

MINUTES OF THE DPG NUTRITION MEETING

Date: 24/01/2017

Time and venue: 14:40 to 16:55 at UNICEF main conference room

Participants: See the list of participants

1. Agenda

- Welcome remarks
- Follow up on matters arising from last meeting
- Assessment of progress against priorities for DPG-N 2016/17
- Discussion on functioning of DPG-N and way forward
 - Agenda and regularity of meetings
 - Participation
 - Reporting
 - Sharing of knowledge and best practices in nutrition
 - What DPG-N should stop doing, continue doing and start doing.
- Topic of the Month
 - Process and results of nutrition journalists competition (Presentation followed by discussion)
- Coordination updates
 - SUN CSOs Network
 - SUN Private sector Network
 - SUN Donors Network
 - SUN UN Network
- Sector updates
 - Health
 - Agriculture and Food Security
 - WaSH
 - Social Protection
- AOB
- Date of next meeting and close

2. Discussion and Action points

Agenda	Key Issues Discussed	Action Points
Welcome remarks	The Chair wished all members a happy new Year and requested for a round of introduction since there were new members/visitors	None
Follow up on matters arising from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair reminded members about the issue of selecting a new Chair - PANITA reported that they have already sent out an email to ask members to nominate a chair, however no names have been suggested so far The SUN-Donor network and UN network have not yet presented names for the co-chair position. - UNICEF has shared the final draft of NMNAP with Malawi team - WASH Updates have been circulated to everybody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PANITA to set a deadline while checking with HKI as they were interested with being a Chair - SUN donor Network and UN network to come up with a name

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	note on Policy Dialogue has been shared	for Co – Chair during March meeting
Assessment of progress against priorities for DPG-N 2016/17	<p><i>1. Progress on supporting development of NMNAP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The designing phase is completed. , Now working on aligning the annexes with the main document. - The NMNAP will be printed soon after having all the required signatures Launching ceremony will follow thereafter,(expected to be sometime iafter March). - There is a gap between the need for printing of NMNAP and the money available. Partners were asked to support printing of the annexes. - There’s a plan of developing a shorter,user friendly version of NMNAP which will also be translated into Swahili UNICEF is committed to support this activity. - There will be series of dissemination sessions to various groups/implementers/LGAs, NGOs, MDAs, for them to know what is expected of them to support the NMNAP. <p><i>2. Resource Mobilization</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan is to use UN REACH resources to support development of a Resource Mobilization Strategy. It will be a short document. UNICEF has someone specialized in Resource Mobilization and he has agreed to support that. - 	
Discussion on functioning of DPG-N and way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was suggested that updates provided during DPG-N should be based on the 7 Key Result Areas of the NMNAP instead of SUN coordination updates as most of the time there are no updates. - It was recommended that DPG-N should also be a place for sharing updates, best practices, lessons learned, priorities, new evidence, resources availability. - The need to keep time was emphasized. Meetings - should start and finish on time - It was suggested to have one organization preferably (chair/co-chair)of different sector specific DPGs to provide sector updates during DPG-Nutrition meetings.Find ways of involving partners who aren’t in Dar so that they can provide updates on what they are doing - Include political context- what’s is happening in the country that could affect nutrition outcomes - Update on regular basis, the DPG-N section available on main DPG website. In order to finish the meetings on time, it was suggested to have partners share their updates weeks before the meeting. For those who would like to present on a specific topic, it was suggested to have them organize a meeting (with the help of Chair/Co-Chair) preferably an hour before the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretariat to update the website - Secretariat to develop a form that can be used by partners to indicate when

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	<p>start of DPG-N meetings and invite those who would like to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - It was suggested to include ECD in the sector updates. - It was agreed that we will need to keep revisiting the ToR for the group since things change over time. Update the email list - Improvement communication and coordination – have a webpage where we can upload and download most of the information and reduce the paper based. It was suggested that there is a need of looking onto it further as that is no one’s job hence its somehow challenging - Have a calendar of events indicating national activities related to NMNAP for partners to provide technical/funding support for these activities especially in their regions. 	<p>and what they would wish to share</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Word Bank representative to share the template and other documents for learning from other groups
Coordination updates	<p>SUN CSOs’ Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates <p>SUN Donor Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a Government- Donor meeting in February 2017 to discuss support for implementation of the NMNAP <p>SUN Private sector Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates <p>SUN UN Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates 	
Sector Updates	<p>Health: No updates for this DPG-N</p> <p>Wash: To be shared through email</p> <p>Agriculture: No updates for this DPG-N</p> <p>Social Protection: No updates for this DPG-N</p>	Plan to circulate WASH updates
Topic of the month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PANITA presented on the nutrition journalists competition Award. Generally the activity was a success. A total of 72 articles were received. The challenge was, stories lacked human interest. - It was suggested that radio, video and print competition should be separated as well as have a theme focused on specific issue every time (specific topics) - 	PANITA to share the list of journalist who have been oriented on nutrition
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micronutrient Initiative (MI) to host a 3 day Regional technical and advocacy meeting on Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation - New GAIN- Executive Director Dr. Lawrence Haddad will be in Dar es Salaam in February 2017. - UNICEF is planning to support the government to conduct an analysis of drivers of change on nutrition status of children and women using TDHS database. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the next DPGN meeting (from 1.30 -2.30 pm) Ifakara Health Institute will present on qualitative and quantitative findings on evaluation of integrated nutrition interventions. Findings from 11 districts. 	
Date of next meeting and close	Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th February, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	