

Minutes of the 10th meeting of Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster

Date: 5th November 2007

Venue: World Health Organization Boardroom-Kampala

Agenda

1. Communication from the chair
 - o Flood in North and North Eastern Uganda
 - o CHAP/CAP 2008
2. Transition and early recovery
3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising updates
4. Presentations
 - o HIV/HIDS working group by IOM
 - o Analysis of nutrition trend in Northern Uganda (MoH/UNICEF/WFP/WHO)
 - o Household survey in Kitgum district by IRC
5. AoB

Summary of discussions	Decisions/action to be taken	Focal point
<p><i>Minute 5/11/07 (Communication from the chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by the acting Chairperson Dr. Michael Lukwiya. He apologized on behalf of Dr. Olu Olushayo who is in Nairobi on official duty travel. <p><i>Floods in North and North Eastern Uganda</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rains have subsided in most of the flood affected districts except in Teso region which has received rains in the past two days. • WHO has received 780,000 US \$ through CERF fund. This fund will be divided among cluster members who are active in the flood response. The funds will support cluster members to effectively respond to the humanitarian effect of the floods • NACAES meeting is scheduled to take place in Pader district beginning from 12th November thought to 15th November 2007. programmes for the meeting will include camp visits. Members were encouraged to attend. <p><i>CHAP/CAP 2008</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 CAP project sheets for Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS were received by the cluster lead • The project sheets have been forwarded to IASC members in Geneva through UN-OCHA Uganda. • The total budget presented by the Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster was about 43 million US \$. <p><i>Transition and early recovery</i></p>	<p>Date for NACAES meeting is 14 Nov</p>	<p>Joyce Kadowe</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concept paper on transition and early recovery was written by consultants from WHO Geneva with support from some cluster members about a month ago and circulated to all cluster members for comments • As a follow up of that WHO through the health, nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster has supported MoH to develop transition and early recovery strategy. • This strategy was presented to stake holders on Friday 2nd November 2007 at Hotel Africana. This strategy is to operationalize the health component of PRDP. • Members were informed that plans are under way to support the districts to develop district plans to include early recovery and transitional plans <p><i>Coordination of health response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Service Availability Mapping (SAM) survey for Lango region was finalized and findings presented to stakeholders on 18th October 2007 at the Sheraton Conference Hall. Comments/suggestions from stakeholders are being incorporated into the final report • It was noted that some NGOs operating in the northern regions are not participating in the cluster meetings. Members were encouraged to inform their field officer to participate in cluster meetings. 		
<p><u>Minute 2/10/07 (Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting)</u></p> <p><i>Suspected Marburg fever</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two people from Bundiobuju District suspected to have suffered from Marburg viral Hemorrhagic fever have died. One of the suspects presented with symptoms similar to those of Marburg however the other did not. • Specimens from the patients were taken to CDC Atlanta for confirmation 		
<p><u>Minute 3/10/07 Updates</u></p> <p><i>Malaria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was raised in the meeting that the VHT training manual still recognizes Homapak as the 1st line drug to treat malaria yet Homapak is no longer a first-line treatment drug for malaria. • The chair responded that the VHTs who were using the Homapak training manual were trained by WHO in using coartem • Dr. Geoffrey Bisoborwa told member that while training VHTs in Acholi sub-region, an addendum on community based treatment of fever using coartem was attached to the VHT training manual. • It was resolved that the new edition of the training manual will be updated with information regarding the use of coartem. • Members requested that WHO should circulate to them the addendum on coartem use at community level' 	<p>Addendum on coartem use at community level to be circulated.</p>	<p>Dr. Geoffrey Bisoborwa</p>

<i>Minute 4/10/07 Presentations</i>		
<p><i>PRESENTATION 1: HIV & AIDS HOT SPOT MAPPING KAMPALA-</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>JUBA HIGHWAY BY IOM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Hot spots have been identified along Kampala Juba road as hot spots: Uganda (Arua Park, Migera, Kigumba, Bweyale, Karuma, Gulu and Bibia), Sudan (Nimule, Aruu and Juba) <p>The methodologies to be employed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of individual Hot spots detailing the relevant features such truck parks, bars and lodges • Sex workers diaries to obtain data regarding average number of sexual acts by sex workers and their clients • Facility check lists of places such as bars, lodges, health facilities and drug shops • Two Focus Groups Discussions of Truckers and Sex workers • Census of trucks • Truckers health-seeking behaviour and sexual patterning survey • Key Informants Information <p>Issues arising from the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members asked for the criteria used to select the study site of Kampala – Juba and why West-Nile was excluded from the study. • What considerations will be effected after the study • How long was the study going to last? <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was construction on the Arua route at the time of selecting the study sites, however, the West-Nile region will be considered if need arises. • One of the activities proposed after the study will include giving stickers to truck drivers to put on their trucks so that they become ambassadors of information to their peers • The study is expected to take place before the end of 2007 <p><i>PRESENTATION 2: Analysis of report of nutrition assessments conducted in Northern Uganda and Karamoja region (2003-2007) presented by UNICEF/WFP'S</i></p>	<p>Presentation attached</p>	<p>Adoch Winfred-Gena</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The analysis was done on all nutrition surveys conducted in Northern Uganda between 2003 and 2007 • The assessment group used average results of all surveys done in a particular district during a period of one year • The assessment used the Global Acute Malnutrition tool to assess the quality of malnutrition • The general assessment showed a sharp decline in malnutrition rate among children under 5 years from 2003 to 2006. And a slight increase in malnutrition rate between 2006 and 2007. 	<p>Presentation attached</p>	<p>Brenda Kaijuka Muwaga</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population movements away from social services were some of the reasons attributed to this increase in malnutrition. <p>Emerging Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members wondered how scientific results/findings of the analysis were given the fact that each of these surveys had its own objectives and criteria, targeting a specific population and conducted during a different season. When the average of two surveys is done, specific data is bound to be lost <p>Response from the presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are national nutritional guidelines that have been set and all stakeholders are using them to eliminate variances • Much as statistically the results are not valid, the results are sufficient to provide a general picture of what is on ground • Most of the surveys use confidence intervals but the analysis was based on what the survey results produced • The analysis did not criticise findings but considered whatever was presented <p>Recommendations from the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working group to go back and review the analysis taking into consideration responses and emerging issues from members of the meetings <p><i>PRESENTATION 3: HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN KITGUM DISTRICT BY IRC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey was conducted in 11 sites and 10 camps • The survey was done to compare services between the old and new sites <p>Findings reveal that services in the new sites are sub-optimal and therefore planners should consider providing more services in the new sites.</p>		
<p><u>Minute5/10/07 (AOB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Brenda Kaijuka informed the meeting that UNICEF is launching nutrition news for the cluster. • The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm. <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 3rd December 2007.</p>		

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