

18th NATIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER MEETING Via ZOOM LINK

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

FRIDAY, 16th Shrawan 2077 (31st 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 18th 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 70 plus attended via zoom link.

AGENDA FOR NUTRITION CLUSTER MEETING	
Time	Agenda Items
11:00 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the meeting, welcome and sharing of meeting agenda Major updates: Chair of the meeting, Nutrition cluster lead Review of action points from previous meetings: Nutrition cluster co-lead Updates from the provincial nutrition cluster lead (PHD Directors) – major briefs/key achievements on the action points and celebration of Global Breast-Feeding Week (1-7 August 2020)
To	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing of TWG and next steps: 6 TWGs: (i) IMAM (ii) IYCF, (iii) BCC, (iv) IM, (v) Assessment, (vi) (MN) Remarks: DOHS/MoHP - Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Director General Remarks from National Planning Commission
01:10 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks with closing of the meeting: Chair of the meeting - Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, nutrition cluster lead

MAJOR DISCUSSIONS/ACTION POINTS	
Agenda 1: Chair of the meeting, scenario setting, welcome and sharing of meeting agenda	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This was the 18th virtual nutrition cluster meeting after COVID-19 Global Pandemic disease (COVID 19) arise. In this meeting, altogether 70 plus participants attended (see annex 1 for detail of the participants).</p>	
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
<p>Mr. Chandra Dev Mehta, the Director of Provincial Health Directorate (PHD) of province number 1 briefed the following points:</p> <p>Vitamin A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Till 30 July 2020: 2,86,922 children under 5 years (65%) reached with vitamin A out of estimated 4,44,637 Communicated about the achieved percent and request to check for underreporting with local level through virtual meeting on 30 July 2020 <p>Monsoon and flood status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73 local levels of 11 districts are affected from incidence of floods and landslides. Within two weeks, 1 death, 15 injured, 88 family affected, Nutrition commodities supplied to Silingchowk, Sankhuwasabha <p>OTC and NRH:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province for complete reporting of vitamin-A campaign. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. Coordinate with local governments and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. Facilitate to continue the NRH of the provinces. Follow safety precautions (family/mother MUAC) to children age 6-59 months and bring SAM children to OTC and NRH for the treatment. Coordinate and guide local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRH in Mechi is functional from last month out of those 14 children were admitted and out of those 10 recovered and 4 still undertreatment. NRH in Koshi: Non-functional after the emergence of COVID, NRH in Khotang and Okhaldhunga will run in current FY 51 OTCs are in ready position <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and nutrition cluster meeting held and talked about monsoon response Meeting with local levels for reviewing the district level health and nutrition activities and asked for immediate reporting Relief package distributed to 476 PLWs in Udaypur <p>MSNP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSNP volunteers have been supporting to all 26 local levels for quarantine management, relief materials distribution, promotion of breast-feeding week Support of OTCs and NRHs for continue service delivery <p>Suaahara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular nutrition related works (IPC, radio program, phone counselling) ongoing through frontline workers. Support for the successful celebration of Breast-feeding week at local level including breast feeding tree for PLW HH and Community Breastfeeding message and other Covid related PSA being broadcasted from 17 FM station Facilitate to continue the service delivery from health facility Coordinated for relief materials to land slide victims in Sankhuwasabha, Shilichong RM. CARE Nepal has committed relief materials for 100 HH Supporting to provincial CICT team and for socio-physiological counselling Continue support for better precautions health facility, quarantine centers with IEC materials 	<p>submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Province number 2: Mr. Harishchandra Shah, the Director of Provincial Health Directorate (PHD) of province number 2 briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of Province Level Health and Nutrition Cluster was held on 29th July 2020. it was focused on the Preparedness and Response of the flood. All the Chiefs of Health Sections of local levels (136 in Province 2) have been informed to celebrate the World Breastfeeding Week 2020. We have received the detail reports of Vitamin A from 76 out of 136 local levels till yesterday. Remaining local levels will send by Sunday next week. Based on the reports, the details are as follows: Vitamin A 6 to 59 months children: 3,65,223 (100 % against target) Albendazole to 6-59 months children: 3,21,807 (100 % against target) MNP (Baalvita) to 6-23 months children: 33,820 (100 % against target) MUAC screening: 1,94,062 (100 % against target) To start the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program in Province 2, WFP and NEPHEG teams are in the 4 districts (Saptari, Siraha, Sarlahi and Rautahat) coordinating with local levels for distribution Distribution of Supplementary foods will start from 31 July 2020 in Saptari. WHH/Aasaman Nepal supported the following activities: MUAC screening training at Rajgadh Gaupalika, Saptari where 57 FCHVs and HWs participated, MUAC screening is ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health office, local governments and support agencies in the province for full reporting of national vitamin-A campaign. