Northern Shan**  
  • Not circulated yet  
  **SQUEAC survey in Sittwe**  
  • ACF will share after finalization (~ early March). The coverage is 70.9% among the Muslim population. Moreover, despite the fact that the coverage percentage cannot be proved for the Buddhist population due to the low SAM caseload, it is assumed that the coverage is high.  
  **Verification of NIS October data**  
  | To discuss with field  
  | SCUK to circulate to all partners  

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**Sector update from Rakhine and Kachin**

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<td>Training to community volunteers on PROPAN assessment and data collection has finished and the findings are analyzed. The final report will be available around 3rd week of Jan.</td>
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**HPA:**

- PCA in place with UNICEF and implementation of activities (MCH, Immunization and nutrition) ongoing in Kachin Special Region 1 and 2.
- Nutrition activities include nutrition screening with MUAC and micronutrient supplementation.
- Sprinkle distribution has restarted again in December 2014 to under-3 children.
- Plan to conduct review meeting with State Health Department in February.

**ACF:**

- Finished all the surveys.
- SQUEAC survey findings: BTD – 53.7% coverage (acceptable);
  MD – 35.3% coverage (low)
- SMART survey: Rathedaung preliminary results – 10.5 % GAM and 1.6% SAM
- ACF made a presentation on SMART survey in Rathedaung Township and their findings and recommendation to the nutrition and WASH partners and Health authorities.
- ACF trained 65 MoH staff form RHC in Maungdaw on nutrition screening with MUAC and oedema checking for identification of SAM and MAM.
## Presentation of Rakhine nutrition data (October) and follow up on recommendations

- 848 SAM and 1,925 MAM cases were admitted to the program in November. 7,524 SAM children received treatment in 2014 up to November and 2/3 of those children were girls.
- OTP performance (cure rate) has dropped to 65.5% in November. This is due to the high non-responder rate (19.1%) as well as high defaulter rate (12.5%).
- A total of 50,220 children 6-59 months are targeted for micronutrients supplementation in 2014 and to date, 27,229 (54%) have been reached.
- 13,113 PLW are targeted with multiple micronutrient supplementation in 2014 and to date, 20,849 (159%) have been reached.
- A total of 7,285 PLW are targeted in 2014 to receive breastfeeding counselling of which 99.5% (7,252) have been reached to date.

## Funding updates

- Based on the partners’ inputs, the overall funding requirement for nutrition HRP for 2015 is 7.6 million USD. Partners have to look at their own funding situation and advocate/seek funding to cover gaps.

## AOB

- Newly arrived Nutrition Specialist (team leader) at UNICEF in Yangon: Ms. Hedy Ip. Email: hip@unicef.org. Phone: +95 1 2305960.

Next sector meeting (tentatively): 13th February 2015, 14:00 at UNICEF, Yangon Office