

Somalia Nutrition Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring Report – 2020



Picture1 – Regional FPs, Nutrition Cluster Coordination Training in Hargeisa Nov 2019



Picture 2 – Jan 2020 National Nutrition Cluster meeting in Mogadishu.

The Somalia Nutrition Cluster was established and activated in 2006 subsequent to the implementation of the cluster system by the HCT against the backdrop of emergency in the country. Overall, the situation of malnutrition of children and pregnant and lactating women in Somalia has been above the emergency threshold levels based on the various FSNAU reports conducted in recent years. Due to the prevailing protracted crisis in the country the number of nutrition cluster, under the role of UNICEF as a lead, have increased and currently it comprises of around one hundred partners including national and international NGOs, UN agencies, national authorities and donors etc. Similarly, currently there 12 sub-national cluster coordination forums, one sub-national sector coordination fora, three thematic technical working groups (IYCF, IMAM and AIM) and strategic advisory working group (SAG). The country cluster coordination team is composed of a Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (UNICEF), Dep Nutrition Cluster Coordination (WFP)/currently vacant, Nutrition Information Management Officer (UNICEF), Nutrition Cluster officer (UNICEF).

The last CCPM survey was conducted in August 2015 and hence this exercise was long awaited. With the support and guidance from the Global Nutrition Cluster the survey was conducted in Nov/Dec 2020. Prior to the survey there was a two-hour online orientation session conducted for the partners. This session was facilitated by the global nutrition cluster. Subsequent to the session the survey questionnaires were disseminated. Two questionnaires were shared with the cluster team (first questionnaire describing the cluster and its outputs; and the second questionnaire on the cluster performance). Additionally, a third questionnaire on cluster performance was circulated to all cluster members for inputs. The cluster team at GNC provided all the required remote support for the launch and closure of the online survey and shared the preliminary report as well. In response to both online survey questionnaires, 68 partners responded to the survey, including national & international NGOs, and UN agencies – this was around 69.4% reporting rate. Based on the inputs a draft plan was developed which was shared all the partners in early January 2020. Subsequent to the partners feedback the final report was presented in the January NC meeting and the findings were validated.

Table 1. Response rate among partners

Partner Type	Number of partners responded	Total number of partners	Response Rate (%)
Donors	0	3	0.0%
International NGOs	19	23	82.6%
National Authority	2	1	200.0%
National NGOs	42	64	65.6%
ICRC/IFRC	0	1	0.0%
UN Organizations	5	6	83.3%
Total	68	98	69.4%

Table 2. The below table shows the performance status as per the core areas and the follow up actions with the timelines.

Core Functions	Performance status	Performance status Constraints: unexpected circumstances and/or success factors and/or good practice identified	Follow-up action, with timeline, (when status is orange or red) and/or support required	Timeline. When?
1. Supporting service delivery				
1.1 Providing a platform that ensures service delivery is driven by Humanitarian Response Plan and strategic priorities	Good	Training of partners on disability inclusion. Enhancing the capacity of focal points of coordination Orienting/refreshing partners on ONA Strengthening the communication/feedback mechanism with all the sub-national coordination forums Work closely with agencies on follow up of PDs for continued service delivery where needed	1 st quarter of 2021 with support from agencies, MoH, OCHA, GNC and partners etc.	1 st and 2 nd Quarter of 2021
1.2 Developing mechanisms to eliminate duplication of service delivery	Good	Continued capacity development of partners on data collection and sharing and on 3Ws. Strengthening of IM system at the cluster level Continued gap analysis and sharing with relevant agencies/partners to address duplications	With support from partners and agencies	1 st half of 2021(Gap analysis will be done on an ongoing basis)
2. Informing strategic decisions of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)				
2.1 Preparing needs assessments and analysis of gaps (across and within Clusters, using information management tools as needed) to inform the setting of priorities	Satisfactory	Involvement of nutrition partners in joint assessments Strengthening the role of agencies in the FSNAU	In collaboration with FSNAU, OCHA and other clusters as well	As and when assessments are planned/needed

