

16th NATIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER MEETING Via ZOOM LINK

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

FRIDAY, 19th Asadh 2077 (3rd July 2020)

The nutrition cluster was officially activated, led by the Family Welfare Division (FWD) of Department of Health Services (DoHS) of Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to initiate nutrition preparedness and response actions to address nutrition issues in existing COVID-19 targeting to under five years children, pregnant and lactating women and elderly (60 years plus) population. This is the 16th meeting after activating the nutrition cluster for COVID-19 preparedness and response. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, Chief of Nutrition Section of FWD/DoHS/MoHP as well as Nutrition Cluster lead of Federal Level Nutrition Cluster and co-chaired by the Mr. Anirudra Sharma, Nutrition Specialist UNICEF as well as Cluster co-lead. Altogether 100 plus people from different organizations were invited out of which 92 plus attended via zoom link.

| AGENDA FOR NUTRITION CLUSTER MEETING | |
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| Time | Agenda Items |
| 11:00 AM | 1. Chair of the meeting, scenario setting, welcome and sharing of meeting agenda 2. Major updates: Chair of the meeting, Nutrition cluster lead 3. Review of action points from previous meetings: Nutrition cluster co-lead 4. Progress updates from the provincial nutrition cluster lead (PHD Directors) – major briefs/key achievements on the action points and national Vitamin A Campaign |
| To | 5. Briefing of each TWG and next steps: 6 TWGs: (i) IMAM (ii) IYCF, (iii) BCC, (iv) IM, (v) Assessment, (vi) (MN) |
| 01:20 PM | 6. Remarks: NPC – Ms. Laxmi Ghimire, Under Secretary, the National Planning Commission 7. Remarks: DOHS/MoHP - Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Director General 8. AOB and closing by Chair Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli |

| MAJOR DISCUSSIONS/ACTION POINTS | |
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| Agenda 1: Chair of the meeting, scenario setting, welcome and sharing of meeting agenda | |
| Chair of the Meeting: Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, Chief of Nutrition Section of FWD/DoHS/MOHP and the National Nutrition Cluster (NNC) Lead Chair the Session with Co-Chairing by Mr. Anirudra Sharma, Nutrition Specialist UNICEF and Co-lead of NNC. | |
| Welcome to the participants and agenda sharing: Chair of the meeting welcome to the all participants and Co-chair shared the meeting agenda as mention above. | |
| This was the 16 th virtual nutrition cluster meeting after COVID-19 Global Pandemic disease (COVID 19) arise. In this meeting, altogether 92 plus participants attended (<u>see annex 1 for detail of the participants</u>). | |
| Agenda 2: Major briefing from nutrition cluster: | |
| Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, Nutrition cluster-lead presented the Global and National situation of Covid-19 and the major achievements of nutrition cluster. The major briefing presented by Mr. Parajuli has been attached in the annex 2 | |
| Agenda 3: Review of action points from previous meetings | |
| Mr. Anirudra Sharma Nutrition cluster co-lead shared the action points and progress agreed in last meeting (See Annex 3 for details of the status of the achievements) | |
| Agenda 4: Progress updates from the provincial nutrition cluster lead (PHD Directors) focusing on nutrition service continuity and monitoring of ongoing nutrition services | |
| Discussion | Follow up actions |
| Province number 1: Mr. Chandra Dev Mehta, Provincial Health Director updated the major highlights as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vitamin A and Albendazole and other nutrition commodities received by provincial health logistic management center and dispatched to districts and to local levels. The transportation has been supported by UNICEF from CMC to PHLMC and UNICEF and Suaahara up to some district. Organized a virtual meeting with district health office about Vitamin A Campaign. MSNP Coordinators and volunteers have coordinated with all the health coordinators of Panchthar, Udaypur & Khotang to release health specific budget which aids as complementary for communication of vitamin A campaign, distribution of relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. |

