

Minutes of the 47th Nutrition Working Group Meeting

14:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 20th April 2016

Venue: National Institute for Nutrition

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Review of previous minutes and action points
New action points:
 - I. **NIN/UNICEF to invite FAO to present on progress of establishing committee for Zero Hunger Initiative in next meeting**
 - II. **UNICEF to share final MTR report and POA as soon as available from Dr. Gary**
 - III. **UNICEF to share Feedback from Dr. Luong on his experience and impressions from the conference in Geneva.**
 - IV. **UNICEF to provide update on nutrition response to drought emergency via email. NGOS and other TWGN members working in drought affected areas to provide update on their programmes and response to the emergency needs.**
 - V. **NIN and TWGN to identify core team to support emergency nutrition assessments with timely reporting and to become TOTs for trainings in Nutrition in emergencies**
 - VI. **UNICEF to share updated Nutrition Capacity Map with TWGN members**
 - VII. **HealthBridge to share a 1 page summary of the project including the key interventions and process involved, and to present baseline results at TWGN meeting in August/September.**
 - VIII. **Helen Keller will share finalised materials for master TOT on nutrition and hygiene actions with TWGN once they are available in July/August 2016**
 - IX. **Further information and invitation for any members to register if they want to attend and participate in SUN meeting will be shared**
 - X. **NIN to share table of SUN process indicators for each agency to review and edit any scores as necessary. Any changes to the score must be supported with comment and explanation. If necessary small working group can be called to discuss further and finalise input**
3. Nutrition policy and strategy update
4. Programme updates
 - i) Nutrition and disaster risk management
 - ii) Nutrition surveillance
 - iii) Maternal, Infant and young child nutrition
 - iv) Micronutrient prevention and control
 - v) PEMC / Management of acute malnutrition
5. Nutrition research update
6. SUN Movement Annual Progress Reporting and Priorities Setting
7. AOB

Discussion and Action points:

Agenda item	Discussions	Action points
1. Introductions		
2. Review of previous minutes and action points		
<p>2.1 <u>Comments from previous minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Review of action points:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NIN to share results from rapid assessment in Ninh Thuan once finalised 2. NIN to share Pillar 2 with the cluster for their inputs and comments again. 3. UNICEF/NIN will share the final report and plan of action with working group members once finalised. Members are invited to comment on draft versions. 	<p>No comments on previous minutes.</p> <p>Rapid assessment in Ninh Thuan, Mr. Do present results in last meeting. Report is finalised and ready for sharing and upload to website. Report was shared with TWGN immediately following meeting.</p> <p>Pillar 2 Zero Hunger Initiative was submitted to MARD but not has not yet been approved by Prime Minister. He wants to establish a committee for Zero Hunger plan so MARD is working on mechanism for establishing this committee. FAO invited for discussion on progress in next meeting.</p> <p>MTR report finalised, ready to share in the next week. POA still being finalised, taking into consideration any comments received from Working Group members. Should be ready for sharing in the next 2-3 weeks.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NIN/UNICEF to invite FAO to present on progress of establishing committee for Zero Hunger Initiative in next meeting 2. UNICEF to share final MTR report and POA as soon as available from Dr. Gary
3. Nutrition Policy & Strategy Update		
<p>Child Law</p>	<p>April 5, Child Law was approved by National Assembly. Article 43 regarding nutrition counselling and treatment for children up to 36 months. There is now strong legal background for the inclusion of nutrition screening, treatment and prevention of SAM within the Health Insurance Scheme. Child Law will become effective from July 2017.</p> <p>Question regarding availability of RUTF at all hospitals and commune health centre now the law is passed which includes specific nutrition aspects – Current Child Law does not define this but the inclusion of</p>	

	<p>Article 43 gives a good foundation for further development of guiding circular and decree to gain inclusion of these products under the Health Insurance</p> <p>Congratulations to Working Group members who contributed to the long process of including this article in the new Law, this is a landmark achievement for Vietnam. Still a challenge to ensure operationalisation of the components of the Law, but now any work we do as the nutrition technical working group will have a strong legal backing from this Child Law</p>	
BFHI	<p>Second BFHI review meeting was conducted globally with a conference in Geneva. Vietnam was invited to present on their experience of incorporating 10 steps for successful breastfeeding into the health system so that it became mandatory rather than the previously ineffective donor-driven approach. Dr. Luong from MSA presented on behalf of Vietnam as the coordinator of the National Hospital Quality Criteria Assessment which includes the BFHI indicators. Next set of group meetings will be held in September this year and Vietnam experience will be used to inform the next revision of the global guidance on BFHI</p>	<p>3. UNICEF to share Feedback from Dr. Luong on his experience and impressions from the conference in Geneva.</p>
4. Programme updates		
i) Nutrition and disaster risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN agencies joined with the Government departments to conduct a Joint Rapid Assessment on the impact of drought in 8 out of the 39 provinces affected by the current drought and salt intrusions emergency. Main government response currently is for water and rice supply. Not enough attention paid to health and nutrition issues. Dr. Quang, UNICEF is currently travelling to Ninh Thuan to support this response and will provide more detailed update by email. UN agencies will continue to support government to mobilise funds through a Central Emergency Response Fund to support a full response to the emergency based on the needs identified, focussing also on health and nutrition issues. Important for TWGN members to also monitor the progress of the situation and contribute through timely assessment and reporting on situation in their areas of operation. Important for NIN to have rapid access to data on nutrition situation in the drought affected 	<p>4. UNICEF to provide update on nutrition response to drought emergency via email. NGOS and other TWGN members working in drought affected areas to provide update on their programmes and response to the emergency needs.</p>

