

## BACKGROUND

The Inter-Cluster Nutrition Working Group (ICNWG) of the Global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) and the Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) works towards improving coordination and collaboration between nutrition and food security clusters at country level. The ICNWG is also working with clusters, including WASH, Health, Education, Protection (including Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and child protection) at global and national levels to enhance emergency response effectiveness to address malnutrition.

The ICNWG has identified the limited capacities of humanitarian partners and clusters for multi-sectoral nutrition sensitive programming among the main barriers to effectively achieve nutrition outcomes in humanitarian settings. To address this, the ICNWG developed a training package to support in-country cluster coordinators and partners in applying nutrition-sensitive approaches across sectors, with specific focus on: nutrition, food security, health, WASH, education, and protection.

This training package focuses specifically on preparing participants for working in an integrated manner to improve nutrition outcomes through strengthened understanding of integration concepts, tools, processes, and specific integrated activity examples.

## TRAINING GOAL

The goal of the training is to strengthen the ability of country cluster/sector coordinators in programming the multi-sectoral integrated interventions for improved nutrition outcomes.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the training participants will:

- Understand how critical Food Security, WASH, Health, Education, and Protection are to achieving positive nutrition outcomes in emergencies.
- Have concrete examples of what activities from their sectors that can be integrated into nutrition programming
- Have concrete examples of what nutrition activities can be integrated into their sector programming
- Have gained the knowledge needed to plan and implement sectoral integrated programming in humanitarian responses

## LEARNING OUTCOME

- ❖ Cluster coordinators and cluster partners have the necessary knowledge and tools to plan and implement an integrated multi-sectoral response to improve nutrition outcomes based on the country context.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Cluster coordinators of, including at a minimum nutrition, health, WASH, education, protection (including GBV and child protection), and food security clusters.
- Partners of at a minimum the nutrition, health, WASH, education, protection (including GBV and child protection), and food security clusters.

## TRAINING MODULES CONTENT

The Integrated Inter-Cluster Training (IICT) package consists of 2 modules. Each module has several sessions and some sessions have sub-sessions.

- ❖ **Module A- Concepts and Causes of Malnutrition-** this module consists of two sessions that focus on defining the problem and its cost on the different sectors. Module A focuses on malnutrition, defining what we mean by malnutrition, defining the terminology, the different forms of malnutrition that are



## SUGGESTED COURSE

- Recommended starting time of the course is at 8:30am and finishing at 5:00pm
- Adjustments can be made to timings to suit local customs
- Adjustments are also possible to timing overall such as shorter breaks etc. to manage local timing issues such as travel to the and from the venue or security considerations.

encountered in emergency responses, understanding the different causes of malnutrition, and appreciating the cost of malnutrition in all its forms on productivity and development. In this module, the participants will develop a nutrition problem tree for the geographic area they are working in. **Module A is mandatory for all clusters (except the nutrition cluster)**

- ❖ **Module B-Integrated Programming-** This module consists of 2 sessions and several sub-sessions: (1) Integrated programming -Definitions and Decisions (mandatory for all participants); (2) Multi-sectoral integrated programming- Introduction to nutrition sensitive interventions (mandatory for all participants) with sub-sessions on WASH; Health; Food Security and Livelihoods; Protection (incl. Child Protection, Gender-based Violence); and Education (sectoral sub-session is mandated for each sector, for example health participants have to take the health module at a minimum).

In Module B participants will explore integrated programming focusing on understanding what is meant by integrated programming, discussing the different modes of integration, and discovering what informs options for integrated programming. Participants will also be introduced to nutrition sensitive interventions and how to integrate nutrition and different sectors with examples of how to integrate in assessments, proposal writing, multi-skilled approach to community outreach and community mobilization, and harmonized behavior change messages. Participants will develop their nutrition solution tree to the problem tree that they had developed in Module A.

In the sub-sessions, participants will focus on understanding the critical role Agriculture, Food Security, and Livelihoods (AgFSL), Health and WASH, education, protection including gender based violence and child protection, and social protection interventions such as cash and IGA, play in nutrition outcomes and identify specific activities for nutrition, AgFSL, Health and WASH, education, protection, and social protection integration. Use the solution tree developed the previous day to ensure that possible integrated AgFSL, health, and WASH solutions that are adequate to the context are taken into consideration in the solution tree. Participants will also learn in this module about monitoring and evaluating multi-sectoral integrated programming.

At the end of the Module participants will have a plan of action of how the different sectors will implement the integrated solution tree across sectors/clusters.

## TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The training uses a variety of interactive and participatory methods to support learners to explore new concepts, reflect on their confidence with them and explore their real life application. These include: group work; presentations, plenary discussions, case study. The delivery methods, focus and content can be adapted based on the experience level of the group and or particular needs in a delivery context with greater emphasis placed on any element as needed.

The workshop will be tailored to country needs. In order to organise a training in the country, the facilitation team will have a prior discussion with cluster teams (Nutrition, Food Security, WASH and Health at minimum) to identify the target audience based on the situation in the country and needs of affected population. The team will then identify the sectoral modules that will be used as well as the number of days required for the workshop.

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