Bangladesh Nutrition Cluster monthly meeting #40

30 August 2018, 2:30 – 04:00 pm, IPHN

Meeting minutes

Rapporteur: Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony, IMO

Agenda

1. Review and approval of the last Cluster meeting minutes held on 26 July 2018
2. HCTT meeting update (including District Level Coordination Mechanisms update)
3. Production of Chewing Sugarcane: An Approach to Combat Malnutrition and Poverty
4. Update from IPHN on F75/F100 training, SAM Guideline Translation and Emergency stock status
5. IYCF-E Operational Guideline Update-UNICEF
6. Presentation from Nutrition Cluster Gender focal point
7. Rohingya Response update
8. NAWG Update
9. AOB

Action Points:

- NCCT will share HCTT meeting invitation with IPHN Director and NC Focal Point in advance when possible
- IPHN representative for the HCTT should attend the HCTT meeting and no need for pre-approval. Discussions on the agenda to be held prior to the meeting with Nutrition Cluster Coordinator
- NCCT will circulate an email for Volunteer Contributors to Translation of Facility Based Management of SAM Guidelines from English to Bangla
- NCCT will inform the cluster members on IYCF-E OG consultation meeting
- NCCT to link BSRI with FSC and HCTT
- Gender focal point will present on some key definitions on Gender Mainstreaming and Targeted actions in the next cluster meeting
- NC team to share the final report of the coverage assessment in Ukhiya and Teknaf refugee camps July-Aug 2018
- NCCT to call a TWG to review the Minimum Nutrition Interventions during Emergencies
- NCCT to follow up with the Director IPHN on the Civil Surgeon letter.
- IPHN Officials who has visited the CXB response will present in the cluster meeting
- NCCT to request organizations to put picture of children before and after SAM treatment in the SAM centres to motivate mothers
- NCCT will consult with the cluster members to conduct an assessment for Hathazari to see the SAM and MAM situation
1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Mustafiz, IPHN opened the meeting and the honourable Director IPHN, Dr. Samir Kanti Sarkar chaired the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction. Dr. Mustafiz requested NCCT to provide a short brief on Nutrition Cluster for the Director. Ms. Abigael, the Nutrition Cluster Coordinator briefed the honourable Director on history of NC functions and how NC works with IPHN.

2. Review of the action points from the previous meeting

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<td>Nutrition Sector to develop and share lessons learned and best practices from the two Nutrition Action weeks.</td>
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After discussing the action points, the meeting minutes of the 26 July 2018 was approved by all members.

3. HCTT meeting update (including District Level Coordination Mechanisms update)

NC IMO briefed the meeting on HCTT and inter cluster meeting. Key updates are:

1. HCTT meeting held on 1 Aug 2018 (IPHN representative was present)
2. Brainstorming inter-cluster meeting on 14.08.2018
3. Special HCTT meeting held on 9 Aug 2018 chaired by Resident Coordinator and the Honorable Secretary MoDMR

Discussion of Special HCTT
- NC shared progress so far, challenges experienced and areas of support to MoDMR
- Discussed on District Level Coordination Mechanisms, HCTT Chair to consult MODMR and share final update
- MODMR in Consultation with RC will identify technical Line Ministry the 10 Clusters and 3 WGs
- Special HCTT to be done Quarterly where RC and H. MODMR Secretary will attend.
- UNDP development Framework will be shared with the Clusters to outline the Humanitarian and Development Nexus.

NCCT will share HCTT meeting invitation with IPHN in advance when possible

Discussion:
Director IPHN remarked that attending HCTT meeting is very important for IPHN. Considering the urgency and short notice of HCTT meeting, IPHN representative; the NC Focal PM/DPM should attend the meeting and inform the Director the discussion in the meeting. Director has given a blanket approval for attending HCTT meeting for the IPHN representatives.

- **IPHN representative for the HCTT should attend the HCTT meeting and no need for pre-approval.**

4. **Update from IPHN on F75 /F100 training, SAM Guideline Translation and Emergency stock status**

Dr. Alim from IPHN updated members on F75 /F100 training, SAM Guideline Translation. Key updates are:

**F75 /F100 training:**
- A meeting was held to bring consensus about the use of F-75&100 Tin in the country last year
- Members felt there was need for orientation on appropriate preparation and reconstitution procedure for the newly improved and packaged therapeutic milk
- IPHN requested UNICEF for funding for training & transportation of the therapeutic Milk to SAM units. IPHN also requested for funding for translation of SAM guidelines & modules in to Bengali
- A recruitment committee was formed and job circulation with TOR was published on DGHS website and notice board of IPHN on 20 July, 18
- Out of 10 applicants 6 were shortlisted based on eligibility criteria
- Four (4) candidates were selected as Field Trainees through interview by the recruitment committee
- ToT for Field Trainers was conducted at IPHN on 14 August 18
- Field Trainers started training from 26 August, 18
- 22 SAM units completed training so far

**Update on Translation of SAM guidelines & modules:**
- A part time consultant has been appointed following the same procedure
- Zero Draft is expected to be completed by 3 September
- Zero Draft will be shared with Interested Cluster Group Member after 3 September
- Workshops for finalization will start by 10 September

**Discussion:**
Nutrition Cluster team will share the zero draft among the membership and request for voluntaries to support this activity.

