



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 wasting through primary health care, inclusive of community health systems.

Objectives

1. Collate and disseminate tools, guidelines, and evidence on the integration of early detection and treatment of acute malnutrition (severe and moderate wasting) into health services (e.g. Family MUAC, iCCM plus Nutrition), at the facility and community levels
2. Coordinate and support partners' (subgroup members and others) efforts to scale-up promotion of infant and young child feeding (IYCF) through health systems, at both community and facility level, and in development and humanitarian contexts.

3. Facilitate the sharing of best practices from countries that have successfully integrated ECD and nutrition interventions at the community level
4. Provide a platform for members to discuss current evidence on interventions to prevent child wasting, with a particular focus on the early stages of life.

Expected Results

Improved knowledge of tools, guidelines, and evidence on integration of wasting treatment and prevention, IYCF, and ECD with routine health services through webinars.

Membership

387 members as of April 2022.

Leadership

2022-2023

- Action Against Hunger: Oscar Cordon, Technical Services and Innovation Director
- USAID Advancing Nutrition: Akriti Singh, Nutrition and Health Systems Advisor

Meeting Schedule

Once every three months.