

Nutrition Sub-Working Group Meeting 31st of December 2013
Updates and Action Points

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Discussion point	Action point
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of action points of previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IYCF consultant: no further updates at this time • MUAC tapes: WFP has been following up with UNICEF, gap is still PLW tapes; UNHCR still in the process of providing height boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to check with the MSF Jordan hospital in Irbid; they might have reserves as they used to implement SAM and MAM treatment. • Nutrition survey meeting between key agencies: UNHCR, WFP and UNFPA met; final version of the guidelines to be sent out. • Sale of milk for children under the age of one in voucher-admitted shops: WFP followed up with their field staff who checked all the stores and did not find the item for sale. It was reiterated to shop-owners that WFP is very strict about disqualifying shops from the voucher programme if any illegal items are being sold. • Define TOR for co-lead: pending. • Small task force to finalize anaemia protocol: Finalized but pending approval from MoH. • Zaatari anaemia report to be disseminated: pending. • MoH to send what they already have on nutrition surveillance: pending. 	<p>WFP to follow up with UNICEF. SCJ to try to check with MSF if they have reserves of MUAC tapes.</p> <p>UNHCR to circulate guidelines.</p> <p>SCJ to share letter from MoH related to providing milk for children under one</p> <p>UNHCR and SCJ to follow up.</p> <p>Protocol to be shared once approved.</p> <p>SCJ to circulate report.</p> <p>UNHCR and SCJ to follow up with</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task force to review operational guidance for SAM and MAM: “Integrated Management for Acute Malnutrition” guidelines will be circulated in the new year, JHAS staff has already received a training on CMAM protocol. • Printing guidelines for SAM and MAM: JHAS already has the Arabic version, will get approval from Medair and then circulate 	<p>Dr Tarawneh.</p> <p>Medair/JHAS to circulate guidelines.</p>
<p>2. SAM and MAM implementation update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JHAS has started treatment of SAM children inside Zaatari camp after MSF closed their paediatric ward, and are accepting referrals from other agencies. In urban settings, have started PlumpyNut treatment and admitted a few children into the programme; also encourage referrals to their clinics from other agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also accepting referrals for routine treatment of MAM. SAM with complications will be referred to Jordan University Hospital (JUH) through JHAS. There has been one case referred but not through the scope of this programme, as there is an existing cooperation between Nutrition parties and JUH. • MUAC screening: SCJ will screen for two weeks and have a sensitization campaign simultaneously, followed by an enrolment period through which MAM cases will enter the programme. When identified, they will be referred to the enrolment, where the weight for height will be confirmed. • Explanation of the process by JHAS: MUAC is evaluated at triage point, if there is a possibility of MAM or SAM, a Nutrition Officer in the clinic will be called to confirm the case. If confirmed SAM, referred to GP at the clinic; then prescribed medication. If the child is SAM, will be given supply of PlumpyNut until the next distribution date. Nutrition Officer enters the admission indicators into the logbook and each week the child will be evaluated to follow up on their progress. For SuperCereal Plus, if a child comes to the clinic and is diagnosed with MAM, they will be given an appointment for the next distribution date. 	

<p>3. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SuperCereal Plus: JFDA did their lab tests after some delay because of the bad weather. They kept repeating the calcium tests, measuring based on the standards in Jordan which are milk standards; as they do not have cereal or porridge standards, they want SuperCereal Plus to comply with milk standards. WFP continues following up with JFDA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion: contact assistant professors of University of Jordan who might be able to contribute with scientific clarification of the issue. • Regional Nutrition Strategy: NWG already has a nutrition strategy for emergency interventions, need to work on integrating the regional nutrition strategy in emergencies within the Jordan national plan for action. • Flour fortification: solution needs to be found as MoH will be cutting the budget for fortified 	<p>WFP and SCJ will follow up with JFDA.</p> <p>Further discuss in next meeting, assign a small task force to work with MoH on the subject.</p> <p>Follow up with MoH.</p>
<p>Next SWG meeting date: TBD</p>	