



Nutrition Subgroup

Terms of References

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Background

Following the evidence-review symposium on Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) that was held in Ghana in early 2014, organizations from across the nutrition and child health spectrum began to review the operational linkages between iCCM and nutrition services, and to explore ways of strengthening those linkages. Since then the nutrition community has acknowledged the need and challenge to decentralize nutrition services, especially care for children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) at the community level. As a means of providing a space to continue dialogue and collaboration, a Nutrition Subgroup was established under the Child Health Task Force. This Subgroup work will focus on elements of both policy and practice that can improve the delivery of quality nutrition services through facility- and community-based health services such as the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) and iCCM and other community platforms. Furthermore, this Subgroup will establish and maintain linkages with other complementary subgroups of the Child Health Task Force.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Define specific objectives, tasks and deliverables for the subgroup in relation to the broader TF TOR
2. Provide technical leadership and facilitate development of standards, activities and products that will advance child health programs
3. Develop and disseminate tools and offer trainings to child health program managers to increase program performance and quality through analysis, reporting and use of data
4. Identify knowledge gaps and propose research to build evidence on child health programming

Goal

To strengthen equitable and comprehensive nutrition programs - focused on Essential Nutrition Actions and including care for children with SAM - through primary health care, inclusive of community health systems.

Objectives

1. Collate and disseminate evidence on the integration of early detection and treatment of malnutrition into health services (e.g. iCCM and IMCI) offered at the facility and community levels

Objective Leads: ACF (Grace Funnell) and IRC (Bethany Marron)

2. Coordinate and support partners' (subgroup members and others) efforts to scale-up promotion of early and exclusive breastfeeding through health systems, both at community and facility level

Objective Leads: MCSP Newborn Team (Cori Mazzeo) and USAID Advancing Nutrition (Sascha Lamstein)

- Facilitate the sharing of best practices from countries that have successfully integrated ECD and nutrition interventions at the community level

Objective Leads: IRC (Casie Tesfai) and USAID Advancing Nutrition (Mandana Arabi)

Expected Results (2018-2020)

Coming soon

Membership

Current organization membership includes:	
1. Abt Associates	18. MCSP/ICF
2. ACF	19. MCSP/JSI
3. Aga Khan Health Service Tanzania	20. Medair
4. BMGF	21. Medicines for Humanity
5. Canadian Red Cross	22. MSH
6. Core Group	23. Muso Health
7. Eleanor Crook Foundation	24. Nutrition International
8. Feed the Children	25. PATH
9. ICF	26. Plan International
10. IFRC	27. Project Concern International
11. IRC	28. R4D
12. JSI	29. Save the Children
13. JSI/Mozambique	30. UNICEF
14. JSI/Nigeria	31. Unitaid
15. JSI/Rwanda	32. USAID
16. JSI/Zambia	33. WVI
17. Malaria Consortium	

Leadership

2018-2020

- Action Against Hunger: Grace Funnell, Associate Director Nutrition & Health
- USAID Advancing Nutrition: Sascha Lamstein, Senior Technical Advisor

Meeting Schedule

Once every two months, third Thursday of the month.