

Preparation for Workshop



Improving Nutrition Services in the Care of the Ill and Vulnerable Newborn and Child Workshop

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Accra, Ghana



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GHANA ACTION PLAN

Priority Gap #1

Inadequate nutrition commodities, supplies, and equipment

- I. Equipment eg. Weighing scales, length boards,
- II. Supplies eg. Counseling cards, food models
- III. Commodities eg. RUTF, ReSoMal, F-75, F-100

Priority Interventions to Address Gap I

1. Advocacy for essential nutrition commodities to be included in the EML
2. Enhance logistics management for essential nutrition commodities
3. Explore alternative source of funding eg. private sector engagement and district assembly common fund to procure equipment and supplies

Priority Inputs Required to Implement the intervention I

1. Technical assistance
2. Funding
3. Training

Timelines for addressing gap I

1. Last quarter of 2019
2. 2019 to 2020
3. 2019 to 2020

Priority Gap #2

Limited staff capacity, knowledge, and numbers

- I. Inadequate supervision and accountability
- II. Work load

Priority Interventions to Address Gap 2

1. Improve accountability and quality of supportive supervision (both health staff and CHVs); harmonizing process indicators to be reported regularly
2. Clearly defining roles and responsibilities for all staff and task shifting/sharing
3. Revitalize IMNCI/iCCM at all levels

Priority Inputs Required to Implement the intervention 2

1. Training (OJT) and strengthen performance appraisal management system
2. Funding
3. Technical assistance

Timelines for addressing gap 2

1. 2019 – 2021
2. End of 2019
3. 2019 -

Priority Gap #3

Weak linkage between facility and community

- I. Cultural beliefs and practices that negatively affect the health of the child
- II. Poor attitude of health workers

Priority Interventions to Address Gap 3

1. Step up sustained SBCC activities (increase frequencies and diversified channels of communication)
2. Strengthening community groups
3. Non-monetary rewards for performing staff
4. Using quality improvement approach at facility and community level

Priority Inputs Required to Implement the intervention 3

1. Funding
2. Technical assistance (Development of IEC materials)

Timelines for addressing gap 3

1. 2019-
2. 2019-
3. 2019-