Bangladesh Nutrition Cluster monthly meeting
Meeting minutes of Meeting 43
Date: 17 January 2019, 3:30 – 04:30 pm
Venue: Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN), 3rd Floor

Rapporteur: Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony, Information Management Officer (IMO) and Abigail Nyukuri, Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (NCC).

Agenda
1. Welcome and review of Last Meeting Action Points
2. IASC Gender Age Marker
4. Nutrition Cluster Coordination Performance Workshop
5. Emergency Nutrition supply status
6. AOB

Action Points:

- Dr. Taherul to link interested Nutrition Cluster members with Gender, NGO & Stakeholder Participation (GNSP) Unit
- Food Security Cluster Coordinator (FSCC) to share the summary of the last webinar on GAM with NCC
- NC members to register and participate in the Webinar on GAM on 24th Jan 2019.
- NC CC will inform IPHN and NC members on the date for the Sylhet visit for NiE
- Nutrition Cluster Coordination Team (NCTT) to finalize and ensure endorsement of Nutrition Cluster 2019 work-plan after CCPM Workshop.
- NCCT to discuss with relevant persons in IPHN for confirmation of attendances of all PMs and DPMs in the CCPM workshop.
- NCCT to extend CCPM registration deadline till 27 January 2019
- Dr. Murshidi to discuss with the Director IPHN on simplification of requisition process for emergency nutrition supplies and share update in the next NC Meeting.
- Dr. Sanchoy to present the difference between IYCF and IYCF-E guideline in next NC meeting.
- NCC to ensure endorsement of EPRP Taskforce ToR and reconstitute the first meeting in Feb 2019.

Welcome and introductions

Dr Taherul, Programme Manager, IPHN chaired the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction at 2.30 PM.
1. Review of the action points from the previous meeting

After discussing the previous meeting action points, the meeting minutes of the 29 November 2018 was approved by all members.

2. Gender with Age Marker (GAM)

NC Gender focal point (Action Against Hunger) made the presentation on Gender Age Marker. The IASC Gender with Age Marker (GAM) is an innovative tool for enhancing and assessing programme quality that has been rolled out globally for the 2019 humanitarian planning cycle. The GAM replaces the old Gender Marker and was developed collaboratively by UN, INGO and donor stakeholders, under the auspices of the GenCap project. It was piloted extensively from 2015 to 2017. More information on GAM can be found in the link below

https://iascgenderwithagemarker.com/

NC CC reminded members to register for the GAM webinar to be held on 24 Jan 2019. The webinar is a good opportunity to seek any clarification on grey areas or give feedback/recommendation on GAM.

FSC CC informed that he had attended the last webinar and will share the summary.

The chair informed about GNSP (Gender Nutrition Stakeholder Participation) initiative under the Ministry of Health. He can connect interested organizations with GNSP.

- NC members to register and participate in the Webinar on GAM on 24th Jan 2019.
- FSC CC to share the summary of the last webinar on GAM
- Dr. Taherul to link interested NC members with Gender, NGO & Stakeholder Participation (GNSP) Unit under Health Economics Unit, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
3. Strengthening capacities for preparedness for NiE at Sub National Level

Nutrition Cluster Coordinator updated members on orientation sessions done at Sub-National lever to strengthen capacities for preparedness for Nutrition in Emergencies. The workshop was held on 4 Dec 2018 in Bhola and 5 Dec 2018 in Barguna Districts.

Accompanying IPHN team members were Line Director IPHN, Programme Managers for NiE and CMAM and Deputy Programme Manager NiE. The workshop report has been shared with all cluster members and is also available via the link below: https://www.humanitariアンresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/document/workshop-report-strengthening-preparedness-nutrition-emergencies

FSC CC proposed to coordinate with RC office to plan for a coordinated inter-cluster preparedness orientation.

Immediate Next Steps:

I. Moving towards systematic approach to strengthening preparedness at all Levels- Discussions with other Clusters on-going. Nest Division planned is Sylhet Division in the month of February, exact date to be confirmed.

II. Expanding National Nutrition Information System in Bangladesh to strengthen Emergency and Urban Nutrition with funding from UNICEF

 ► NC CC will inform IPHN and NC members on the date for the Sylhet visit for NiE

4. Nutrition Cluster Coordination Performance Workshop

NC CC updated on upcoming Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring workshop.

- The planned CCPM 2018 workshop Dates- 10th and 11th February 2019
- 2-day workshop, Day one will focus on Cluster approach and day 2 on CCPM Report review and action planning
- Registration ongoing with a deadline of 17 January 2019. 15 Participants have registered so far (8 male and 7 female)
- No Government Participant has registered so far.

Discussion:

IPHN participation is key in CCPM as Nutrition Cluster Co-Chair. Cluster Coordinator to check with IPHN on registration and confirmation of attendance of all Programme and Deputy Programme Managers.

The workshop can accommodate 10 more participants; some interested Nutrition Cluster Members expressed the need to extend the deadline as they could not register for several reasons. It was agreed to extend the registration deadline till COB 27 January 2019.

After the CCPM Workshop, Nutrition Cluster will finalize NC work plan 2019 and update the NC ToR as will be required.
5. Emergency Nutrition supply status:

Dr Murshidi, IPHN updated that the Nutrition stock remain same as November 2018 and few F-100 pots have expired recently.

Discussion
Nutrition Cluster members expressed the need to have simplified process to access the supplies from IPHN/CMSD as recent requests made have not been successful.

IMO NC remarked that the process of receiving supply from CMSD is difficult for the NC members. It would be helpful for the members if a focal point could be assigned from IPHN so that members submit their requisition to the focal point and receive the supply from IPHN. Dr Murshidi conceptually agreed on this proposal and will discuss with the Director IPHN and revert appropriately.

Dr Mothabib, SCI remarked that comprehensive planning and consultation needs to be done for future procurements to ensure no supply goes unutilized or expires in CMSD stores.

Dr. Murshidi to discuss with the Director IPHN on simplification of requisition process for emergency nutrition supplies and share update in the next NC Meeting.

6. AOB

The chair informed members that due to unavoidable circumstances, the National Vitamin A Campaign has been postponed until further notice.

NCC introduced Dr Sanchoy, a consultant recruited by UNICEF to support finalization and endorsement of the Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency Operational Guideline (IYCF-E). The chair requested for a clarification on the difference between Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency (IYCF-E) Guidelines in the next Cluster.

The chair also requested for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Taskforce to begin the process of updating the Rapid Nutrition Guideline

The Chair reiterate the requirement of survey / assessment approval from IPHN. NC CC requested members to comply with this process to avoid unwanted consequences. Thanking everyone for joining the meeting, the chair concluded the meeting

Dr. Sanchoy to present the difference between IYCF and IYCF-E guideline.

NCC to ensure endorsement of EPRP Taskforce ToR and reconstitute the first meeting in Feb 2019.
The meeting ended at 4.30 PM with closing remarks from the Chair.

The next Nutrition Cluster Meeting is tentatively scheduled at **24 Feb 2019 at 14.30Hrs in IPHN Conference Room**. The IMO will send an email confirmation to all partners on the same.
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