- **NCCT will circulate an email for Volunteer Contributors to Translation of Facility Based Management of SAM Guidelines from English to Bangla**

5. **IYCF-E Operational Guideline Update-UNICEF**

Dr. Sadi, Unicef presented update on IYCF – E Operational Guideline. The Operational Guideline IYCF-E final draft developed through a comprehensive consultation led by IPHN, supported by Cluster and Sector, with technical inputs from the cluster members

**Action points required:**
- Approval from IPHN to operationalize the guideline through constitution of a technical committee
- Interim approval to use the OG or SoP for specific strategy for NBF infants for Cox’s is needed
- Development of Training Modules and materials for IYCF-E. UNICEF supports providing national consultant to lead the work. The recruitment process is almost final and the consultant will be on-board in the first week of Sept
- Consultation meetings with cluster members will be done in the next few weeks.

► NCCT will inform the cluster members on IYCF-E OG consultation meeting

6. Production of Chewing Sugarcane: An Approach to Combat Malnutrition and Poverty

Md. Shamsur Rahman, Ph.D, Peincipal Scientific Officer & Head, Pathology Division, Bangladesh Sugar crop Research Institute (BSRI) has given a presentation on “Chewing Sugarcane Production: An Approach to Combat Malnutrition and Poverty”.

The presentation is available via the following link.


Discussion:

Dr. Mustafiz remarked that we have never thought about the utility of Sugarcane to combat Malnutrition. NC IMO remarked that this could also be helpful in disaster preparedness, response and resilience. NCCT will link (BSRI) with Food Security Cluster and HCTT.

► NCCT to link BSRI with FSC and HCTT

7. Presentation from Nutrition Cluster Gender focal point

Ms. Mita from ACF presented on Gender and the presentation is available via the bellow link.


Discussion:

NC IMO remarked that it would be helpful for the cluster if Ms. Mita can make presentation on some key definitions like abuse and exploitation, gender specific practices etc for better understanding by NC Members

► Gender focal point will present on some key definitions in the next cluster meeting

8. Rohingya Response update Presentation

Mr. Amir, ACF presented on Key findings and Recommendations from coverage assessment in Ukhiya and Teknaf refugee camps.
The presentation is available via the following link.


- NC team to share the final report of the coverage assessment in Ukhiya and Teknaf refugee camps July-Aug 2018

9. AOB

The Nutrition Cluster Coordinator remarked that there is need to review and update the Minimum Nutrition Interventions during Emergencies for Nutrition Cluster as the MPCG and Daily wage rates are updated recently.

- NCCT to call a TWG to review the Minimum Nutrition Interventions during Emergencies

Honourable Director IPHN remarked that this cluster was working well and to even maximize impact, there is need to strengthen involvement of the District and Upazila level on cluster activities. NC IMO explained about the Cluster focal points for the district and a letter from IPHN is expected. Cluster has shared the draft with the IPHN focal point for the cluster.

- NCCT to follow up with the Director IPHN on the Civil Surgeon letter.
  The honourable Director, IPHN instructed that the officials who have visited the Cox’s Bazar response should make presentation to the cluster. He also requested organizations to put picture of children before and after SAM treatment in the SAM management centres to motivate mothers. He also requested the cluster to do an assessment at Hathazari to identify the nutrition situation. He strongly mentioned that the suspected high levels of malnutrition may have negative consequences especially on the children who are already suffering from measles.

- IPHN Officials who have visited the CXB response will present in the cluster meeting
- NCCT will request organizations to put picture of children before and after SAM treatment in the SAM centers to motivate mothers
- NCCT will consult with the cluster members to conduct an assessment for Hathazari to see the SAM and MAM situation

The next Nutrition Cluster Meeting is tentatively scheduled at **23 Oct 2018 at 14.30Hrs in IPHN Conference Room.** The IMO will send an email confirmation to all partners on the same.
## Attendance Sheet

**Subject:** Nutrition Cluster Group (NCG) Meeting.  
**Date:** 30 August, 2018.  
**Time:** 02:30 pm

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