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster. Coordinate with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. Facilitate to continue the NRH of the province. Follow safety precautions (family/mother MUAC) to children age 6-59 months and bring SAM children to OTC and NRH for the treatment. Coordinate and guide local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 222 Dalit HHs received the food package in Dakneshawari Nagarpalika, Saptari (30 Kg Rice, 3 Kg Dal, 2 Kg Sugar, 2 Liter oil, 4 Pcs soap) • WHH/Aasaman Nepal supported the screening of children of 6-59 months in Siraha, Karjanaha and Kalyanpur Municipalities in Siraha district. • Total Screened children: 20,261 • Total MAM: 1354 • Total SAM: 309 	
<p>Bagmati province: Mr. Ramesh Adhikari, Director of Bagmati Province briefed following points as: Vitamin A: - Till 30 July 2020: 3,52,892 children under 5 years (60%) reached with vitamin A out of estimated 5,82,372 - Continue to facilitate to the rest unreported with local level Monsoon Update: - 28 local levels of 13 districts are affected - 10 death and 78 family affected OTC and NRH: - Nutrition supplies is in PHLMC - NRH in Bharatpur is functional (8 children: 4 discharged and 4 undertreatment), the rest in Sunakothi, Chautara and Hetauda: quarantine and OPD service) - 55 OTCs are in ready position. SUAAHARA: Suaahara II support for World Breast Feeding Week (WBF) - Airing jingle on breast feeding from local FMs, Bhanchhin Aama (BA) & hello BA program - Distribute / reinforce breastfeeding decision tree in context of WBW - Promote BF Video through social media & frontline workers - Counsel to mothers /HHs of under 2 children by all 184 Front Line Workers at community - Provide technical support to palikas / HFs & ensure MoFAGA guideline (WBF) reached to each Palika - Covid-19 orientation is planned to Health facility staffs and FCHVs as piloting in 5 health facilities from next week at Dhading. - Flexes on "How to wear Mask" are placed in all Palikas, Health Facilities and quarantines. - Follow up by Suaahara Tech staff to ensure Health and Nutrition commodity is continued. - Suaahara Resource Person (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) ongoing through Suaahara program. In this Two week- total HHs-21,426 Lactating mothers - 6,555 and Pregnant women-1,548 are counselled by Suaahara II staffs on COVID prevention and Nutrition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health offices, local governments and support agencies in the province full reporting of vitamin-A campaign. • 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. • 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 local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. • Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Gandaki Province: On behalf of Dr. Binod Bindu Sharma, Director of Provincial Health Directorate Mr. Yam GC, District Coordinator of SUAAHARA Sharma briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement process of Provincial Nutrition Response plan is about to concluded by the Ministry of Social Development, Gandaki Province. • In Gandaki Province, all 3 NRHs are providing treatment services (Baglung 5, Parbat 3 and Pokhara 7 Children are under treatment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health offices, local governments and support agencies in the province full reporting of vitamin-A campaign. • 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. • Facilitate to continue the NRH of the provinces.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial health directorate has been coordinating to monsoon related disaster affected districts and local governments for the continuation & effectiveness of Health & Nutrition services. It's circulated the information to all districts, local governments and concern partner organizations for the celebration of World Breastfeeding Week in effective and safe environment. As one of the prime stakeholders in the field of nutrition section in Gandaki Province, Suaahara program has been supported as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of tele counseling services: Total reach: This week: Started for broadcasting messages focusing on Breast feeding week through weekly based Bhanchhin Aama and Hello Bhanchhin Aama program. Broadcasting PSAs on COIVD 19 and Nutrition through 16 local FMs Supported one Medical Doctor in Provincial Health Directorate and one Nursing staff in Nawalpur MSNP has been advocating to local governments on nutrition relief to 1000 days' HHs in Nawalparasi (East) ACF has been conducting awareness campaign on IMAM in Nawalparasi (East) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Province number 5: Mr. Ramita Sharma, Community Medicine and Mr. Kaushal Bhandari Nutrition Focal Person briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In province 5 total number of people infected from COVID-19 is 4232 and out of those 3918 are recovered and 13 are death. The total number of people staying in quarantine is 2107 and every day the number of