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| <p>support, information collection of target groups from quarantine, health post, OTC centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,994 G1000D households (505 from UNFPA) received relief package targeting to G1000D families. • UNFPA supported 126 dignity kits for pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and 100 Kishori Kit to adolescent girls. • Risk communication and community engagement activities (radio program, phone counselling, SMS) ongoing through Suaahara supports. • Suaahara-II has supported for the orientation on Covid19 and Nutrition to district level stakeholders of Taplejung and Panchthar districts. • Supported sanitizer & mask for all FCHVs, broadcasting of messages through 17 FMs, SMS sending to all FCHVs and the households of under 5 children. • Mobilization of all 170 front line workers of Suaahara in field to support FCHVs for vitamin A campaign. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to manage nutrition interventions (If needed) to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. • Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Facilitate to continue the NRH of Koshi and Okhaldhunga hospital and coordinate with Khotang Hospital to initiate NRH services. • Follow safety precautions (may me mother MUAC) to children age 6-59 months and bring SAM children to OTC and NRH for the treatment. • Coordinate and guide to MSNP coordinators, MSNP volunteers and Suaahara team to spend the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Province number 2: Mr. Harishchandra Shah, the Director of Provincial Health Directorate (PHD) and Mr. Phulgendra Prasad Singh, Nutrition officer of UNICEF of province number 2 briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Health and Nutrition partners meeting was organized on 25 June 2020. In the meeting it was decided to increase the focus of overall COVID-19 Response in Sarlahi and Rautahat • All 8 districts of Province # 2 received the Vitamin A, Albendazole and MUAC tapes (9,67,000 Vitamin A, 8,55,000 Albendazole and 26,400 MUAC) and all FCHVs will receive required commodities for Vitamin A distribution program by 3 July 2020. • 15,216 Golden 1000 days mothers received relief package in Province # 2 (120 in Saptari, 436 in Dhanusa, 12,730 in Sarlahi, 1,500 in Rautahat and 430 in Parsa districts). • 4 Municipality level Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee meetings organized (3 in Bara and 1 in Parsa) • MSNP coordinators and Nutrition Volunteers are closely supporting the Palikas. • Distribution of Nutritious food package is continued to 2,500 Under five children 2,100 Pregnant/lactating Women (PLWs) and Hygiene kits to 2,000 PLWs in Saptari and Rautahat by WHH/Aasamaan Nepal • UNICEF supported to print and distribute 5,000 Fliers, 6,000 IMAM and IYCF guidance notes and started the airing of messages related to Vitamin A distribution in local languages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. • Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. • Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. • Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. • Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Facilitate to continue the NRH of the provinces. • Follow safety precautions (may me mother MUAC) to children age 6-59 months and bring SAM children to OTC and NRH for the treatment. • Coordinate and guide to MSNP coordinators and volunteers to spend the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Bagmati province: Mr. Ramesh Adhikari, Director and Mr. Shambhu Kafle, Public Health Administrator briefed following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitamin-A and Albendazole already received and dispatched to all districts and local levels. • Suaahara II supported 15,192 Surgical Mask and 3,798 hand sanitizers to 3,798 FCHVs (4 Mask and 1 hand sanitizer to each FCHV) in 5 districts for VAC for safety measures. • All 184 Suaahara field staffs are mobilized for coaching and counseling FCHVs regarding Vitamin- A protocol and guideline and supporting Vitamin A campaign. • PSA airing by 14 FMs and Radio Nepal and SMS sent to FCHVs and under 5 Children regarding Vitamin A campaign. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. • Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. • Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District level orientation on COVID-19 completed in 4 districts (Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading and Dolakha) to Health Coordinators by Suaahara Program • Suaahara Resource Person (one medical Dr.) supporting PHD to carry out COVID activities-Quarantine, Isolation, CICT, PTT, RRT and so on... • Risk communication and community engagement activities (radio program, phone counselling, SMS) going on through Suaahara program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. • Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Facilitate to continue the NRH of Sunakothi and Sindhupalchowk Hospital to initiate the treatment of SAM children. • Coordinate and guide to Suaahara team to spend the funds allocated for adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Gandaki Province: Dr. Binod Bindu Sharma, Director of Provincial Health Directorate briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Response plan has been reviewed by the Ministry of Social Development, Gandaki Province and sent back to incorporate the feedback. • NRH Baglung is resumed from 01 July 2020 which was closed since long time after lockdown. Due to the COVID-19 infection, NRH in Parbat was closed, Now, the situation is under control and it will resume from next week. • Altogether, 37 Out-patient Therapeutic treatment Centers (OTCs) are providing services. • All local levels in all districts in Gandaki Province have received Vitamin A, and Albendazole for national vitamin-A campaign. • MSNP volunteers have been advocating to the local leaders for the relief distribution to G1000 days' beneficiaries. Recently they have supported Nutrition bags and Hygiene kits to 80 households' of 1000 days' in Nawalparasi (East) District. • It has been conducting awareness campaign on Nutrition and COVID 19. • ACF Nepal has been supporting IMAM program in Nawalparasi (East) • ACF Nepal supported Hand washing stations, Dustbins and Bleaching Powder in all HF's and 500 Hygiene kits were Distributed at quarantaine sites in Nawalparasi (East). • Suaahara Program has been supporting Risk communication & Community engagement activities considering Nutrition and COVID-19. • Telephone counseling: Total: 142,780 Households, This week: 9,698 Households) • Broadcasting 15 PSAs on COVID 19 per day by 16 local FM Radios. • Broadcasting 9 PSAs on National Vitamin A campaign by 16 FM Radios. • Paying the attention of personal safety during Vitamin A campaign, Suaahara has Supported 14,308 Pcs Masks and 3,577 Bottle Sanitizers to all FCHVs in 6 program districts in Gandaki Province. • In collaboration & coordination with Province Health Directorate, Suaahara program has supported orientation on COVID-19 considering nutrition to Health Coordinators & stakeholders in all Baglung, Gorkha, Lamjung, Myagdi, Nawalparasi (east) and Syangja districts. • Community based orientation on COVID 19 considering nutrition to all FCHVs in Syangja district is massively carrying on. • Altogether 1,031 people in Gandaki Province are infected by COVID-19. The infection ratio is massively increasing but with the supports from different stakeholders, local governments, Gandaki Province is smoothly managing the cases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. • Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. • Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. • Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. • Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Facilitate to continue the all three NRH (Gandaki Medical Academy, Baglung Provincial Hospital and Parbat District Hospital to continue the treatment of SAM children. • Coordinate and guide to MSNP and Suaahara team (wherever appropriate) to spend the funds allocated for adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Province number 5:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to |

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| <p>Mr. Roshan Raj Chaudhary, Director of Provincial Health Directorate briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts and local governments are preparing for vitamin A supplementation. PHLMC in support of UNICEF is supplying RUTF, ReSoMal to the program districts. <p>UNICEF supporting following things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting for radio message on breastfeeding in 5,710 HHs. Miking on breastfeeding message in local languages: 11,275 HHs. Supporting transportation of nutrition commodities including Vitamin A capsules and albendazole tablets. <p>MSNP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shuddodan RM of Kapilvastu has established Breast Feeding Room in 2 Health Facilities (Patari and Labani) Lungri RM (Rolpa) and Buddhabhumi Municipality (Kapilvastu), and Local Governments of Nawalparasi West have provided nutrition package and hygiene materials (soap) to G1000D women and children. <p>SUAAHARA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported PPE (4 pcs Surgical masks and 1 pc of 100 ml sanitizer) supported for Vit 'A' distribution to over 9000 FCHVs across the Province Sending Mobile message from July 1 to 7 for mothers of 5-59 m. children, HH members and FCHVs on Vit 'A' distribution and radio PSA from over 50 local F.M Radio (9 times a day) until the campaign is over. District level COVID-19 orientation (for Palika Health Coordinators and district stakeholders) completed at Palpa, Gulmi, Arghakhanchi, East Rukum, Kapilvastu, Banke & Rolpa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. Coordinate and guide to MSNP and Suaahaara team (wherever appropriate) to spend the funds allocated for adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Karnali province:</p> <p>Mr. Dharmendra Neupane, Provincial Logistic Management Center briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Nutrition cluster formed, and functional. <u>Under overall MSNP activities</u>, supported data collection, quarantines, relief distribution, IMAM programme, 1,852 nutrition bags distributed to 1000 days HHs, Palika level NFSSC meetings held, nutrition contingency plans prepared, annual budget plan meetings for 2077/2078 F/Y, dissemination of letters and interim guidelines Monsoon preparedness plan has been drafted <u>by UNICEF</u> and is under review by PHSD, translation in Nepali ongoing and with support from UNICEF, nutrition BCC messages related to COVID-19 are been aired from different 14 FMs of the province covering all districts of the province. 86.472 mt Super Cereal distributed till now in 126 HFs out of 128 HFs for the month of June 2020 with technical and distribution support <u>of WFP</u> in Kalikot, Jumla, Mugu, Humla and Dolpa, and distribution still ongoing in 2 HFs of Mugu. <u>Under Suaahara</u>, 128,840 HHs tele counseled (out of which 11,702 were pregnant and 44,559 lactating mothers of children <2 years), radio messaging by 12 local FMs in 5 programme districts (Bhanchhin Aama), recruited one medical doctor for Provincial Health Directorate, process of recruiting Lab technician for province hospital and public health staff for Dailekh under way, and supported development and distribution of IEC/BCC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. Support difficult districts like Humla, Dolpa and Mugu for Vitamin A campaign for alternate dates if the decided date doesn't work there due to difficult geography. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. Coordinate and guide to MSNP and Suaahaara team (wherever appropriate) to spend the funds allocated for adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |

