



Minutes of Nutrition Sub Working Group (NSWG) Meeting – Beirut

Date: 14 March, 2014

List of participants

Organizations

ACF, FAO, IMC, IOCC, IYCF, LRC, MF, MOPH, R.I, SCI, UNICEF, UNICEF MENA R.O, Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (UNHCR), URDA, WFP, WHO

No.	Issue	Focal Point	Deadline
1.	<p><u>Nutrition Sub working Group Governance</u></p> <p>The NSWG comes under the National Health Working Group and will report recommendations to the HWG. Overall leadership is through the MOPH and their active support was commended. UNICEF nominated willingness to co-lead. WFP and IOCC also nominated interest. WHO and UNHCR will discuss nominating.</p> <p>It was agreed the NSWG meetings will be held monthly</p> <p><u>Action plan:</u></p> <p>UN Heads of agencies' will discuss co-leading at a senior managers meeting</p> <p>Inter-agency Coordination Unit (UNHCR) will propose a scheduled meeting time and place for the monthly meetings.</p>	F Tyler IAPHC (UNHCR)	25 Mar
2.	<p><u>TOR of the Nutrition sub-working Group</u></p> <p>A draft TORs prepared by UNICEF, MOPH and IOCC was shared with the working group will be sent to the health working group members for comments</p> <p>Suggestion : Add an additional item in the TOR after infant and young child feeding in emergencies, to detail Inter-sectoral linkage with food security and WASH</p>		

	<p><u>Action plan:</u> Draft TORs to be distributed to NSWG members for consultation</p>	F Tyler – IAPHC (UNHCR)	Comments from members to be provided NLT 25 Mar
3.	<p><u>Draft Work Plan</u> UNICEF recommended that a workshop be conducted in order to agree on strategy and work plan with all the Nutrition focal points. The workshop will discuss preventative interventions and treatment strategy.</p> <p><u>Action plan:</u> A TWG will convene to plan the workshop. This will include a focal point from ACF/IOCC/RI/SCI/UNICEF/Inter-agency/WFP</p>	Z Azzeddine UNICEF	TWG meet NLT 1 Apr
4.	<p><u>Nutrition Assessment and Screening</u> Based on the results of the nutrition assessment, Bekaa (Aarsal) is the most critical with 1.7 % Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) plus Oedema. UNICEF with IOCC, RI, MOPH, are undertaking a mass screening in conjunction with the Polio vaccination campaign in the Bekaa. This will then roll out to the other Governorates. The screening is being undertaken by Beyond with supervision from IOCC. To date 7 cases of SAMs were identified and referred to PHCs. Cases with SAMs plus complications have not been identified. UNICEF highlighted this as a warning giving the high level of SAM with complications in the nutrition assessment.</p> <p>IOCC have increased the number of PHCs trained in provision of nutrition management services in Bekaa have from 4 (February) to 8 (March).</p> <p>A targeted nutrition assessment in the Bekaa in May 2014 (6 months after the 2013 assessment) was proposed in the UNHCR regional public health workshop in Amman. This will be discussed further in nutrition workshop in Beirut.</p> <p><u>Action plan:</u> UNICEF will release the results of the assessment to be discussed by the NSWG</p>	Z Azzeddine UNICEF	NLT next NSWG meeting

