

## Nutrition Subgroup First Teleconference

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am-10:00am EST

Action items:

Person responsible	Action item
Co-chairs : ACF & UNICEF	Propose workplan based on group feedback, by next teleconference (4/29)
Anna	Send Google document to solicit group feedback, send next calendar invite
Group	Fill out Google document with feedback, visit <a href="#">Nutrition subgroup page</a>

Meeting Minutes:

### **What do we want the Sub-Group to achieve?**

- Saul Guerrero: Director of Operations for Action Against Hunger UK
  - Wanted a space to discuss the nutrition agenda and how it connects to iCCM
  - Acts as a good follow-up from NYC Meeting
- Some feedback from other participants on the purpose for the subgroup:
  - Share operational experience
  - Convey iCCM as a way to promote child health and nutrition; help to share experiences and develop the agenda
  - Set aggressive targets for activities outlined at the December NYC meeting; explore existing counseling directions
  - Identify different conversations that we need to be influencing, i.e. the role of iCCM in promotive health (any other groups to collaborate with?)
  - Treatment of SAM in addition to screening and referral – what does that look like?

### **What will be the governance arrangements for the Sub-Group?**

- Will follow governance of other CCM Task Force subgroups
- Co-chairing: three self-nominations, from UNICEF, Action Against Hunger and Malaria Consortium. In the interest of continuity, Malaria Consortium supported the appointment of UNICEF and Action Against Hunger as the final co-chairs of the Sub-Group for this first term.
- The specific length of the first terms is yet to be agreed but is expected to be 12 months.

### **What do we need to focus on at this point? What are the main areas of work and how do we move them forward?**

- The Terms of Reference identified 5 areas that could serve as a first guide for the group. These were
  1. Improve representation of the nutrition agenda in future high level iCCM forums, including future evidence-review meetings.
  2. Support the dissemination of experiences and lessons learned on iCCM and Nutrition.

3. Develop and/or strengthen technical guidance to optimise the implementation of nutrition components of iCCM interventions through documentation of best practice and development of tools.
  4. Guide and support operational and implementation research to address key knowledge gaps (see Annex 1).
  5. Strengthen coordination between nutrition and iCCM programmes have common advocacy messages and to leverage funding and resources.
- The members agreed that we need to **strengthen information and experience sharing**. We agreed on the need for virtual space in which to share information. We agreed to use the [CCM Central Nutrition Subgroup page](#). We also agreed that a some criteria for inclusion/framework for compiling and presenting that information was essential to optimize navigation. The subgroup should
    - **Action point 1:** Agree on criteria for inclusion/framework
    - **Action point 2:** Email Anna at [anna\\_bryant@jsi.com](mailto:anna_bryant@jsi.com) with any resources that you think would be valuable to post on the subgroup page

The work of this Sub-Group (and the work carried out by its members in 2014 in the lead up to the NY meeting) will be presented at the [CORE Group Meeting](#) in April to discuss how group can appropriately influence next steps (bring CORE group into conversation – what do we need to influence together so we aren't duplicating work?).

    - **Action point 3:** Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> session: there will be an opportunity to discuss nutrition and co-chair agencies will share the update.
  - The members agreed that there is a need to **clearly map who is having these conversations and who else needs to be involved**. The subgroup should
    - Jointly identify who is doing what where, and what questions are they tackling when it comes to iCCM and Nutrition.
    - **Action point 4:** Anna will send around a Google Doc – please provide feedback for the following questions within a week and a half, co-chairs will review and consolidate to discuss for next group
      - What questions are agencies trying to address?
      - What other organizations/individuals are trying to do this work, and need to be included?
      - What material has already been produced? Relevant resources
  - The members agreed that we need to **start mapping where we have potential case studies** building on the 2014 review. Group can identify countries or places where iCCM and nutrition are integrated, build on and review these.
  - The members agreed that we need to **start developing some basic advocacy message**. What are we advocating for as a group? We need to translate this information into advocacy action after we take stock (keeping in mind 2015 targets). The co-chairs will gradually start identifying key

messages about what are trying to achieve and where we are in that process. We also need to review and learn from how other interventions manage their communications. The experience of other interventions has centred on the need and the need for change, before the evidence has been available. The compilation of priority areas, work on the ground will help inform the advocacy messages in terms of the importance of the issue, what is being done and what is not being done (and thus needs to be done).

- The members agreed that we **need to start capturing the above in a workplan** for the Sub-Group.
  - **Action point 5:** The co-chairs will start putting together a draft workplan, and members are encouraged to start bringing propositions back to the group.
  
- AOB
  - Please volunteer if you'd like to be active in making sure the subgroup meets what they are proposing to do, etc.
  - Please let Saul and Diane know if there is anything that was overlooked.

<p><b>Next teleconference:</b> last Wednesday of every month; next one is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Calendar invite and agenda forthcoming.</p>
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