people staying in quarantine is in decreasing rate. In this breast-feeding week planning and initiate to establish Breast feeding room in Lumbini provincial hospital. Drafted Mansoon prepared plan is with health directorate for feedback and necessary actions. Regarding reporting of vitamin-A in DHIS-2 out of 109 palikas only 7 palikas are left and will report as soon as possible. Enough stock of nutrition commodities at all levels. For this enough support from UNICEF, SUA AHARA and ACF. In addition, ACF has been supporting for regular follow-up of malnourished children who are admitted in OTCs. As regular SUA AHARA has been supporting for behavior change intervention through different interventions. In this 2370 pregnant mother, 7587 lactating women and 21729 household has been counselled focusing on COVID-19 context and also supporting for BCC communication focusing on breast feeding. UNICEF has been supporting printing of IEC/BCC materials, FM mobilization, radio programming focusing on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition. Suaahara Resource Person supporting PHD to carry out COVID activities-Quarantine, Isolation, CICT, PTT, RRT and so on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health offices, local governments and support agencies in the province full reporting of vitamin-A campaign. 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. 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 local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Karnali province: Mr. Man Kumari Gurung, Senior Community Nursing Officer briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and nutrition cluster formed and functional Under overall MSNP activities, supported data collection, quarantines, relief distribution, IMAM programme and coordination at local level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and guide to district health offices, local governments and support agencies in the province full reporting of vitamin-A campaign. Follow up to endorse nutrition in emergency response plans (COVID-19 and Monsoon) for the province and TOR of H&N cluster.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitamin A campaign successfully conducted, and reports being collected • UNICEF supported flyers and flexes with messages on child nutrition, maternal nutrition and management of malnutrition targeting COVID for BCC component and being widely distributed throughout the province. • Monsoon preparedness plan has been drafted by UNICEF and is still under review by PHSD • Nutrition BCC messages related to COVID-19 are being aired from different 14 FMs of the province covering all districts of the province with the support from UNICEF. • 86.92 mt Super Cereal distributed for 29,640 PLW and children 6 to 23 months in 128 health facilities of 5 Karnali districts during June 2020 with support from WFP (report for July 2020 will be available in the first week of August 2020) • Jajarkot Landslide Assessment supported by WFP and disseminated amongst all key stakeholders, based on the assessment report in coordination with local Government, distribution plan for 774 households on both food and nutrition support (Rice, pulses, vegetable oil, salt, BP-5 High energy biscuits and fortified blended food) has been made, distribution of BP- has already been started. • Under Suaahara, Continued tele counseling to HHs & PLWs. Till last week total 1,70,036 HHs and 74,590 PLWs counseled. continue radio messaging by 12 local FMs in 5 programme districts (Bhanchhin Aama & Hello Bhanchhin Aama), capacity development and update quarantine and regular health system related data, and 3 technical staff continued to provide technical support MoSD, Province Hosp. & Health Office Dailekh. • 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 “Epidemic, Disease control and Disaster Management Contingency Plan-2076” in Humla District and “relief materials handover guideline” in Mugu, conducted rapid assessment of all 79 Palikas • Preposition of nutrition commodities for monsoon preparedness are in place in all district warehouses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating with local government and health offices to continue nutrition service monitoring. • 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 local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. • Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Sudur Paschim province: Mr. Om Prakash Joshi, Public Health Officer and Mr. Min Raj Joshi Nutrition Focal Person Provincial Health Directorate of Sudurpaschim Province briefed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation on Breast feeding context of COVID 19 Nursing staff of Seti Provincial Hospital supported by Suaahara • District level COVID 19 Orientation completed in 2 districts, supported by SUAAHARA program • Preparing ITC establish assessment guideline • With the support from UNICEF and SUAAHARA, nutrition BCC messages are being aired in three different languages (Nepali, Doteli and Tharu) regularly from different 42 Local FMs of the province covering all districts of the province. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide to district health offices, local governments and support agencies in the province full reporting of vitamin-A campaign. • 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. • 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This two week total 38,678 (Total 3,58,415 HHs) Households are counselled by SAAHARA front line worker and 52 Health Facilities counselling done by SAAHARA technical officers for support to reviving the services, sent push message to HHs, expert interview conducted and send message thorough social media about COVID-19 and Nutrition promotion. • UNICEF, MoFAGA-MSNP and SAAHARA team regularly following up for nutrition program implementation. • Preposition of nutrition commodities for monsoon preparedness are in place in all district warehouses. • Nutrition commodities transportation supported by UNICEF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and guide local concerned governments and DTO to return the funds allocated for CNSI training and adolescent nutrition and those who have spent to submit the SoE and one pager report to FWD/DoHS/MoHP as soon as possible. • Celebrate international breast feeding week and report in next cluster meeting.
