

Minutes DPG Nutrition Meeting – Tuesday 10th December 2019
Venue: UNICEF mapokezi meeting room - Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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Agenda	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Co-chair welcomed all members	
Adoption of the Minutes + Agenda	Minutes and agenda adopted	
Topic of the Month Experience of using mNutrition text messaging to improve maternal and young child nutrition practices	<p>Presentation from HKI</p> <p>The assessment planned to compare the cost of implementing mNutrition and mkoba wa siku 1000. The study designed with intervention and control arms where both quantitative and qualitative methods were applied. The study is implemented in two districts of Mtwara and Newala covering 24 villages. The site selected because no other DPs implement nutrition specific in the identified districts which reduce contamination risks. The analysis at midline which were presented for discussion has showed that fewer women own mobile phones (47.8%) as opposed to men(100%). Although the findings on message perception indicated across participants that messages shared were relevant (98%), easy to understand (97%), contained true and accurate information (98%) and they enjoy reading the SMSs (98); yet 22.4% of women reported that the recommendations provided` through SMS were confusing. More information is expected to be available when from the end line report next year including more information on; Information from the control group and cost of each intervention. Also Since behavior change takes time, what does it take beyond the SMS to inform and sustain the change</p>	Detailed presentation posted on the DPG website
Feedback from the meeting with the Deputy Minister	<p>Several issues were discussed including:</p> <p>Health policy review. A stand-alone policy for nutrition not an option. The deputy minister mentioned that the current health policy should be Nutrition inputs should be considered across each pillar of the health sector (health promotion, preventive, curative and rehabilitative)</p> <p>HSSP V; Deputy minister mentioned that he will want to see a strong nutrition component integrated, also linking with Non-Communicable diseases. Nutrition should assess for integration opportunities around the four pillars/spectrum</p> <p>TFNC capacity strengthening; He mentioned that TFNC should be able to shape up the nutrition agenda. The ministry wants to see the performance in nutrition which was shown in the 70's</p>	WB will be providing feedback on HSSP V developments to help inform partner for timely participation at least in one of the thematic working group expected to cover nutrition issues.



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	<p>Nutrition Education : this needs to be addressed through a community-based approach, that is integrated and is contextualized and in line with the new community health program that is due to be launched soon.</p> <p>Nutrition treatment for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM): Deputy minister mentioned that here is a need to promote use of local foods rather than importing of plumpy nuts (which will help to reduce the cost). He wants to see small and medium scale industries coming up with the solution and technology to address the situation. (the country is growing enough groundnuts!). Also need to engage with both CHF and NHIF to invest in nutrition and ensure insurance coverage for nutrition related cases as well as screening; however, in relation to CHF there could be some challenges.</p> <p>Food production/ processing technologies and fortification. Understanding is that some work is ongoing in the area but much more need to be done to strengthen the PPP and also working with women and young people’s groups; explore partnership with University of Sokoine.</p> <p>Data: Data is critical for generating evidence, and thus strengthening research and information systems are critical priority. He want to see data distilled from different parts of the country to reflect different challenges faced by different areas. There is need to invest in research and in agreement for nutrition to be underscored in the upcoming DHS.</p>	
FOLLOW UP ON KEY PRIORITIES FOR NMNAP & DPG-NUTRITION		
<p>1. TWG 1 MYACAN</p>	<p>UNICEF is supporting the ministry of Health to develop VHNDs guideline. This is also strategic to include ECD actions.</p> <p>At village level, the VHNDs is owned by the village leadership but implementation engage everyone.</p>	
<p>2. TWG 4 Nutrition Sensitive</p>	<p>Food based dietary guideline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The activity usually takes 18-24 months. The country activity was planned to be completed by December 2019. Currently message testing is ongoing in different areas. <p>Food security updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 46 districts with less than 99% food self-sufficiency ratio <p>Healthy street foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently finalizing phase one which focused on setting up the institutional arrangement - Project launching will be done between Dec and March 2020 - Project is expected to be self-sufficiency after the 1st three months 	<p>Partners collaboration in the areas of healthy street foods</p>
<p>3. TWG 2 Micro nutrient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USI assessment is completed and currently TFNC are finalizing the report. - Support provided on developing various micro-nutrient guidelines which are currently with TFNC for their submission for approval by the ministry of Health - The biofortification guideline is currently being finalized for approval by the ministry of Agriculture 	



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4. TWG 6-Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Governance and Coordination	Meeting to review the recommendation from SUN GG. Meeting minutes will be shared when made available. Among areas agreed for action includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthening coordination of the TWGs where it was agreed to create a specific and simple calendar dedicated to the TWGs, MNSC and HLSC. - On private sector matters; GAIN is leading a revision of indicators to be tracked - Public advocacy for 2020; the activity has started by engaging the media, political parties and religious leaders. - PANITA with TFNC will draw concrete timeline on what can collectively be done between now and December and expected to ask commitments from DPs - SUN youth group is expected to be formed and may be under civil society for the moment as we continue the work with youths 	Follow up with TFNC to ensure the calendar is made available. Communicate the advocacy plan when made available
UPDATE FROM SUN NETWORKS		
UN Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving collaboration between nutrition and Agriculture in Kigoma with focus of promotion production, consumption and dietary diversity using the VHND 	
Civil Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked with regions to enhance the scaling out of the TOR of the multisectoral steering committees in Rukwa, Morogoro, Dodoma, Mwanza and Simiyu - Engaged in the ongoing planning and budget sessions. - Working to influence more council's engagement with the VHNDs 	
DPG SECTOR UPDATES		
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions ongoing on HSSP 5. The development plan and process have been rescheduled to next year instead of the initial extension request for 2021 which was submitted earlier on. - The DHS funding gap (2.5M\$) still exist especially on the main module. - It is anticipated that when the Government can confirm its contribution to the activity more donors may be interested to contribute 	
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting planned to be held on 16th Dec at Norwegian embassy on review of rice intensification systems - DPs working in collaboration with the ministry of agriculture in Zanzibar and currently looking on priority areas as identified by the Zanzibar Agriculture Development Program. 	
OTHER UPDATES		
	HKI – Webinar to be held on Thursday on scaling Nutrition. Link to get connected to the meeting be shared NI – Developed course on adolescent nutrition which is now available online. Links to be shared. - Cost benefit tool on multiple micronutrient developed and available online	
Date of next meeting & Close... Meeting closed at 4:55pm. Next meeting will be on 14th January at UNICEF		