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| <p>materials, provided masks and sanitizers to FCHVs in support of Vitamin A campaign, capacity development and update on quarantine camps and regular health system related data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Children supported 12 Palikas in programme districts aimed at improving RMNCHN and IEC materials on COVID – 19, • Nutrition messaging through radio in Jajarkot and Kalikot, and SSBH supported virtual orientation on RMNCH guideline with the provincial government and planned for orientation within province very soon, IEC/BCC and logistics support, limited in-kind support, radio messaging through FM stations, prepared <i>“Epidemic, Disease control and Disaster Management Contingency Plan-2076”</i> in Humla District and <i>“relief materials handover guideline”</i> in Mugu also conducted rapid assessment of all 79 Palikas. | |
| <p>Sudur Paschim province: Mr. Min Raj Joshi, Provincial Health Directorate of Sudurpaschim Province briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Health and Nutrition Cluster meeting regularly. • Vitamin A capsules reached to all the districts, UNICEF supported for transportation of Vitamin A capsules and albendazole and most of the Palika received as well. • Reached basic PPE (Mask and sanitizer) to FCHV in all most of the palika supported by SAAHARA programme. • With the support from UNICEF and SAAHARA, nutrition BCC messages are been aired in three different languages (Nepali, Doteli and Tharu) regularly from different 42 Local FMs (19 from UNICEF and 23 from SAAHARA) of the province covering all districts of the province. • This two week total 43,663 (Total 2,78573 HHs) Households are counselled by SAAHARA front line worker and 75 Health Facilities counselling done by SAAHARA technical officers, MSNP volunteer’s for support to reviving the services, massaged to HHs (95473 send push massage), expert interview conducted and send massage thorough social media about COVID-19 and Nutrition promotion. • District level COVID 19 Orientation completed in 6 districts, supported by SAAHARA program • SAAHARA, UNICEF and MoFAGA-MSNP team regularly following up for nutrition program implementation. • Distributed Nutrition bag to 2,595 G1000 day HH by MSNP support team and super flour was supported to 2,073 HHs of malnourished children by Word Vision International. • UNICEF, SAAHARA, WVI Supporting for successful conduction of Vitamin A campaign. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province to successfully implement National Vitamin A supplementation campaign effectively throughout the province. • Coordinate District Health Offices of the province to upload the data of Vitamin A supplementation coverage in the HMIS as soon as possible after Vitamin A campaign completed. • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. • Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. • Continue to manage nutrition interventions to the children under the age of five and PLWs who are in quarantine camps and isolation wards. • Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Coordinate and guide to MSNP and Suaahara team (wherever appropriate) to spend the funds allocated for adolescent nutrition and submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. |
| <p>Technical Working Group (TWG)</p> | |
| <p>Information Management (IM) TWG: Ms. Sangeeta Paudel, Chair of IM TWG explained the following points in nutrition cluster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third round of the information collection is ongoing. And today is the deadline for the submission. • Exploring opportunities for the integration of nutrition indicators in MoHP information system • Discussion ongoing for the quarantine information management. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate M&E section of MoHP jointly with assessment TWG and develop common tools for health and nutrition jointly with health and reproductive health cluster. • Develop integration of services of all the sectors by which the people who are staying at quarantine will be benefitted. • Coordinate M&E section of MoHP jointly with assessment TWG to harmonize three monitoring tools (NIS, health cluster tools and RH sub-cluster tools) • Fourth round of the information collection is ongoing. • Exploring opportunities for the integration of nutrition indicators in MoHP information system |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore for the information management of quarantine camps |
| <p>Micro-nutrient (MN) TWG: Mr. Naveen Paudel, the Chair of MN TWG briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC messages designed and gave to BCC TWG and finalized it, • Organized a meeting of MN technical TWG • Coordinating Vitamin A tracking through NTAG and FWD • Vitamin A reached almost every district except Humla, Dolpa and Mugu | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop E-training/orientation module to FCHVs for National Vitamin -A CAMPAIGN in consultation with the Nutrition Cluster- BCC Technical Working Group. • Coordinate with Provincial Health Authorities to know the situation and coverage of Vitamin A supplementation • Work together with Information Management TWG for data assessment of Vitamin A supplementation campaign of 22-23 Ashadh 2077 (6-7 July 2020) • Document the best practices and lesson learned of National Vitamin A campaign. • Agencies to monitor the VAC distribution in their proximity to ensure support to FCHVs during the VAC distribution |
| <p>IYCF TWG: On behalf of IYCF TWG, Ms Bhim Kumari Pun, Chair of IYCF TWG brief as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue following up protection, promotion and support IYCF practices in quarantine centers. • Continue, minoring and compliance of BMS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate IEC/BCC materials and provide those materials to BCC TWG for further review and redesign if needed. Provided IEC/BCC materials related to IYCF counselling • Complete the nutrition apps in the MoHP which was agreed in the previous nutrition cluster meeting • Prepare a report of using BMS in different parts of the country. • Coordinate with BCC TWG to develop standard materials on breastfeeding and infant and young children feeding as planned by BCC TWG. |
| <p>IMAM TWG On behalf of IMAM TWG, Mr Sujay Nepali Bhattacharya, Chair of IMAM TWG briefed the following as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim SOP for Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) targeting children 6-23 months and PLW, and family / mother MUAC Operational Guidance Note have been submitted to the National Nutrition Cluster endorsed from the last cluster meeting. Now, these two documents need to approve from MoHP. • ‘ToR/Protocol for assessment of Nutrition Rehabilitation Homes (NRHs)’ have been finalized however; finding difficulties to get support to conduct the assessment. • Development of video for family/mother MUAC and take away cards/message for mothers/caretakers are under development. • Exit strategy for BSFP as the programme will go maximum for 2 or 3 months only. • National Nutrition Cluster need to identify the partners for NRH assessment as per the checklist/protocol developed jointly by IMAM and assessment TWG. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with FWD for processing the guidance note of Family MUAC approach and SOP for BSFP. • Develop exit strategy for BSFP as the program will go maximum for 2 or 3 months only. • Work together with BCC TWG to develop a short video to train mothers for MUAC assessment, referral the SAM child to the OTC and follow up actions |
