

Briefing from Provincial Health Directorate in Nutrition Cluster Meeting

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Key Highlights

- National Vit A campaign (11-12 Mangsir) successfully completed in all 12 districts with a target population of :
 - Vit A: 460235 (6-59 M children)
 - Vit A +Albendazole: 406307 (12-59 M children)
 - MNP: 114786 (06-23 M children)

Will receive the data via HMIS

- The 6th province-level Health and Nutrition (H&N) Cluster meeting was organized on 30 November with participation from DHO (District Health Offices, NRH (Nutrition Rehabilitation Homes), PHLMC, MoSD (Ministry of Social Development), HD (Health Directorate), and development partners. The districts shared their experience on Vit A Campaign in the COVID-19 context.

Key Highlights

- Provincial Nutrition Response plan & TOR of Health and Nutrition Cluster final draft ready will initiate the process of endorsement at soonest.
- Fortified Super Cereal (5000 Kg) dispatched in 10 districts, awaiting distribution report for districts.
- Provincial Level CBIMNCI review and planning workshop completed with the participation of DHOs, CB-IMNCI focal persons, PHLMC, HD, and DPs.
- 108 OTCs and 2 NRH operational and providing services:
since lock down (Poush 2076) number of SAM cases admitted are:
 - OTCs: 806
 - NRH Nepalgunj: 59
 - NRH Butwal: 69

Updates from cluster
members

Major Highlights (including achievements of actions points)

Suaahara-II

- Supported PPE for FCHV, Mobilization of Field staffs, Monitoring from district level technical staffs.
- Vitamin A jingle aired through 43 FM station for successful completion of Vitamin A campaign.
- Support to organize Provincial Level CBIMNCI review and planning meeting.
- Provided technical Support to conduct Palika Level Nutrition Review and planning meeting and preparation of joint implementation plan.
- Continuation of Banchhin Aama radio program and promotional Jingle on Nutrition and Covid19 context ongoing.
- Initiated Banchhin Aama- Bhojpuri live Radio program from Rupandehi.
- Several program ongoing on 16 Days campaign on Gender Based Violence (GBV) focus to disseminate nutrition message in palika and community level.
- Identification, refer and follow up for SAM and MAM case is ongoing.

Major Highlights (including achievements of actions points)

ACF (Nawalparasi- West)

- 35 New SAM children admitted and a total of 104 SAM children are under treatment on 14 OTC.
- Capacity building of Health Workers:
 - 20: IMAM refresher (completed)
 - 20: IMAM basic (ongoing)

Major Highlights (including achievements of actions points)

UNICEF

- Supported the transportation of MNP: Rolpa, Bardiya and Dang.
- 572 (264 to Banke and 308 to Bardiya) Health Kits provided to Banke and Bardiya to people in home isolation.
- Provided Technical Support to finalize the H&N TOR.
- As the Nutrition cluster co lead agency regular support for the compilation of fortnightly data and reports is ongoing.

Major Highlights (including achievements of actions points)

S.N	Issue/Challenges	Mitigating measures
1	Fear among community to utilize the essential health services (including Growth Monitoring) due to the possible transmission of COVID-19 . (Transmission rate and death rate increasing in Lumbini Province)	Ensure that all the services are provided with necessary precautions. (Support Palikas to restart the Growth Monitoring).
2	Decreasing number of SAM case admission in OTC and NRH.	Increase the case findings and referral.
3	Low compliance of MNP (Baalvita)	Increase awareness/ counselling to mothers and carers to increase the utilization. Requesting TWG for guidance.
4	With a gradual introduction of new normal conditions, lack of compliance with SMS among the population is a big concern in the fight with COVID-19.	Intensifying RCCE activities at community levels to break the transmission chain

Future Strategies.....Way Forwards

- Endorsement of H&N cluster TOR.
- Coordinate with PHLMC, DHO and Palikas for reporting of Super cereal distribution.
- Gradual resuming of the regular program activities with COVID-19 precaution measures
- Expansion of CNSI programme in Rolpa and Pyuthan.



Thank You

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