

MINUTES OF THE DPG NUTRITION MEETING

Date: 14/03/2017

Time and venue: 14:40 to 16:50 at UNICEF offices.

1. Main agenda items

- Follow up on matters arising from last meeting
- Follow up on Key Priorities for DPG-N 2016/17
- Coordination updates
- Sector Updates

Topic of the Month:

- How to ensure successful implementation of National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP 2016-21) with a focus on the role of CSOs.

2. Discussion and Action points

Agenda	Key Issues Discussed	Action Points
Follow up on matters arising from previous meeting	PANITA to upload key nutrition documents on the main DPG-N website(co-chair to facilitate)	Temina to contact Leticia/WHO for guidance
Follow up on Key Priorities for DPG-N 2016/17	<p>1. Development of NMNAP (2016-2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NMNAP document has been sent to Permanent Secretaries for signature. - TFNC still working to finalize the annexes. <p>2. Resources Mobilization to support funding for scaling up nutrition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government- Donor meeting on NMNAP planned for 28th Feb 2017 was canceled because most of the key invited partners could not attend. The meeting is expected to take place in April 2017. - UNICEF has received funds to support development of a resource mobilization strategy for NMNAP. 	
Coordination updates	<p>SUN CSOs' Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update 	
	<p>SUN Donor Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SUN Donor Network has been working with the SUN focal point in the office of Prime Minister to prepare for Government-Donor meeting on NMNAP. 	
	<p>SUN Private sector Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update 	

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	<p>SUN UN Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN network has reviewed and approved the UN network expenditure review report and plans for 2017 - The UN network plans to conduct quarterly meetings 	
Sector Updates	<p>1. Discussion on DPGN participation in different group meetings and providing sectoral updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going forward, sectoral updates should be sent to the secretariat prior to the meeting to save time. -It was suggested to have one organization (and an alternate) that will be responsible for providing sectoral updates. <p>Proposed organizations (TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health: WHO • WaSH: Plan International and UNICEF • Agriculture: FAO • Social Protection: UNICEF <p>2. Sectoral Updates:</p> <p>Social Protection: UNICEF</p> <p>Following the meeting on building synergies between TASAF and nutrition that was held in December 2016, partners have started to collaborate with TASAF. CRS and Counsenuth in Mbeya and PACT in Songwe region.</p>	Chair& Co-Chair to prepare one- page guidance on sectoral updates.
Topic of the month	<p>Presenter: Biram Ndiaye, Chief Nutrition, UNICEF</p> <p>Title: How to ensure successful implementation of NMNAP 2016-21 with a focus on the role of CSOs.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NMNAP is one of the best national nutrition strategic plan, however, <i>"A strategy, even a great one, doesn't implement itself"</i>. - Key steps for successful implementation of NMNAP are strategic planning phase and execution phase. The planning phase is completed, the focus now should be on strategy execution. <p>Key Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that implementing partners annual work plans are aligned to NMNAP expected results (MDAs, LGAs, CSOs, Private Sector) 2. Mobilise resources from government, development partners and private sector to fund nutrition actions 3. Manage and support the direct implementation of planned activities, in accordance with the annual work plans 4. Undertake ongoing process monitoring of program implementation by using quarterly Multi-sectoral Nutrition Scorecards and six-monthly Bottleneck Analysis (BNA), and use this information as part of 	CSOs to discuss how they will support NMNAP

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	<p>Annual Joint Multi-sectoral Nutrition Reviews using CRRAF</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Using data from process monitoring to identify critical decisions and actions required to remove identified bottlenecks to improve implementing units performances during steering committee meetings (CSCN, RSCN, HLSCN) 6. Implement decisions and actions previously identified and learn on how to remove bottlenecks for improved performances of implementing units 7. Reward and recognize high performing implementing units (MDAs, LGAs, CSOs, Private Sector) <p>How can CSOs contribute to successful implementation of NMNAP?</p> <p><u>Recommendations from the Annual Joint Multi-sectoral Nutrition Review Meeting, October 2016</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dissemination of NMNAP expected results and strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with other partners in the dissemination • Use of key influential groups 2. Planning and Budgeting and alignment to NMNAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration and alignment with the district and regional planning (sharing of work plans and budgets) 3. Resources mobilization to support NMNAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising, Proposal writing • Contributions, Donations • Leveraging nutrition technical expertise from existing NGOs/CBOs through secondment, contractual or recognition as partners and available human resource 4. Management of planned activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking and sharing of both financial and human resources • Joint implementation plan (e.g. monitoring activities, supportive supervision); • Joint Periodic review of plans • Stakeholders' meeting to share progress (achievements, challenges and lessons) 5. Monitoring of program implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear monitoring tool that stipulates specific roles for all stakeholders 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint budget for monitoring and evaluation activities • Feedback, review and data visualization <p>Next step: There will be a follow up discussion on CSOs support to implementation of NMNAP.</p>	
AOB	<p>Follow up on TFNC Joint planning meeting. Partners were advised to follow up with TFNC to discuss areas of support and collaboration.</p> <p>Further discussion on how to support implementation of NMNAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mauro/UNICEF to work with PANITA on consolidation of work plans for the CSO's for the first year of implementation of the NMNAP, -Members were encouraged to support implementation of NMNAP starting with areas that do not require funding. For example; coordination, joint supportive supervision, sharing of plans, technical support and aligning activities to the NMNAP -Members of the DPGN were encouraged to check list activities in the NMNAP to see what they can start with for now. 	
Date of next meeting	Date of next meeting: 11th April, 2017	