| <p>BCC TWG: On behalf of BCC TWG Kunj Joshi, chair of BCC briefed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced vitamin A campaign radio PSA and shared with the district materials in the context of COVID-19. Suaahara II is supporting the National Vitamin A campaign by sending SMS to FCHVs and households in 42 program districts, broadcasting PSAs through over 120 FM stations and integrating the campaign message in its ongoing Bhanchnin Aama and Hello Bhanchnin Aama radio programs. • Developed a simple job-aid for frontline workers so that they can coach the FCHVs to adopt security measures during the Vitamin A and Albendazole distribution by Suaahara II. • One episode of Corona care covered the nutrition and agriculture issue. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate designed Flexes and send to all quarantine camps and health facilities through different cluster members. • Develop a take home card/message slip for mothers on steps of MUAC measurement. • Work with IMAM TWG and design a short video for the capacity building of mothers/care takers for MUAC assessment of their children themselves. • BCC TWF to collect IEC/BCC materials on nutrition (print, audio and visual) and develop for emergency nutrition activities considering COVID-19 context. • Out of three episodes of “Corona care”, complete rest two episodes to discuss on agriculture and nutrition. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio PSA on breastfeeding reaching out more than 1 million people across the country • An animation video on how to continue breastfeeding if the mother is COVID-19 infected or suspected developed and released through Suaahara II. • Nutrition App, which is under development, will share an offline by next week. • Breast-feeding decision tree in the context of COVID-19 – Flex designs is under process and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to vitamin A campaign radio message airing, miking and promotion through social media. • Develop standard materials on breastfeeding and infant and young children feeding. • Facilitate to all agencies to develop and use the MoHP brands of IEC/BCC materials and ensure that those all materials are cleared by DoHS with the technical assistance of NHEICC. • Follow up and complete Nutrition App which is under development. |
| <p>Nutrition Assessment Group: Mr. Sanjay Rijal, Chair of Nutrition Assessment Group updated the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared experiences on working in COVID-19 environment and its application for data collection • Use of DHIS2 data as an alternative of Survey to assess the continuation of nutrition services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize SMART survey guideline in English and translate it Nepali that was prepared considering COVID-19 context. So that nutrition cluster will endorse it. • Coordinate with MoHP M&E section and also work with information management TWG to consolidate information collection tools of health cluster, RH sub-cluster and nutrition cluster |
| <p>Remarks from Ms. Laxmi Ghimire, Under Secretary, the National Planning Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She was very happy to be part of nutrition cluster meeting regularly. • It is very good progress that national Vitamin A campaign will be started nationwide on 22 and 23 Ashadh 2077 (6-7 July 2020). However, transportation of Vitamin A capsules and programme implementation in difficult districts such as Dolpa, Humla and Mugu need to think differently and Provincial Health Authority may be working for this and from the central level, support is required to the provincial health authority also. • It was good to hear that “Poshan Jhola” have been distributed to the G1000D mothers, but the contents should be explained during the presentation also. • In the meeting, she heard that the name of Bagamati and Gandaki province was called as province 3 and 4 but it should be called as Bagamati and Gandaki provinces. • There was very good progress in terms of information dissemination to pregnant and lactating women as well as children through virtual mode. But the effectiveness of the virtually disseminated information should be assessed also. • She also highlighted that NPC is always ready to support and the nutrition programme need to be included in the budget policy and programmes of the provincial as well as local governments. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Director General (DG) of Department of Health Services (DoHS): • Thanked to the nutrition cluster lead, co-lead, provincial directorates and representatives, all nutrition cluster members and all participants of the meeting for doing such a wonderful job in this situation. • Felt good to hear that nutrition cluster performing very well and also about National Vitamin A Campaign. Everyone is worry to manage the National Vitamin A campaign effectively. • Further, he has requested to share the outcomes of the meeting and presentations and once again thanked to all. • He also appreciated to all for their hard work at all levels to address nutrition issues on COVID-19 and non COVID-19 Context • He also promised to participate in every nutrition cluster meeting and be a part of it. | |
| <p>Closing of the meeting and next nutrition cluster meeting</p> | |
| <p>Mr. Anirudra Sharma, the nutrition cluster co-lead and the meeting facilitator thanked to the DG of DoHS Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Provincial Health Directors and provincial health team members and Under Secretary of NPC, EDP chiefs and representatives and all participants of the meeting for their valuable presentations, participation and suggestions.</p> <p>Mr. Anirudra Sharma appreciated the roles performed by Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, the chair of the meeting and Nutrition cluster lead for his excellent leadership and coordination for the management of nutrition in emergencies and requested him to close the meeting with his closing remarks. During closing remarks, Mr. Parajuli, highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cluster meeting needs to be considered as a forum to learn the lesson and move forward to address the issues of nutrition of the people in COVID-19 context. This is an opportunity to learn best experiences, strategies, mobilization of resources to make nutrition specific interventions more effective. • He thanked to all participants attending in the cluster meeting, Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, the Director General of DoHS for his valuable participation, guidance and leadership provided for the meeting, Director of the NPC Ms. Laxmi Ghimire, Provincial health Directors and provincial health team, Development partners including UN agencies, bi-lateral agencies, I/NGOs, NRH managers and representatives and all nutrition cluster members of Federal as well as provincial levels. different programmes as well as other invitees. He also announced that the next cluster meeting will be held on Friday, 2nd Shrawan 2077 (17 July 2020) from 11:00 to 13:00 hrs. via zoom link (Bi-weekly) and closed the meeting. <p>The zoom link and agenda for next meeting will be shared as soon as possible.</p> | |