<p>Briefing from Technical Working Groups; verbal briefing from TWG was not made this time, the report of the weeks received from the nutrition cluster Technical Working Groups are circulated with the minutes.</p>	
<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. • Breast feeding program should be more focused not only for a week but also for a whole year and mother should exclusively breast feed to her child with extended breast feeding for two years. • It is very good progress that national Vitamin A campaign started nationwide on 22 and 23 Ashadh 2077 (6-7 July 2020) and was very happy to know that the coverage is also high. 	
<p>Remarks from Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Director General (DG) of Department of Health Services (DoHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 performed very well and good to hear about the successful of National Vitamin A Campaign despite of the threat of the pandemic ongoing. • 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. • In addition, in this meeting Mr. Anirudra Sharma cluster co-lead informed Director General regarding the meeting planned by National Planning Commission (NPC) for supplementary feeding with donors and external partners. For this Anirudra Sharma has requested director to be a part of it and support in this action. 	
<p>Closing of the meeting and next nutrition cluster meeting</p>	
<p>Mr. Anirudra Sharma, the nutrition cluster co-lead and the meeting facilitator highlighted the action points as mentioned above and thanked to the Director General of Department of health Services Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh, Provincial Health Directors and provincial health team members, 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 lessons 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, 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, 23rd Shrawan 2077 (7th August 2020) from 11:00 to 13:00 hrs. via zoom link (weekly) focusing on closing ceremony of Breast-Feeding Week and monsoon preparedness and response 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. Mr. Chandra Dev Mehta, Health Directorate, Province 1
5. Mr. Harish Chand Shah, Provincial Health Directorate, Province 1
6. Mr. Ramesh Adhikari, Provincial Health Directorate, Province 3
7. Mr. Harish Chand Shah, Provincial Health directorate, Province 2
8. Ms. Laxmi Ghimire, programme Director, National Planning Commission
9. Mr. Minraj Joshi, health Assistant, Sudur Paschim Province
10. Mr. Om Prakash Joshi, Public Health Officer, Sudur Paschim Province
11. Mr. Man Kumari Gurung, Public health Officer, Karnali Province
12. Ms. Kalpana Pandey, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
13. Ms. Meena Mote, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
14. Mr. Harihar Prasad Sharma, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
15. Mr. Debendra Adhikari, Nutrition Specialist, USAID
16. Ms. Karan Courtney Haag, Chief Nutrition Programme, UNICEF
17. Ms. Dale Davis, Country Representative, HKI
18. Ms. Pooja Pandey Rana, Deputy Chief of the Party, Suahaara II/USAID
19. Ms. Naomi Saville, Nutritionist, consultant to DFID and University College London nutrition researcher
20. Ms. Bhim Kumari Pun, Senior Manager, Suahaara II
21. Mr. Santosh Acharya, Programme Officer, UN Women
22. Mr. Jeevan Ghimire, Health policy Officer, DFID
23. Ms. Anju Adhikari, Nutrition officer, UNICEF/FWD
24. Mr. Indra Bhujel, Governance Expert, UNICEF
25. Ms. Astha Thapa, PHD, Province number 1
26. Ms. Sabina Hora, Nutrition and IEC Experts/HKI
27. Mr. Sujay Nepali Bhattacharya, Head of Health and Nutrition department, ACF
28. Ms. Manisha Katwal, Senior Program Officer, Health and Nutrition, ACF
29. Ms. Pabitra Sapkota MSNP Coordinator, Karnali Province
30. Mr. Deepak Thapa, NTAG
31. Ms. Preeti Subba, NTAG
32. Mr. Sandesh Adhikari, NTAG
33. Mr. Binod Kumar Aryal, Senior programme Manager, GHAN
34. Ms. Abhilasha Gurung, World Vision International
35. Ms. Sarita Yadav, NRH Birgunj
36. Ms. Rashmi Jha, NRH Rajbiraj
37. Mr. Nishant Acharya, Baglung NRH
38. Mr. Ngima T. Sherpa, Chairperson, HHESS
39. Ms. Aarju Hamal, Nutrition Officer, HHESS
40. Dr. Maureen Dariang, Lead Advisor, NHSSP
41. Ms. Nisha Singh, Knowledge Management Officer, Aasman Nepal
42. Mr. Phulgendra Prasad Singh, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
43. Ms. Sumi Maskey, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
44. Mr. Prakash Joshi, Nutrition Officer UNICEF
45. Ms. Bindu Panthi, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
46. Mr. Sudip Chiluwal, Program Coordinator, NEPHEG
47. Mr. Nanda Adhikari, Coordinators, SDPC
48. Mr. Amrit Gurung, WFP, Karnali Province
49. Mr. Raj Nandan Mandal, Nutrition Advisor, SAAHARA II /USAID
50. Mr. Chiranjibi Dahal, Care Nepal
51. Mr. Lokendra Thapa, SAAHARA II /USAID
52. Mr. Yam GC, SAAHARA II /USAID

