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# Management of Acute Malnutrition: Integration, PHC and Future Direction

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# Integration of SAM and MAM Programming

- High coverage of SAM treatment (>90%), has the potential to be the most impactful and cost-effective nutrition intervention (Bhutta et al., 2013), though rarely is this level of coverage reached.
- Community Health Workers (CHWs) treating SAM in community has been proposed as an approach to increase coverage.

# Integration cont.

Studies have shown that CHWs can identify and treat uncomplicated cases of SAM, achieving cure rates above the minimum standards and reducing default to less than 8%.



Findings to date suggest that early detection and treatment in the community can increase coverage of SAM in a cost-effective manner. (López-Ejeda, et al. 2018)

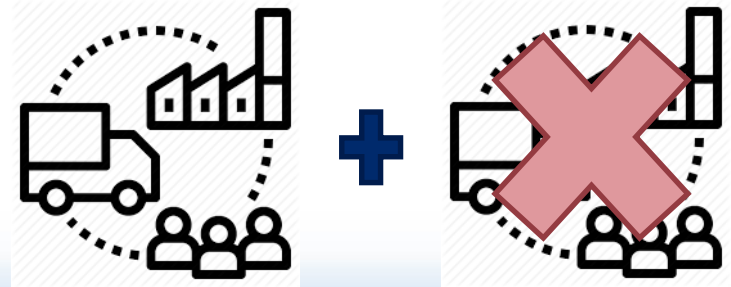
# Involving government leadership is key!

Truly partner with MOH



Integrate into government structures

One supply chain system!



# Building Capacity of Community Health Volunteers

- Tailored Trainings for CHVs (and simplified tools!)
- Supervision
- Supporting CHVs through incentives/recognition (and be ready to scale up)
- Clear plan for handling commodities at community

# Building Referral Mechanisms



Facility Staff

Supervision

Documentation

Close the Loop

# Identification beyond CMAM programming (I)



IYCF Groups

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# Identification beyond CMAM programming (II)



Family (Mother) MUAC

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# Future Direction

	Opportunities	Outcomes
Global Level	UN Joint Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Normative Guidance</li><li>2. Global EML</li></ol>
National Level	Test and Adapt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. National EML</li><li>2. National Policies &amp; Guidance</li></ol>

...getting from Policy to ACTION!



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