Annex 1: List of Participants in the meeting:

1. Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Director General of DoHS/MoHP
2. Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, Chief of Nutrition Section of FWD/DOHS/MoHP –Nutrition cluster lead
3. Mr. Anirudra Sharma, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF – Nutrition cluster co-lead
4. Dr. Binod Bindu Sharma, Provincial Health Directorate, Gandaki Province
5. Mr. Roshan Lal Chaudhary, Provincial Health Directorate, Province 5
6. Mr. Ramesh Adhikari, Provincial Health Directorate, Province 3
7. Mr. Harish Chand Shah, Provincial Health directorate, Province 2
8. Dr. Krishna Bista, Chairperson, Nepal Pediatrics Society
9. Ms. Laxmi Ghimire, programme Director, National Planning Commission
10. Dr. Bhushan Mishra from PHD, Sudurpaschim Province
11. Mr. Shambhu Kafle, PHA, PHD Bagamati province
12. Dr. Shailesh Thakur, Narayani Provincial Hospital, Birgunj
13. Mr. Minraj Joshi, health Assistant, Sudur Paschim Province
14. Ms. Kalpana Pandey, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
15. Ms. Meena Mote, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
16. Mr. Harihar Prasad Sharma, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
17. Mr. Kunja Joshi, NHEICC
18. Mr. Dharmendra Neupane, Pharmacy Officer, PHD, Karnali province
19. Mr. Debendra Adhikari, Nutrition Specialist, USAID
20. Ms. Karan Courtney Haag, Chief Nutrition Programme, UNICEF
21. Ms. Dale Davis, Country Representative, HKI
22. Ms. Pooja Pandey Rana, Deputy Chief of the Party, Suahaara II/USAID
23. Ms. Naomi Saville, Nutritionist, consultant to DFID and University College London nutrition researcher
24. Ms. Bhim Kumari Pun, Senior Manager, Suahaara II
25. Mr. Santosh Acharya, Programme Officer, UN Women
26. Mr. Jeevan Ghimire, Health policy Officer, DFID
27. Mr. Gyan Bahadur Bhujel, Nutrition officer, UNICEF
28. Mr. Sanjay Rijal, M and E officer, UNICEF
29. Ms. Anju Adhikari, Nutrition officer, UNICEF/FWD
30. Mr. Indra Bhujel, Governance Expert, UNICEF
31. Ms. Anju Acharya, MSNP expert, UNICEF
32. Ms. Astha Thapa, PHD, Province number 1
33. Ms. Sabina Hora, Nutrition and IEC Experts/HKI
34. Mr. Sujay Nepali Bhattacharya, Head of Health and Nutrition department, ACF
35. Ms. Manisha Katwal, Senior Program Officer, Health and Nutrition, ACF
36. Ms. Pabitra Sapkota MSNP Coordinator, Karnali Province
37. Mr. Deepak Thapa, NTAG
38. Ms. Preeti Subba, NTAG
39. Mr. Sandesh Adhikari, NTAG
40. Mr. Binod Kumar Aryal, Senior programme Manager, GHAN
41. Ms. Abhilasha Gurung, World Vision International
42. Ms. Sarita Yadav, NRH Birgunj
43. Ms. Rashmi Jha, NRH Rajbiraj
44. Mr. Nishant Acharya, Baglung NRH
45. Mr. Ngima T. Sherpa, Chairperson, HHES
46. Ms. Aarju Hamal, Nutrition Officer, HHES
47. Dr. Maureen Dariang, Lead Advisor, NHSSP
48. Ms. Nisha Singh, Knowledge Management Officer, Aasman Nepal
49. Mr. Phulgendra Prasad Singh, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
50. Ms. Sumi Maskey, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
51. Mr. Prakash Joshi, Nutrition Officer UNICEF
52. Ms. Bindu Panthi, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
53. Mr. Sudip Chiluwal, Program Coordinator, NEPHEG
54. Mr. Nanda Adhikari, Coordinators, SDPC

55. Mr. Amrit Gurung, WFP, Karnali Province
56. Mr. Raj Nandan Mandal, Nutrition Advisor, SAAAHARA II /USAID
57. Mr. Chiranjibi Dahal, Care Nepal
58. Mr. Lokendra Thapa, SAAAHARA II /USAID
59. Mr. Yam GC, SAAAHARA II /USAID
60. Mr. Sunil Khatiwada, SAAAHARA II /USAID
61. Ms. Femila Sapkota, Nutrition Manager, SAAAHARA II /USAID
62. Mr. Krishna Prasad Lamsal, WFP/FWD
63. Mr. Gyanendra Dawadi, MSNP coordinator
64. Mr. Anil Neupane, MSNP Coordinator
65. Mr. Rajendra Adhikari, Suaahara II/USAID, Surkhet
66. Mr. Bharat Sarma - Program Coordinator/Provincial Focal person Province-1, Suaahara II/USAID
67. Ms. Anita Thapa, Program Coordinator, Suaahara II/USAID
68. Ms. Sarita Dahal, UNFPA, Okhaldhunga
69. Mr. Bhumishwar Sharma-MSNP Coordinator, MoFAGA
70. Mr. Chiranjibi Dahal-program coordinator/provincial focal person, province-3, Suaahara II/USAID
71. Mr. Raj Kumar Mahato, World Health Organization, Provincial Health Officer, Bagmati Province
72. Mr. Deependra Chaudhari, Project Coordinator- Nutrition, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
73. Mr. Manis Thakur, MSNP Coordinator, Saptari
74. Mr. Hemanta Jha, MSNP Coordinator (Province #2)
75. Ms. Ritika Dahal, MSNP Coordinator (Bagmati Province)
76. Mr. Bhumi Sharma, MSNP Coordinator (Gandaki Province and Province #5)
77. Mr. Man Bahadur Kunwar, MSNP Coordinator (Sudur Pashchim Province)
78. Mr. Bhola Gautam, Reporting and Documentation Officer, MoFAGA
79. Mr. Lokendra Thapa SAAAHARA II/USAID Program Coordinator, Sudurpaschim Province
80. Ms. Puja Chand Dadeldhura NRH, Program Manager.
81. Ms. Prabha Singh, Surkhet NRH
82. Ms. Indra Bhatta, Kanchanpur NRH
83. Ms. Sunita Rimal, NYF, Kathmandu
84. Mr. Binod Kumar Aryal, GHAN
85. Ms. Sanjeev Lama Ghishing, DC, Rautahat/Sarlahi, MSNP, MoFAGA
86. Ms. Chhamkala Kafle program manager (Bharatpur NRH)
87. Ms. Kusum K. C. NRH coordinator from Dailekh
88. Mr. Deependra Chaudhari, Welthungerhilfe
89. Ms. Gita Bista, NRH Kailali
90. Ms. Nisha Sharma, HKI
91. Mr. Kuber Prasad Adhikari, Health Nutrition and WASH lead, WVI
92. Ms. Babita Adhikari, HKI, ARCH

