Minutes of the 50th Nutrition Working Group Meeting

14:00 - 16:30

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Venue: National Institute for Nutrition

1. Introductions

Giới thiệu

2. Programme updates

- 1. UNICEF report the progess the program of response emergency at 6 provinces.
- 2. NIN introduce the draft NPAN 2016-2020

Discussion and Action points:

Agenda item	Discussions	Action points		
1. Introductions				
2. Nutrition Information				
UNICEF report the progess the program	UNICEF has implemented emergency interventions in			
of response emergency at 6 provinces.	6 provinces, 58 districts and more than 500			
	communes. The target groups of the intervention are			
	pregnant and lactating women (PLW), and children			
	from 6- 23 months.			
	Total: 120.000 PLW are supported with daily multi-			
	micronutrient			
	80.000 Children from 6-23 months old are supported			
	with home fortification with Multiple Micronutrient			
	Powders (MNP). The goal is to covered 80% of the			
	targeted group. Among the children, screening using			
	MUAC and scale showed that 3400 children were			
	with SAM and received as treatment Plumpy'Nut			
	RUTF.			

- The intervention has implemented from September, 2016 except Ninh Thuan which started from June 2016. The intervention focuses on training the health staff and provides the nutrients supplements or RUTF to the target groups, and is a collaboration between UNICEF and NIN which is responsible for implementing the training for health staffs from provincial level to nutrition collaborators at village level.

The program will end by 30/11/2016 in Thai Nguyen and for the remaining provinces it will end on 31/01/2017. UNICEF is advocating so that after the first 6 months provinces will be able to deal themselves/take the lead with the situation.

N.B.: the MNPs as well as the RUTF are currently imported, because while NIN produced these products, administrative procedures took too long time and NIN has not yet become a UNICEF licensed supplier. In addition, UNICEF have been calculating the cost of the treatment for severely malnourished children, and still advocated to put the RUTF into the list of products covered by the Health Insurance

3. NIN introduce the draft NPAN 2016-2020

From NIN:

- NIN has reduced the number of activities proposed by Prof. Gary Gleason because 2/3 of the previous targets and activities under the NPAN 2011-2015 have not been met.
- The current NPAN needs to be realistic on what can be achieved, and based on current and future finance available. Therefore the
- 1) All members to send the comment to improve National Nutrition Plan period 2016-2020 before 30/10/2016, by adding directly the comments on excel file.
- 2) NIN will organise a meeting at MOH on 02/11/2106 to discuss these revised Plan of action.

- current NPAN needs to prioritize targets and activities.
- Difficulty of management for the NPAN because no steering committee can be put in place (not approved by MOH).

Comments from members:

- The NPAN 2016-2020 should not be based only on the activities that will be funded for sure, but should be based on what are important from a public nutrition point of view.
- From UNICEF: need to push so that not only MOH but other ministries are involved in the NPAN, such as MOLISA and Ministry of Agriculture. Need to promote strongly multisector cooperation and link the NPAN with the SUN movement. For example to base the NPAN on the SUN sensitive template that was just developed.
- From the responsible of the costing exercise at Hanoi University: the NPAN needs to be based on the activities needed for Vietnam, because if it is based on the budget available only then there is no need to develop a NPAN for 5 years and no need for a costing exercise either. What is important is to define clearly what are the objectives, targets and activities for the NPAN. Then the costing exercise will help to put a budget on activities and advocate to have them funded by the budget of the entity (MOH, MOLISA or other ministries, Women Union etc...) which will be responsible to implement them.

In addition, the NPAN should involve international NGOSs and detail more what they can provide to support NPAN activities.

- 3) NIN will organize a workshop for the TWGN members to continue commenting the NPAN mid November2016. 1 or 2 representatives from private sector will also be invited.
- 4) NIN to send the NPAN in English version for members.
- 5) The costing exercise will take place after all the comments received on the NPAN.
- 6) Other sectors will revise and add more input and activities related on the PLAN and send to technique group before 4/11/2016

- From A&T: the directions of the NPAN are fine but it is important to put clearly the responsibilities of each ministry/entity beside the activities, so that they can see clearly what they are responsible for.
- From MOH: the current NPAN draft is too much alike of the previous 2011-2015 one. There is a need to put target number clearly on the NPAN, and also to organize a meeting between MOH-NIN-other Ministries involved to get commitment for funds from government. It is very difficult to have only MOH and NIN as focal point for NPAN. It is important to divide clearly the role & responsibilities of each ministry involved for the success of the NPAN, involved other partners such as Women Union and international NGOs, and finally to prioritize the activities (what can be achieved on year 1, year 2 etc...?)
- From HKI: try to bottom up and seek for provinces feedbacks on the NPAN draft as they are also implementing the NPAN activities.
- From farmer union: strengthening the multi sectors collaboration is very important and need to focus on the next period. To gain the NNS target need to attend of the others sector. Farm union is conducting the project "the meal has meat and nutrition for children" which need to
- From MARD: emphasise the role of other sectors in the nutrition activities. They will revise and add more related activities on the NPAN.

- From MOLISA: Need to identify the level of the plan, it should be the national level, only MOH approval for this is not enough power. It is necessary to expand the NPAN subjects for the other sectors, unless they can not join. MOLISA will also revise and add more input on the PLAN and sent to technique group.
- From MOED: The NNS has defined the responsibility and the function of all sectors involved. To gain the NNS achievements, need to strengthen the multi sector collaboration. It is necessary to organize a nation workshop to revise and report all the activities and achievements in the period 2111 2015 where are attended all the related sectors.
- From PATH: IT is very important and the most common access channel for communication. Add more IT activities in communication segment is necessary.

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