Minutes of Meeting | 20th of February | UNICEF India Office
Food and Nutrition Security Sector Committee

The meeting for Food and Nutrition Security was held on the 20th of February 2020 at the UNICEF India office. List of sector committee members, members participated, and the agenda of the meeting is attached in the Annex 1 and 2. The agenda-wise key discussions, decisions and actions points are as below:

**Agenda item 1: Background of NAEPR and Sector committees**

**Key Discussions:**

1.1 A presentation with briefing of Sphere India sector committees, Vision, results and specific outputs for 2020 were presented to sector committee members.
1.2 It was shared that Sphere India F&NS committee developed a report on Nutrition in emergencies and malnutrition risk reduction in India in partnership with NDMA, MoH&FW and MWCD.
1.3 The committee includes the subcommittee for Nutrition in Emergencies, Food security and livelihoods and Livestocks.

**Actions:**

1.4 Sphere India to share Nutrition in Emergencies Report.

**Agenda item 2: Priority issues and programming areas**

**Key Discussions:**

2.1 There are more than 100 blocks where level of malnutrition is an emergency as per WHO standards.
2.2 The Government has taken on the agenda as part of Poshan Abhiyaan.
2.3 That livestock constitutes a prime component of food security and nutrition and isn’t given the necessary attention to the contribution it makes to overall GDP of agriculture sector.
2.4 Food supply chain disruptions during disasters, especially under the ICDS and PDS programmes need to be further studied, and DRR mainstreaming targets
2.5 Building resilience at the grass-root level, such as developing community-level grain banks and ensuring food security at household level has been successful as community preparedness.
2.6 IYCF, Prevention and management of SAM, Maternal Care and health. Breastfeeding, Food Access and safety nets are key components of the sector we should prioritise.
2.7. It was suggested to further study the impact of the trend, wherein farmers switching to cash crops and its impact on food security
2.8 Monsoon preparedness generally happens in most safety nets though it is very preliminary.

**Actions.**

2.6 A list of Government schemes linked with F&NS be analysed for preparedness measures and DRR entry points.
2.7 World Animal Protection was requested to share document of forecast based financing and early-warning based projects.

**Agenda item 3: Revise TOR of Sector Committee**

**Key Discussions:**

3.1 The ToR was presented to the sector committee members.
3.2 How are we ensuring consultation with State level organisations.
3.3 As part of the process there are state level consultations also, many people are directly participating from States.
3.4 Members can also engage their state level staff and partners.
3.5 Members were requested to share their inputs on the ToR by the 29th of February, 2020, via email.
Actions:
3.6 The revised TOR with inputs from members will be approved over email or in next meet over skype.

Agenda Item 4: Revise TOR of Sector Chair/Lead organisation

Key Discussions: 4.1 The ToR was discussed, and members were requested to send their inputs over email by 29th Feb.

Actions 4.2 The revised TOR with inputs from members will be approved over email or in next meet over skype.

Agenda Item 5: Draft structure for policy guideline to be adapted from global (cluster) sector guideline and experience.

Key Discussions:
5.1 The Draft structure of policy guideline was presented, and members were requested to send in their inputs via email.
5.2 It will be good to look at the disaster management plans of the concerned line ministries and how we can pick substance from and add value those guidelines.
5.3 Not sure if these plans exist or in what shape.
5.4 WAP has worked on comprehensive plan for Dept of Animal Husbandry.

Actions:
5.5 Sphere India to coordinate with concerned ministries to obtain their disaster management plans.
5.6 World Animal Protection to share the DM plan for Dept. of Animal husbandry.
5.7 Organisations requested to nominate authors, lead organisations specially to take responsibility.
5.8 We should ideally have authors from Government also.

Agenda item 6: Dates and Milestones for Sector in NAEPR.

Key Discussions:
6.1 The NAEPR quarter-wise timeline, outputs and milestones were discussed. The members appreciated the plan.

Agenda Item 7: Draft agenda of sector consultation for NPDRR pre event and NPDRR main event

Key Discussions:
7.1 The Draft Agenda for the sector consultation for NPDRR pre-event was discussed and committee members were requested to share their inputs at the earliest possible.

Actions
7.2 A meeting be held with NIDM and NIC to discuss upcoming NDM Response system, allowing for civil society consultation and participation.
7.3 MCWD and MoHFW be included as partners and explored to be part of the panels for pre NPDRR events.

Agenda Item 8: AOB and other discussions.

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8.1 One World to share information on the community radio channels and SBCC alliance as discussed during the meeting.
8.2 Other actors such as BPNI and development forums/organizations should also be involved.

Actions
8.3 For doing the business of committee, the following task groups and actions were proposed to be completed by 29th Feb:
   - Nomination and selection of Chair and Co Chair
- Govt Relationships and advocacy
- Collaborative Plan and finances
- Communications as a cross sectoral component with other sectors.

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**Annexure I: List of Participants**

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**Regrets**

1. Care India
2. WHH
3. IGSSS
Annex 2  
**Agenda of the Meeting**

1. Priority Issues and Programming Areas
2. Revise TOR for the sector committee (draft attached)
3. Revise TOR of the sector lead (draft attached)
4. Dates and milestones for the Sector in NAEPR (will be discussed). 
5. Draft structure for GO-NGO-UN policy guideline to be adapted from global (sector) cluster guideline and experience (draft attached)
6. Draft agenda of sector consultation for NPDRR pre event.
7. AOB

Annex 3  
**Dates and Milestones**

**Sector Actions- timelines**

- **Quarter 1**
  - Finalisation of ToR of Sector Committee
  - Finalisation of ToR of Lead/Chair
  - Finalisation of Structure of handbook
  - Identification of Authors
  - High level meeting with Govt.
  - Sector meetings
  - Multi-sector meeting

- **Quarter 2**
  - Workshop for drafting Sector Coordination guideline
  - High level meetings with Govt.
  - Sector meetings
  - Multi-sector meeting
  - Database of supplies, and resources
  - First draft of handbook

- **Quarter 3**
  - Testing of handbook
  - High level meetings with Govt.
  - Sector meetings
  - Multi-sector meeting

- **Quarter 4**
  - Lessons Learnt
  - High level meetings with Govt.
  - Sector meetings
  - Multi-sector meeting
  - Finalisation of handbook and database of supplies
  - Design and publication of handbook.