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

18th Meeting of National Nutrition Cluster (31 July 2020)

Briefing from nutrition cluster lead:

Indicators	Global Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic		Global Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic	
	16 July 2020	31 July 2020	17 July 2020	31 July 2020
Number COVID-19 positive cases	13,338,364	16,523,815	17,344	19,547
Number of deaths	579,319	655,112	39 (0.2%)	52 (0.27%)
Number of Cured	8,197,103	10,783,029	11,249 (64.9%)	140,21 (72.9%)
Number of PCR tested			303,810	364,648
Number of RDT tested			312,402	312,402
Number people in quarantine camps			23,500	13,201
Number COVID-19 cases in the isolation			6,056 (34.9%)	5,246
Number of districts where no COVID-19 cases these days			72	72

Major Progress made after last nutrition cluster meeting:

- Organized a meeting of Breast-Feeding protection and Promotion Committee and reformed Breast-Feeding Promotion and Protection Sub-Committee led by the Director of Family Welfare Division of DoHS/MoHP
- Initiating to amend breast feeding act 2049
- Applying standard and guidelines developed for COVID-19 context
- Initiated the process to procure RUTF: 1,275,000 sachets (8,500 cartons), MNP: 1,166,666 Packs (35,000,000 sachets) from Government's budget
- UNICEF initiated the process to procure 600,000 sachets (4,000 cartons) of RUTF
- Procured 67 MT Supercereal and planning to send to all provinces

Similarly, 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	17	17	17
2.	Number of Functioning OTCs	591	591	591
3.	Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition in last 7 months	2,824	91	2,915
4.	Number of caregivers of SAM children followed up via telephone or other means of follow ups	317	28	345
Prevention of acute malnutrition				
5.	Number of 6-23 months children received Supercereal plus in five Karnali districts	65,533	20,830	86,363
6.	Number of PLWs received Supercereal plus in five Karnali districts	38,879	11,180	50,059

7.	Golden1000Days HHS receiving relief package from local government	74,805	1,193	75,998
Micro-nutrient interventions				
8.	Coverage of Vitamin A supplementation in the areas of measles outbreak	0	0	15,359
9.	Coverage of Deworming in the areas of measles outbreak with Vitamin A supplementation	0	0	28,929
Behaviour change communication on nutrition				
10.	HHs reached with radio messages on nutrition	828,634	154,002	982,636
11.	HH reached with SMS with IYCF messages	2,878,838	17,224	2,896,062
12.	Number of Pregnant & lactating women reach SMS with IYCF messages	680,789	24,245	705,034
13.	Number of HHs reached counselled with telephone	1,346,213	92,014	1,438,227
14.	Number of PLWs counselled via telephone	415,773	47,298	463,071
15.	Number of FM radio disseminated nutrition messages	223	207	207

Way forward/next steps:

- NPC will organize an advocacy meeting among development partners and donors for the management of Supercereal for blanket supplementary feeding programme
- Implementation of blanket supplementary feeding programme will be started in province number 2 from next week supported by WFP
- **Planning to celebrate World Breast Feeding Week from 1-7 August 2020 (17-23 Shrawan 2077)**
- Initiated approval process of interim SOP of blanket supplementary feeding programme, Concept note for the implementation of Family MUAC approach and joint statement of IYCF

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)