

Child Health Task Force Nutrition Subgroup Meeting Notes
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Meeting Recording: <https://mcsprogram.adobeconnect.com/pn4pt93hr0g8/>

Agenda:

- Introduction of co-chairs
- Subgroup member introductions (*in chat feature*)
- Background on CH TF TOR and workplan
- Discussion of subgroup TOR and activities
- Meeting schedule
- Next steps

Meeting Notes:

- Co-chairs Dolores Rio, Saul Guerrero and Grace Funnell introduced themselves. Due to the time needed to push this work forward and her technical expertise, Grace will be representing ACF more frequently as co-chair with the support of Saul.
- Subgroup members introduced themselves via chat.
- Background on CH TF TOR and workplan:
 - o The Nutrition subgroup was added last to the iCCM TF and it came from the leadership of UNICEF and ACF noting that nutrition is an important element of child health and needs to be included. Nutrition is now strongly reflected in all of the objectives of the new CH TF.
 - o The agenda of the subgroup will be to continue generating the evidence of “how-to.” The co-chairs envision a strong connection to other subgroups, particularly Institutionalizing iCCM and Expansion of the Child Health Package.
- Discussion of subgroup TOR and activities
 - o The co-chairs drafted a TOR which was shared with the subgroup members. Members gave their initial thoughts and feedback including:

- Judith Moore (Abt Associates): Could the integration of community nutrition interventions focus a little more broadly on various opportunities for integration e.g. FP consults and not be limited to just ECD contacts. Should we address community integration more broadly looking at many possible opportunities?
 - Robert Byabasheija: One of the areas actually being left out is HSS in nutrition. Do we plan to integrate this?
 - Talil Ahmed: Strategies to attain the objectives should be added. We should also focus on prevention rather than case management. We should put in place a mechanism to manage malnourished cases and to strengthen the relevant health system.
 - A dugna Kebede (WVI): Integration with food security/livelihoods.
 - Marta Chemane (JSI/Mozambique): Are indicators planned to monitor activities so that we can measure how much is being done and whether these interventions are bringing results in the short term?
 - Dyness Kasungami (MCSP/JSI): It could be helpful to add a background in the TOR and give a justification for the objectives. It could help people understand where the decision is coming from. Also the wording of the objectives could be updated as the subgroup itself will not be integrating packages.
 - Colleen: Objective 2 allows us to look beyond case management, having the IYCF component is good. Having 3 objectives and keeping the group fairly focused is good as well. ECD has been dropped a lot recently and I think it's important for us to pick it up.
 - Prudence Hamade (Malaria Consortium): Would be interested to know what platform we want to introduce ECD on. The first two years are particularly important for child development. Would growth monitoring be considered?
 - Some platforms considered by the group included Care/mother groups or IYCF groups which have introduced the ECD component.
 - Nicole Raehle (Swiss Red Cross): We should have prevention and treatment, not only on under nutrition but also on malnutrition.
 - Daniel Lopez de Romana (Nutrition International): If the goal includes focusing on essential nutrition actions, then I am unsure if the current objectives cover specific actions related to preventing micronutrient deficiencies (Vit A, iodine, IFA) and zinc and diarrhea.
 - A dugna Kebede (WVI): Will we also be looking at the other side of malnutrition – obesity/overweight?
 - Talil Ahmed: Supply is an important issue in delivering nutrition programs.

 - Co-chairs and subgroup members are discussed the age group – deciding on the age focus will also help the objectives of the group and activities. Adolescent health is also a neglected group. The CH TF considers the child from 0-18. This could also be achieved through working with the Expansion subgroup.
- Meeting schedule:
- The subgroup members decided to hold monthly meetings to begin with in order to get the work started. Eventually quarterly meetings may be held with the possibility of working groups working between the quarterly meetings.

- Next steps:
 - Chairs will work on integrating feedback from the call into the TOR, identifying change objectives for each of the objectives.
 - Updated TOR and notes to be circulated to subgroup members.
 - Next meeting to be scheduled at the end of June.