2.2 Identifying and finding solutions for (emerging) gaps, obstacles, duplication and cross-cutting issues	Good	Continued analysis of service delivery gaps/duplications. Sharing these findings with relevant partners, agencies and donors for corrective measures.	Partners should play a proactive role in identifying gaps and sharing with the subnational and national coordination forums for timely actions. NC will actively and continuously engage with agencies and share the service delivery gap analysis findings with the aim of strengthening service delivery	On-going
2.3 Formulating priorities on the basis of analysis	Good	Continued sharing of the findings of joint analysis and data with the platforms of ICCG, HCT, SHF and donors for prioritization and for scale up activities	Close collaboration with Govt, donors, partners and agencies	On-going
3. Planning and implementing Cluster strategies				
3.1 Developing sectoral plans, objectives and indicators that directly support realization of the overall response's strategic objectives	Good	Conducting and completing the rationalization plan and also conducting gap analysis for the rationalization exercise	MoH, Agencies and partners etc.	By mid 2021
3.2 Applying and adhering to common standards and guidelines	Good	Keeping the partners updated on any revised and updated global standards and guidelines on service delivery	With support of GNC and agencies	Need based
3.3 Clarifying funding requirements, helping to set priorities, and agreeing Cluster contributions to the HC's overall humanitarian funding proposals	Satisfactory	More active engagement with SHF/ICCG/HCT/Donors etc. so that nutrition services are continued and scaled up as per the emergency situation.	In close collaboration with SHF, OCHA/ICCG, agencies and partners	On-going
4. Monitoring and evaluating performance				
4.1 Monitoring and reporting on activities and needs	Good	Strengthening the supportive supervision and monitoring mechanism.	MoH, agencies and partners	On-going
4.2 Measuring progress against the Cluster strategy and agreed results	Good	Strengthening the IM system at cluster level and quarterly orientation sessions for partners on reporting etc.	Partners to actively engage in reporting their activities/progress on time	On-going
4.3 Recommending corrective action where necessary	Good	Continued feedback to partners and agencies on areas of low reporting areas/partners		On-going
5. Building national capacity in preparedness and contingency planning				

5.1 National contingency plans identified, updated and shared	Good	Work with partners, OCHA, agencies and Govt resource mapping and	Partners to participate in resource mapping for contingency planning	1 st half of 2021
5.2 Cluster roles and responsibilities defined and understood	Satisfactory	Working closely with agencies and GNC/OCHA on building partners capacity with regards to contingency planning	Partners to share the information required for resource mapping and contingency planning and providing continued feedback on updating the plans accordingly	1 st half of 2021 with continued adaptation
5.3 Early warning reports shared with partners	Satisfactory	Continued feedback and sharing of reports with partners on any escalation of the situation for the partners to respond	Partner to work closely with sub national and national coordination structures to respond timely to the early warnings and needed responses	On-going and need based
6. Advocacy				
6.1 Identify concerns, and contributing key information and messages to HC and HCT messaging and action	Satisfactory	Development and updating of key advocacy messages for Govt, donors and partners. Seeking capacity building opportunities with GNC of partners on advocacy	OCHA, ICCG, agencies and GNC	Ongoing
6.2 Undertaking advocacy on behalf of Cluster, Cluster members and affected people	Good			
7 Accountability to affected people				
7.1 Mechanisms to consult and involve affected people in decision-making agreed upon and used by partners	Good	Strengthening the complaint redressal mechanism for communities. More active engagement with communities and beneficiaries	Partners to actively engage and take corrective measures to address and complaints Strengthening the monitoring mechanism to gauge the community satisfaction	Ongoing
7.2 Mechanisms to receive, investigate and act upon complaints on the assistance received agreed upon and used by partners	Good			
7.3 Key issues relating to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse have been raised and discussed	Good	Work closely with OCHA, partners and agencies to enhance the capacity of NC partners on issues of PSEAs and reporting accordingly.	Partners to comply with the PSEA guidelines	Ongoing