

MINUTES OF NATIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER MEETING

29th September 2021, Mogadishu

<i>Agenda #1</i>	<i>Preliminary/introduction</i>		
<p>Welcome and introductions: Muhammad Faisal, the Cluster Coordinator welcomed and thanked the participants for attending/devoting their time to the monthly national cluster coordination meeting. He also called UNICEF and WFP colleagues for their opening remarks:</p> <p>MoH: Head of Nutrition Unit; Mr Farhan Mohamed appreciated the nutrition team for arranging the national nutrition cluster meeting and calling all cluster members to share their updates, challenges, and information. He also applauded nutrition cluster partners for their continued support to the vulnerable Somali women and children. He finally, reiterated partners to reach out to the ministry in case they need support.</p> <p>UNICEF: Thanks partners for their commitment in attending the cluster meeting. This is forum where members can exchange information and ideas/burning issues to streamline the nutrition programs in the country.</p> <p>WFP: the new WFP Head of Nutrition; Nicoliene OUDWATER appreciated the warm welcome from cluster team and members and looking forward to closely working with all. WFP will be releasing call for proposal for new FLAs for 2022 to 2023 next week and requesting partners to submit quality reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the provisional agenda: participants approved the provisional agenda in consensus. No other additional agenda raised. 			
<i>Agenda #2</i>	<i>Revision of Action point from Previous meeting minutes</i>		
<i>Discussions</i>	<i>Follow up action points</i>	<i>Documents/links</i>	
<p>Previous National Nutrition Cluster and Sub-national Cluster meeting action points were reviewed and endorsed collectively. However, there were few progressing action points and concerned agencies/persons will be expected to clear before next cluster meeting.</p> <p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SAG members discussed and agreed that there is a clear need to revert to the normal service delivery guidelines because using only MUAC can lead to a lot children being missed out and there have been low admission trends seen in areas like Puntland etc. In addition, the members also shared that the health partners have already reverted to normalcy in service delivery. With these important fallouts, the SAG members therefore proposed that there is a need to revert to MUAC + WFH z score modality. Federal Ministry of health has already provided the greenlight to proceed with the resumption to the normal modality guideline/IMAM guideline. If required, there can also be a question answer session (if requested by partners) with the NC partners to roll back this. However, the partners are required to make sure to reinforce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cluster/MoH to write official email to all partners on official resumption of MUAC+WH z-score modality. 		

<p>the preventive and mitigative measure to curtail the spread of COVID-19 i.e., vaccination of their staff, putting in place proper social distancing, PPEs, hand sanitization and washing facilities at the sites. Also, the partners need to closely monitor the COVID 19 situation and report so that a decision can be taken to modify again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MoH also endorsed and welcomed the recommendation of the SAG on this. • The nutrition cluster IMO closely works with partners to ensures partners with reporting challenges are supported. Series of ONA training session are conducted while some are planned. 		
<p><i>Agenda #3</i> <i>IM update (Update on reporting achievement, challenges).</i></p>		
<p><i>Discussions</i></p>	<p><i>Follow up action points</i></p>	<p><i>Documents</i></p>
<p>Cluster IMO presented the nutrition cluster progress and achievements.</p> <p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners were updated on the revised methodology used for SAM calculation for People in Need (PiN). In this regards this year, we are using 3.6 correction instead of the previously agreed 2. 6. The justification and rationale for this revision is that for the past 2 years, the SAM indicators were achieved more than 100% - and the cluster discussed this last year as well however at that time the global study on correction factor for SAM was not completed and the GNC recommended that we wait for the final findings of this study. To this end the study was published in March 2021 (it will be shared with partners) and hence the cluster using that justification. With these in hindsight the revision of the correction factor has been recommended by the cluster. The other update is that this time the revised/updated figure of population is used for PiN at the ICCG level and it is around 15.7 million – which is agreed by the MoH. • MoH emphasized the need for all partners to submit quality reports on time. Organization implementing nutrition service in the country is accountable to report to the cluster reporting hub (ONA system). MoH will take an action against agencies that are not adhering to reporting recommendation. • Partners are also advised to make use of nutrition cluster products published and released on every month. The information products are available in the cluster website. Cluster products can be accessed hère. • Partners are also encouraged to closely monitor the situation especially during this time of looming droughts in the country and proactively share information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cluster to arrange a meeting for the partners with reporting issues in presence of MoH. 	

<i>Agenda #4</i>		<i>2021 Post Gu SMART Survey finding</i>	
<i>Discussions</i>		<i>Follow up action points</i>	<i>Documents</i>
<p>The nutrition cluster IMO briefly presented 2021 FSNAU Post Gu' SMART survey finding to update partners on the nutrition situation in the country for their information. Same information has been previously shared with partners by the cluster and FSNAU as well. As some livelihood is in critical situation such as Galkacyo IDPs, Mogadishu IDPs, Shabelle Riverine and North Gedo Riverine, partners are required to ensure scale up of integrated health and nutrition services in these hotspot areas.</p>			
<i>Agenda #5</i>		<i>Cluster Coordinator Update</i>	
<i>Discussions</i>		<i>Follow up action points</i>	<i>Documents</i>
<p>The nutrition cluster coordinator provided below update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One key update is in relation to COVID related admission modifications and as explained in the agenda section 2 (above). This has been resolved and way forward chalked out. However, the situation will be closely monitored and partners and MOH are requested to keep the cluster updated on any rising COVID cases so that we can again review. - Nutrition cluster team is involved in the 2022 HPC planning activities. Currently we are in the phase of HNO activities where PiN of cluster is being developed as presented in the IM update. 			
		<i>MoH Update</i>	
<p>The Head of Nutrition Unit, Federal Ministry of Health and Human services provided below updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal MoH conducted management of severe acute malnutrition training for health facility staff in Galmudug, Hirshabelle, Jubaland and Puntland. 100 health facility staff trained on management of SAM across all districts in the mentioned states. - Federal MoH M&E team and state level MoH conducted joint field supportive supervision in health facilities in Galmudug and Jubaland states. The aim of the supervision was to provide on the job training and identify challenge. Some of the major challenges identified are lack of service integration (standalone OTP or TSFP) with no IYCF component, lack of staff training, copy of new IMAM guideline missing. - MoH urged partners to adhere to the new IMAM guideline and ensure copy of the document is placed at facilities for staff usage. Besides facilities should have IEC materials and tools such lookup table, referral forms, registers, patient cards etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoH to share supervision checklist and other tools/materials with partners 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As partners resume implementation of the normal IMAM guideline, partners are requested to adhere to Covid-19 protocols to reduce spread of the virus. All frontline facility staff should be vaccinated, and PPE supplies available at facilities. - MoH will be integrating Vitamin A supplementation in the upcoming polio campaign across the country in November and December 2021. MoH is planning to also conduct Vitamin A supplementation twice a year routinely. 		
<i>Closure Remarks</i>		
No other item raised for discussion hence meeting adjourned.		

<i>Key Action points</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Status</i>
Cluster/MoH to write official email to all partners on official resumption of MUAC+WH z-score modality.	Cluster	Oct	Open
Cluster to arrange meeting for the partners with reporting issues.	Cluster	Oct	Open
MoH to share supervision checklist and other tools/materials with partners	MoH	Oct	Open