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
   - 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-

2. Reviewing of the action points from previous meeting

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<td>Completion of the curriculum and PPTs for the nutrition volunteers training</td>
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<td>Meeting with SNT &amp; IPs for contribution of state-level MS-NPAN related workshops and meetings</td>
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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 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 expended 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 29th 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
➢ 4th 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, PiP, CERA
➢ Some key activities are MtMSG, referral supports for SAM and MAM cases, livestock distribution

International Rescue Committee- IRC
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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