	<p>as the technical focal point for nutrition in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition in Emergency training was conducted in Quang Binh province in April by NIN and UNICEF, facilitated by UNICEF Regional Office Advisor on Nutrition in Emergencies. Participation from NGOs and Provincial Health Staff from 13 high risk provinces, including 6 provinces affected by the current emergency drought situation. Training was successful for raising awareness of Provincial level health staff on key nutrition interventions needed during preparedness planning for responding to an emergency situation. Next steps involve a training for TOT master team to provide support for future training, and to ensure commitment from higher level decision makers to ensure nutrition aspects are routinely included in preparedness for recurring and prospective emergencies 	<p>5. NIN and TWGN to identify core team to support emergency nutrition assessments with timely reporting and to become TOTs for trainings in Nutrition in emergencies</p>
ii) Nutrition surveillance	<p>Nutrition Capacity map is currently being updated to map out where each agency is working in Vietnam and some details of the projects being run, to avoid any overlap of model programmes and to ensure full knowledge on where nutrition work is being conducted. This can also act as a resource in case of emergency so the TWGN is aware of which agency is already working in certain areas to provide situation updates. Feedback and inputs have been received already from many agencies. Capacity map will be share again with space for some more feedback as needed.</p>	<p>6. UNICEF to share updated Nutrition Capacity Map with TWGN members</p>
iii) Maternal, Infant & Young Child Nutrition	<p>Health Bridge are launching a project on “strengthening Health system and improving nutrition” in Son La province. Three components including maternal and neonatal health, nutrition, and MHealth. Will share further information in August when they have baseline data on the situation with a focus on mHealth initiative, baseline data from control commune and intervention commune. First time for a mHealth intervention to be implemented in Vietnam so good opportunity for experience sharing. Communication to mothers on child health and IYCF practices will be communicated via the mobile phone.</p> <p>Request to ensure any activities or projects that are being run fit in to NIN/MOH plan of action for nutrition so there is no overlap of projects</p>	<p>7. HealthBridge to share a 1 page summary of the project including the key interventions and process involved, and to present baseline results at TWGN meeting in August/September.</p>
iv) Micronutrient prevention and control	<p>No updates</p>	

v) PEMC / Management of acute malnutrition	<p>HKI update on master TOT with NIN on essential nutrition actions and essential hygiene actions. Created set of materials for national use, with agreement/approval from NIN that these materials will be used under the PEMC programme training. Combining these materials with the standard PEMC training materials to be used during trainings in all 63 provinces in Vietnam. Approval of this set of materials was in March 2016, adapting materials from Helen Keller International to the Vietnam context. Finalisation of package and printing should be completed by July 2016 and will be shared with TWGN partners. Training should occur in August/September this year.</p>	<p>8. Helen Keller will share finalised materials with TWGN once they are available in July/August 2016</p>
<p>9. Nutrition research update</p>	<p>Ryerson University Canada and NIN held an inception meeting and public launch on April 5th on a project for small scale farmers and women to produce nutrient rich complementary food for sale at local market or in city to increase market availability of good quality complementary foods. Project was already launched so is now in the process of identifying key locations for the project and conducting baseline research. Project is addressing both food/nutrition security and improving quality of complementary food.</p> <p>Comparison with HEBI is that these products are more small scale and local level, less technical components involved in terms of machinery involved and process for production, and the protocol for production is less strict than the HEBI process since it is a routine complementary food rather than a treatment food. This project has a sustainability component involved by working with the local private sector so local production sites are established which can continue on after the end of the project.</p>	
<p>10. SUN Movement Annual Progress Reporting and Priorities' Setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUN Movement Country Network Meeting will be held from 9-13 May 2016. Any country which wants to share experience on SUN for sustaining commitment for political action on nutrition to be received by 22 April. Meeting to be held at UNICEF office to connect with Geneva. Any agency who would like to attend the teleconference meeting should register with NIN Phuong by April 29th. • SUN Movement Annual progress report on 4 different columns on SUN progress in each country. Report for Vietnam from last year was shared with TWGN members. SUN secretariat requires 	<p>9. Further information and invitation for any members to register if they want to attend and participate in meeting will be shared</p> <p>10. NIN to share table of process indicators for each agency to review and edit any scores as</p>

	updated information on progress from Vietnam to be completed by 31 May 2016	necessary. Any changes to the score must be supported with comment and explanation. If necessary small working group can be called to discuss further and finalise input
6. AOB	Farewell to Nemat Hejeebhoy from A&T who will finish her position in Vietnam for the last 7 years to move on to further work in the USA. Great thanks were given from the NIN, UNICEF and TWGN members for her hard work and dedication to the children of Vietnam during her long time here. Farewell also to Aisling Daly from UNICEF who will finish her assignment in Vietnam in May	

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Next meeting is planned on **22nd June 2017**

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