Annex 2: Major Updates of National Nutrition Cluster (as of 2nd July 2020): COVID-19 Situation Brief (as of 02 July 2020):

| Indicators | Global Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic | | Global Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 19 June 2020 | 02 July 2020 | 19 June 2020 | 02 July 2020 |
| Number COVID-19 positive cases | 8,466,989 | 10,857,346 | 7,848 | 14,511 |
| Number of deaths | 451,949 | 520,127 | 22 | 31 |
| Number of Cured | 4,439,056 | 6,076,512 | 1,186 | 5,320 |
| Number of PCR tested | | | 155,518 | 237,764 |
| Number of RDT tested | | | 243,075 | 305,629 |
| Number people in quarantine camps | | | 116,215 | 38,109 |
| Number COVID-19 cases in the isolation | | | 6,648 | 9,168 |
| Number of districts with COVID cases | | | 74 | 77 |

Major Progress done by Nutrition cluster:

- Standard and guidelines:** Nutrition cluster prepared and endorsed the following guidelines:
 - Prepared Interim Guidance note on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) and Nutrition Information Management system in COVID-19 context
 - Endorsed IYCF-E joint statement between MoHP and nutrition cluster partners
 - Endorsed Special Operating Procedures for Blanket Supplementary Feeding programme
 - Endorsed interim guidance note for Vitamin A supplementation and approved by MoHP.
 - Finalized concept note for “Standardised Monitoring Assessment Relief and Transition - SMART nutrition survey and ready to implement it
 - Endorsed operational guideline and assessment protocol of NRH
 - Endorsed Family MUAC approach considering COVID-19 context
 - Developed BCC messages on nutrition, messages and PSA for Vitamin A supplementation campaign
- Coordination arrangement:**
 - Nutrition cluster has been very active at Federal level and it has 7 Technical Working Group such as; IMAM, IYCF, Micro-nutrient, BCC, Information Management, Nutrition Assessment and Contingency Planning
 - Health and Nutrition cluster has been established in all 7 provinces and working actively to address the nutrition issues in COVID-19 context.
- Information management:**
 - Nutrition service monitoring has been ongoing bi-weekly basis by the nutrition cluster members, and it is planned to produce an information bulleting of the monitoring outcomes soon.
 - Nutrition cluster has been collecting the information on programme performance on weekly basis from all provinces.
- Nutrition Interventions:**

After the lockdown, following progress has been made by nutrition cluster nationwide:

| SN | Indicators | Total | | Total so far |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | Until last week | This week | |
| Treatment of Severe acute malnutrition | | | | |
| 1. | Number of Functioning NRH | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| 2. | Number of Functioning OTCs | 530 | 580 | 580 |
| 3. | Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition in last 3.5 months | 2,682 | 20 | 2,702 |
| 4. | Number of caregivers of SAM children followed up via telephone or other means of follow ups | 315 | 31 | 346 |
| Prevention of acute malnutrition | | | | |
| 5. | Number of 6-23 months children received Supercereal plus in five Karnali districts | 47,000 | 0 | 47,000 |

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| 6. | Number of PLWs received Supercereal plus in five Karnali districts | 27,772 | 0 | 27,772 |
| 7. | Golden1000Days HHS receiving relief package from local government | 39,991 | 16,011 | 56,002 |
| Micro-nutrient interventions | | | | |
| 8. | Coverage of Vitamin A supplementation in the areas of measles outbreak | - | - | 15,359 |
| 9. | Coverage of Deworming in the areas of measles outbreak with Vitamin A supplementation | - | - | 28,929 |
| Behaviour change communication on nutrition | | | | |
| 10. | HHs reached with radio messages on nutrition | 581,410 | 158,400 | 739,810 |
| 11. | HH reached with SMS with IYCF messages | 350,483 | 16,349 | 366,832 |
| 12. | Number of Pregnant & lactating women reach SMS with IYCF messages | 346,747 | 37,579 | 384,326 |
| 13. | Number of HHs reached counselled with telephone | 1,031,313 | 83,499 | 1,114,812 |
| 14. | Number of PLWs counselled via telephone | 340,012 | 31,171 | 371,183 |
| 15. | Number of FM radio disseminated nutrition messages | 210 | 210 | 210 |

Status of nutrition supplies:

- 5,600,000 Vitamin A capsules arrived in Nepal and ongoing supplementation on 22 and 23 Ashadh 2077 (6-7 July 2020)
- 1000 cartons plus RUTF has been transported to different Outpatient Therapeutic Centres (OTCs) nationwide and 90% plus OTCs have RUTF stock for the treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition
- UNICEF procured 2,000 cartons RUTF, 250,000 MUAC tapes, 300 cartons of F100 and 250 cartons of F75, handed over to MoHP and now, ongoing transportation to Provincial Logistic Management Centres with UNICEF's transportation support

Nutrition in emergency preparedness:

- National Nutrition cluster finalized COVID-19 response plan and Monsoon response preparedness plan and endorsed from nutrition cluster
- All 7 provinces have prepared nutrition in emergency response preparedness plan for Monsoon emergency response as well as COVID-19 response
- All nutrition supplies such as; Vitamin A capsules, Albendazole tablets, RUTF, F100, F75 and ReSoMal are already transported from Pathalaya Medical Store to PHLMC of all 7 provinces.
- Available of Supercereal for the blanket supplementary feeding programme targeting to 6-23 months children, pregnant and lactating women in five Karnali districts and Solukhumbu district

Next Steps:

- Vitamin A campaign
- BPPC activation
- Continuation of nutrition service monitoring
- Advocacy for blanket supplementary feeding programme (WFP has been planning to implement BSFP in four districts (Saptari, Sarlahi, Rautahat and Siraha) of province number 2
- Readiness to address nutrition issues in monsoon emergency areas

