

26th Meeting of National Nutrition Cluster, 19 Magsir 2077 (04 December 2020)

Briefing from nutrition cluster lead (as of 03 December 2020):

1. Situation of COVID-19:

| Indicators | Global Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic | | National Situation of COVID-19 Pandemic | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | 12 November 2020 | 03 December 2020 | 12 November 2020 | 03 December 2020 |
| Number COVID-19 positive cases | 52,457,995 | 64,865,959 | 204,242 | 237,589 |
| Number of deaths among the positive cases | 1,290,026 (2.5%) | 1,499,671 (2.3%) | 1,189 (0.6%) | 1551 (0.65%) |
| Number of Recovered | 36,687,962 (69.9%) | 44,961,955 (69.3%) | 164,592 (80.6%) | 220,272 (92.71%) |
| Number of PCR tested | | | 1,584,317 | 1,763,919 |
| Number people in quarantine camps | | | 974 | 576 |
| Active COVID-19 cases | 14,480,007 (27.6%) | 18,404,333 (28.4%) | 38,461 (18.8%) | 15,766 |
| Number of cases in ICU and Ventilators | | | ICU: 373 Ventilator: 87 | ICU: 388 Ventilator: 65 |
| Number of districts where no COVID-19 cases these days | | | Manang | Manang and Dolpa |
| Districts having active cases more than 500 | | | 12 (Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Chitwan, Kavre, Kaski, Nawalparasi (east), Dang, Rupendehi, Kailali) | 6 (Jhapa, Morang, Kathmandu and Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kaski) |

2. Major Progress made after last nutrition cluster meeting:

- Conducted National Vitamin A campaign on 11 and 12 Magsir 2077 (26, 27 November 2020)
- Completed transportation of RUTF, MNP and other nutrition commodities from to all 7 provinces from Pathalaya warehouse.
- Ongoing distribution of Supercereal (blanket supplementary feeding programme) in five districts in Karnali, 6 districts of Province 2 and; Sunsari and Solukhumbu districts of Province 1. So far, 182,665 children aged 6-23 months and 103,515 pregnant and lactating women received Super cereal.
- 620 OTCs (out of 718) and 18 NRH (out of 21) are functional and from these centres 6,069 children with SAM were treated using Ready to Use therapeutic food. 224 SAM cases were admitted in the OTC and NRH in last weeks.
- Ongoing CNSI training in different districts to the health workers.
- Finalized five years costed action plan and submitted to MoHP for approval. Similarly, finalized the revised version of IMAM national guideline and it is ready for approval.
- Initiated the process for the development of quality assurance guideline for nutrition
- Treatment protocol of NRH is being developed and will be finalized soon.
- Treatment of MAM will be started in 2 districts of province 2 (Saptari and Siraha)

| Nutrition Interventions (as of 27 November 2020): | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| SN | Indicators | Total | | Total so far |
| | | Until last week | Past Two Weeks | |
| Nutrition cluster coordination | | | | |
| 1 | Number of nutrition cluster meeting | 74 | 1 | 75 |
| 2 | Number of members in nutrition cluster | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| Treatment of Severe acute malnutrition | | | | |
| 3 | Number of NRH in the Province | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| 4 | Number of Functioning NRH | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| 5 | Admission of SAM in the NRHs (Poush 2076 onwards) | 1,947 | 32 | 1,979 |
| 6 | Number of OTCs in the province | 718 | 718 | 718 |
| 7 | Number of Functioning OTCs | 620 | 620 | 620 |
| 8 | Admission of SAM in the OTCs (Poush 2076 onwards) | 3,898 | 192 | 4,090 |
| 9 | Admission of SAM in OTC and NRH (Poush 2076 onwards) | 5,845 | 224 | 6,069 |
| 10 | Number of caregivers of SAM children followed up via telephone or other means of follow ups | 1,839 | 184 | 2,023 |
| Prevention of acute malnutrition | | | | |
| 11 | Number of 6-23 months children received Supercereal plus | 182,665 | - | 182,665 |
| 12 | Number of PLWs received Supercereal plus | 103,515 | - | 103,515 |
| 13 | Total 6-23 months children and PLWs received Supercereal | 286,180 | - | 286,180 |
| 14 | Golden1000Days HHS receiving relief package from local government | 144,614 | - | 144,614 |
| Behaviour change communication on nutrition | | | | |
| 15 | HHs reached with radio messages on nutrition | 3,434,553 | - | 3,434,553 |
| 16 | HH reached with SMS with IYCF messages | 2,157,829 | - | 2,157,829 |
| 17 | Number of PLWs SMS with IYCF messages | 684,266 | - | 684,266 |
| 18 | Number of HHs reached counselled with telephone | 2,078,717 | - | 2,078,717 |
| 19 | Number of PLWs counselled via telephone and home visit | 873,291 | - | 873,291 |
| 20 | Number of FM radio disseminated nutrition messages | 203 | 187 | 187 |

3. Challenges

- Resource gaps of supplementary feeding for the prevention of acute malnutrition of 6-59 months children, pregnant and lactating women.
- There are difficulties and constraints to screen, identify and refer children aged 6-59 months who are severely wasted for treatment at Outpatient Therapeutic Centers (OTC).
- Lack of protective equipment for FCHVs to continue community-based nutrition programme

4. Way forward/next steps:

- Collection of the report of National Vitamin A campaign conducted on 11 and 12 Magsir 2077 (26, 27 November 2020)
- Initiate approval process of IYCF virtual guideline assessment guideline
- Initiate approval process of SMART survey methods.
- Continuation of ongoing nutrition services
- Finalize NRH guideline and treatment protocol
- Initiate implementation of nutrition programme as per the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2077/078
- Initiate approval of Family MUAC approach since FCHVs are not allowed to do the MUAC screening of 6-59 months children.