



## Ethiopia Nutrition Cluster Biweekly meeting

8 June 2023, 02:00 PM to 04:00PM, EDRMC office

### Meeting minutes

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Present: OWDA, PUI, ASDEPO, HOPE, REACH, ENWA, MCMDO, FHI#^), IMC, AMREF, EPHI, MSF, DART BHA, FIDA, PLAN, CONCERN, NCA, AAH, FEWSNET, WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction-
2. Update monitoring data and identified gaps
3. CCM cluster Snapshots- Needs and gap
4. Afder SMART plus findings- REACH
5. Intro to "Activity info" for nutrition ENCU 4Ws
6. Updates from TWG
  - CMAM- focus on commodities/ pipeline status and key actions from ENCU
  - NIS: SMART surveys, support from TASC, reprioritization exercise info
7. AOB
  - A&AWG: Belg Seasonal assessments and DTM assessment
8. Food for thought- Fridge
  - PwD and Nutrition
  - School feeding
  - AAP and nutrition
  - Elderly malnutrition

1. **Welcome and introduction was led by ENCU.** A total of more than 25 participants attended the meeting
2. **Follow-up of action points from the previous meeting.**

Action points	Responsible	Status	Timeline
Propose the monitoring system by woredas for Jan to April using the selected indicators	ENCU	To be presented today	
UNICEF to provide the scenarios for commodities and area to be prioritised from July anticipating the shortfalls of commodities	UNICEF	Update done	Before 8 June
WFP to share with ENCU, pipelines status and scenarios proposed	WFP	Update done	Before 8 June
ONG to inform on the procurement of buffer stocks. ENCU to reshare the template	NGO and ENCU	To be presented today	Before 8 June
Present the way forward with Activity Info for partners	ENCU IMO	To be presented today	Next week
CMAM TWG to be boosted. List to be updated, minutes to be shared with ENCU members and tools for CMAM to be used and track with partners	MoH and UNICEF	Shibru or MoH today update	For next MANTF meeting
Follow up on concerns of populations in HRP, exchange with partners and engaging the process of MYT HRP	ENCU	Done	June
Nutrition Centric Humanitarian Development and Peace triple nexus approach to be presented in next MANTF meeting	Dr Sisay (MoH) and AAH	Next Cluster meeting	July
Reprioritization model to be presented to all partners once finalized- advocacy with MoH	ENCU, CDC, WFP and UNICEF	Next cluster meeting	July



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### 3. Update monitoring data and identified gaps-ENCU.

- More attention is needed also in areas where food distribution will be reduced (as per change from rounds to seasonal distribution, etc) as the risk of an increased number of malnutrition cases- action is needed the sooner
- In areas affected by outbreaks the relation (number of malnutrition cases) is observed
- We anticipate more cases of acute malnutrition in the current quarter and next quarter (till Sept) as all drivers of malnutrition are presence in many areas.
- **Q2 and Q3 more acute malnutrition cases are predicted.**
- **it's anticipated that the monthly admission may reach to 80,000 children in the coming months.**

### 4. Presentation of ENCU on the Red Flag monitoring

*"Red flag" is a metaphorical expression denoting the occurrence of a problem that needs to be analysed and resolved in order to avoid exceeding the capacity to respond adequately*

ENCU has start to do analysis based on increase or decrease (changes) on some key indicators by woreda. This Red flag system will help us to identify problems.



#### POTENTIAL INTERPRETATION



Indicator	Under control	Close monitor	Red flag
4 or 5 nutrition indicators	All indicators < thresholds established	One indicator > thresholds established	If 2 indicators (half) are > of threshold established



1. % of increase or decrease (change) in total SAM admissions in a month by woreda
2. % of increase or decrease (change) in total SAM admissions for children under 6 months in a month by woreda
3. % of increase or decrease (change) in total admissions with oedema in a month by woreda
4. % of increase or decrease (change) in total death discharged in SC/TFU in a month by woreda
5. % of increase or decrease (change) in total defaulter discharged in OTP/MHNT in a month by woreda

This model proposed by ENUC of using the monthly monitoring data will help to get a clearer perspective on the data by basing the analysis on established thresholds of indicator change under the assumption that these changes show some programme problem, whether it be quality of care, increased case finding, lack of support, etc. For example,

specifically monitoring admissions of children under 6 months of age is relevant and is not done. However, this proposed model has limitations related to accuracy and quality of data, as well as the functionality of the programme, but it is therefore useful for monitoring the quality of care of children under 6 months of age.

### 5. CCM Needs and gaps in nutrition in IDP sites See slides. The main key issues are:

- Insufficient supplementation for MAM and inconsistency
- WFP is facing issues of availability of resources and commodities. They intervene in IDP sites in Hotspot P1

### 6. Afder SMART plus findings- REACH

- a. Nutrition situation in Afder LHVZ is worrisome
- b. Findings attached.
- c. Recommendations suggestions for nutrition and other sectors to address drivers.

### 7. Intro to Activity info for nutrition ENCU 5Ws- [Click here \(online\)](#)

- a. New way of collecting data from partners interventions.
- b. IYCF- E indicators included.
- c. Commodities information included.
- d. WFP and MAM data will be also included.

### 8. Commodities update

For regular program: shortfalls

- RUSF
- July 12% shortfall
- August : 90% Shortfall
- Sept: Expected arrivals in country

Fully funded for all supplies UNICEF procure  
• Several producers (Local and offshore) being used



9. **AOB-** ENCU info:

- a. **A&AWG: Belg Seasonal assessments and DTM assessment** There is a new group working on assessments and analysis in OCHA with all clusters and nutrition cluster is part of that. There will be a meeting to see the methodology for nonfood clusters in the Belg assessment. DTM is starting a new assessment round. Clusters are requested to review tools.

Action points	Responsible	Timeline
1. Finalise the concept of the “red flag” monitoring system by woredas and present results	ENCU	By August
2. Organise ToT for activity Info and partners to complete data	ENCU and partners	July
3. Check of commodities and availability in zones and woredas in Somali region (request by MSF)	RENCU and UNICEF Somali	Before 13 June
4. Scenarios on the increased needs on nutrition treatment in relation with food aid suspension in Tigray and to change in delivery of food aid	UNICEF as tech lead	asap