Challenges

- Screening children continues to be a challenge in the COVID-19 context making it difficult to identify SAM children for treatment.
- Big gaps for blanket supplementary feeding programme
- Supply gap of Therapeutic food for 8,000 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (8,000 cartons RUTF)

Annex III. Tracking progress of the action points agreed in the nutrition cluster meeting held on Friday, 5th Ashadh 2077 (19 June 2020)

| SN | Action Points | Progress | Remarks |
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| Federal level | | | |
| 1. | Further advocacy to manage Supplementary Feeding programme for monsoon preparedness, quarantine camps and isolated wards | Ongoing continuous advocacy for BSFP, NPC has been planning to organize an advocacy meeting among key stakeholders and development partners | |
| 2. | To make familiar to MoHP secretary and senior officials for the mobilization of Breast-Feeding Promotion and Protection Committee for BMS monitoring by using the following agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing on BMS, BF code, national law and regulations Overview of breast-feeding protection and promotion committee (BPPC) and its scope Establish provincial BPPC with the guidance of MoHP Monitoring mechanism of BMS | Ongoing discussion with MoHP secretary to organize a meeting among the team members BPPC. | |
| 3. | Manage Vitamin A capsules to provincial HLMC to complete Vitamin A supplementation campaign by running Nepali months | Vitamin A capsules transported to all PHLMC, and ongoing transportation to the concerned districts palikas | |
| 4. | Continue follow up with Management Division of the procurement status of nutrition commodities (RUTF, MNP etc..) to bring these commodities in country as soon as possible. | Ongoing follow up process and management division has been proceeding the procurement process also. | |
| Technical Working Groups | | | |
| 5. | Micronutrient TWG: Develop E-training/orientation module to FCHVs for National Vitamin -A CAMPAIGN in consultation with the Nutrition Cluster- BCC Technical Working Group. | Developed BCC message for VAC and Albendazole tablet distribution in coordination with the NC-BCC TWG | |
| 6. | IYCF TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with NIS TWG for developing tool and establish a mechanism to collect information on 1000 days' women & children from quarantines including isolation Coordinate and sensitize to food cluster on protection, promotion and support for exclusive breast-feeding complementary feeding in quarantines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provinces /municipalities have been already adapted and collecting information related to 1000 days women and <5-year children as per their local context. Continue collecting information from quarantine centers & isolations. It seems that # of 1000 days 's women and <5 children are in decreasing trend Provided IEC/BCC materials related to IYCF and counselled/ discussed on IYCF at quarantine centers | |
| 7. | IMAM TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up with TOR/Protocol received from Assessment TWG Exit strategy for BSFP as the program will go maximum for 2 or 3 months only. | Completed Completed | |
| | BCC TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and complete Nutrition App which is under development Breast-feeding decision tree in the context of COVID-19 – Flex designs to finalized and after endorsement will soon be sent to quarantine centers and health facilities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under progress. Will be ready for offline sharing next week. Flex designs are printed and sent to quarantine centers and health facilities in most of the Suaahara II program districts. Waiting for endorsement of guideline | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a take home card/message slip for mothers on steps of MUAC measurement and family /mother video. BCC working group will include in all the materials (print, audio and visual) developed for emergency nutrition activities. Organizations can use the materials with due acknowledgement to the organization developing the materials. Need for developing the standard one material and use by all the organization. This will help to ensure the sharing of same messages and materials for better branding and visibility Three episodes of “Corona care to discuss on agriculture and nutrition in the week of June 29- July 4. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for decision from cluster leads 1 episode already covered rest ongoing | |
| 9. | Information management TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate M&E section of MoHP jointly with assessment TWG and develop common tools for health and nutrition jointly with health and reproductive health cluster. Develop integration of services of all the sectors by which the people who are staying at quarantine will be benefitted. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize and share. Waiting response from the cluster lead and co-lead. Exploring for the integration of the nutrition indicators in MoHP M&E system Information collection is ongoing. | |
| 10. | Assessment TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalization of a guideline/protocol for SMART Survey in context of COVID-19 and translate into Nepali for endorsement Coordinate with MoHP M&E section and also work with information management TWG to consolidate information collection tools of health cluster, RH sub-cluster and nutrition cluster | <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> | |
| Province Number 1 | | | |
| 11. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push to finalize and endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring Follow up with MoSD to endorse TOR of H&N cluster. Develop plan for quarantine camps, isolated wards and boarder entry points as agreed previous nutrition cluster meeting Identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. Facilitate to continue the NRH of Koshi and Okhaldhunga hospital and coordinate with Khotang Hospital to initiate NRH services Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response plans has been prepared and will be endorsed soon Ongoing Coordination with Local Governments and continuing nutrition service monitoring Final draft of H&N cluster TOR has been submitted to MoSD for endorsement Continue facilitation to resume and planning to send nutrition commodities Received Vitamin A and albendazole and dispatched to all 14 districts and some of the local level even FCHVs have received. Ongoing coordination with FWD, Central medical store and UNICEF and made available the nutrition commodities Transported F75 and F100 to Mechi NRH and planning to other NRH as well Coordinating with Koshi Hospital to resume NRH function Okhaldhunga Hospital has requested for training to the NRH staff Requested to for the training | |
| Province Number 2 | | | |
| 12. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province Continue nutrition service monitoring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved already, the plan are endorsed from MoSD Under process at MoSD | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an action plan jointly with concerned district health office and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children at boarder entry points, quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children • Coordinate with the MSNP DCs and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Comprehensive nutrition specific nutrition interventions and Adolescent nutrition training and utilize the fund for the COVID-19 related nutrition activities in all palikas of Saptari, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Bara, parsa, Dhanusa districts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to monitor the status of under five children and PLWs in the quarantine camps and isolated wards • Provincial nutrition cluster has decided to initiate the process of data collection of under five children and PLWs from quarantine camps and isolated wards and • Vitamin A supplied to all the 8 districts • Ongoing | |
| Bagmati Province | | | |
| 13. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with MoSD to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) • Follow up with MoSD to endorse the TOR of health and nutrition cluster. • Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children • Continue nutrition service monitoring • Finalize an action plan and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • All NRHs of Bagamati province are functional except Sindhupalchwok. Therefore, facilitate to continue the NRH of Sindhupalchwok. • Coordinate with the SUSAHARA team and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Adolescent nutrition training and utilize the fund for the COVID-19 related nutrition activities in palikas of Dolakha and Bhaktapur districts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and will be endorsed soon • Process of endorsement. • Continuous and ongoing • Clearly informed to health coordinators assigned for quarantine camps, insolation and boarder • Couldn't collect the exact data • COVID-19 isolated wards are running in Sindhupalchwok and Sunakothi NRH so it's very difficult to resume the NRH functions. In Sindhupalchwok, Nutrition commodities available. NRH is functional as OTC • Ongoing coordination with Suaahara team for facilitates to utilize unspent funds for adolescent nutrition programme. | |
| Gandaki Province | | | |
| 14. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize and endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province • Follow up to endorse the ToR of health and nutrition cluster. • Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children • Continue nutrition service monitoring • Continue identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Prepare an action plan and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children in quarantine camps and isolated wards. • Coordinate with the MSNP DC and SUSAHARA team and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Comprehensive Nutrition Specific Training and Adolescent training and utilize the fund for the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 response plan is giving final shape as per the feedback from Ministry of Social Development, Gandaki Province. Due to the busy schedule, Monsoon response plan is not initiated. First draft will prepare by next week. • Draft TOR in English version is ready and it's translating process into Nepali version for endorsement process. By next week, Nepali version will ready and further endorsement process will be carried on. • Vitamin A and albendazole are already transported all local governments of Gandaki Province. So, the Gandaki province is ready for Vitamin supplementation campaign. • Collection the data of under-five children and PLW is continuing. This week 11 | |

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| | <p>COVID-19 related nutrition activities in palikas of Manang and Nawalparasi East and West.</p> | <p>pregnant, 18 lactating mothers, 21 children below 2 years age and 16 children below 5 years aged are in different quarantine sites in Gandaki Province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So, far the action plan is not prepared in province level, however the specific needs related to PLW and children have been provided by local governments. So, far no comments are observed from such groups in quarantine sites. The action plan will be preparing after the discussion in next provincial cluster meeting. • It's regularly coordinating with the SUSAHARA team & MSNP team for the utilization of unspent fund. In Nawalparasi (East) Suaahara and MSNP team have been advocating for the utilization of fund for MSNP target group and progress is carrying on i.e. Nutritious bag distribution to 80 golden thousand days HHs in last week etc. | |
| Province Number 5 | | | |
| 15. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plan (Monsoon and COVID-19) • Follow up to finalize endorse the ToR of health and nutrition cluster. • Continue nutrition service monitoring focusing to OTCs, NRH (Nepalgunj) and others. • Prepare an action plan and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children in quarantine camps and isolated wards as well as in the boarder entry point. • Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children • Coordinate with the MSNP Dc and SUSAHARA team and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Comprehensive Nutrition Specific Training and Adolescent nutrition training and utilize the fund for the COVID-19 related nutrition activities in palikas of Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Rolpa, Pyuthan, Dang, Banke, Bardiya, Rukum East districts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized from cluster and shared to MoSD for review and endorsement. • Finalized from Cluster and to be shared to MoSD • NRH (Nepalgunj) is in function from 12 Ashar and 2 children admitted. With easing of lockdown, nutrition services have gradually been initiated by HFs. 26 SAM children were enrolled in OTC last week. • Ongoing. Health Offices are coordinating to quarantines camps and isolation center to provide IFA to PLWs, and screening for SAM during sample collections • LGs to coordinate at PoEs for initiating breastfeeding facilities • PHLMC accomplished supply of VA to all districts and districts and LGs are planning at their level for the event. Cluster is coordinating with all stakeholders from Province to local levels for the necessary support. • Ongoing in an intensive way. Local government have planned different activities like distribution of nutrition package, hygiene and sanitation materials, spending on additional PPE purchase for Vit 'A' distribution etc. | |
| Karnali Province | | | |
| 16. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plan (Monsoon and COVID-19) • Follow up to finalize endorse the ToR of health and nutrition cluster. • Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsoon preparedness plan has been drafted by UNICEF and under review by PHD, translation in Nepali ongoing • Provincial COVID 19 response plan drafted and submitted to MoIAL from MoSD for endorsement process • Finalized and under process of endorsement from MoSD • Will be completed distribution of Vitamin A capsules within given dates | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue nutrition service monitoring focusing to OTCs, NRH, MCHN and others. Link MSNP with IMAM and other nutrition services Prepare an action plan and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children in quarantine camps and isolated wards. Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards. Coordinate with the MSNP Dc and SUSAHARA team and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Comprehensive Nutrition Specific Training, Adolescent training and utilize the fund for the COVID-19 related nutrition activities in palikas of Dailekh, Jajarkot, Surkhet, Rukum west, Kalikot, Jumla, Humla, Dolpa, Mugu districts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going, it's been conducted from distance via telephonic conversation and phone follow up and partners at ground are directly supporting IMAM and other nutrition services are already under MSNP and its already linked There is no concrete action plan for this, different groups, EDPs, province and local government are providing foods We are gathering information on this with the support from Health Offices and support agencies MSNP and SUSAHARA team are supporting on this | |
| Sudur Paschim province | | | |
| 17. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize and endorse nutrition in emergency response plan (Monsoon and COVID-19) Continue nutrition service monitoring focusing to OTCs, NRH (Kanchanpur and Dadeldhura hospital). Supplementation of Vitamin A capsules to 6-59 months children It is needed to prepare an action plan and implement for nutrition response to PLW and under five children in quarantine camps and isolated wards as well as in the boarder entry points. Continue to identify the numbers of under five children and PLWs in quarantine camps and isolated wards Coordinate with the MSNP DC and SUSAHARA team and local levels for the fast utilization of the unspent fund for Comprehensive Nutrition Specific training and Adolescent training and utilize the fund for the COVID-19 related nutrition activities in the palikas of Kanchanpur, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Bajhang, Bajura, Achham, Doti districts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monsoon preparedness plan has been drafted by UNICEF and under review by PHD and provincial COVID 19 response plan under development process All NRHs are functional (Dadeldhura NRH is treating 2 children Seti Hospital is 5 children treating and Mahakali Hospital no SAM case admitted as of date) Vitamin A campaign will be succeeded in the given dates. There is no concrete action plan for this, different groups, EDPs, province and local government are providing foods We have drafted guideline for isolation management which is under endorsement process Ongoing. We have coordinated accordingly. | |