

Nutrition Cluster
CMAM Technical Working Group
Typhoon Haiyan Response

Terms of Reference

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I. BACKGROUND

Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) hit the Philippines on November 8, 2013 leaving a trail of massive destruction. Of the 16 M people affected, there are 235,245 pregnant and 156,830 lactating women¹ and an estimate of 145,000² children below the age of 5. Among displaced populations in emergency situations, malnourished children under three are more likely to die than the rest of the population³.

In response to this, the Philippines has activated the National Nutrition Cluster, led by the National Nutrition Council (NNC) of the Department of Health (DOH) together with UNICEF as the cluster co-lead agency.

One of the priorities of the Nutrition Cluster Strategic Response Plan (SRP) is to ensure access to programmes that treat and prevent acute malnutrition to at least 50% of vulnerable populations (boys and girls between 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and older people in seven provinces across three regions affected by Haiyan.

The National Nutrition Cluster, in turn, has created a Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMM) Technical Working Group for the Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) disaster response. The CMAM Technical Working group shall set the strategies and tools, define standards; provide guidelines, updates and recommendations, select priority areas and beneficiaries to the field implementors for planning, implementation and monitoring of programs.

The over-all output of the CMAM TWG is to establish an organized and quality CMAM program in the Typhoon Haiyan affected communities in conjunction with the recommendations of the Nutrition Cluster. This will contribute to the decrease in the morbidity and mortality of the vulnerable population through the protection of the nutritional status and management of acute malnutrition.

¹ DSWD DROMIC Report, 6am, November 16, 2013 as Reported in WHO Situation Report Number 2 for Typhoon Haiyan

² <https://philippines.humanitarianresponse.info/document/nutrition-response-overview>

³ Module 1 on Infant Feeding in Emergencies, v1.1, Dec 2007, for health and nutrition workers in emergency situations.

Available at: www.enonline.net/ife

II. OBJECTIVES

To provide operational guidance to the nutrition partners implementing CMAM

III. ACTIVITIES

1. Review, update and recommend utilization of training designs, operational guidelines and other materials for the implementation of CMAM program in the areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan.
2. Share program plans, tools, and information and identify areas for collaboration and alignment to set standards.
3. Develop PIMAM/MAM protocol summary guidelines.
4. Provide technical assistance and advisory to all Nutrition cluster members and partners implementing CMAM.
5. Advise the Strategic Advisory Group on issues related to the implementation and compliance on the agreed CMAM standards and guidelines
6. Provide guidance on coverage surveys.
7. Present CMAM agenda in the Nutrition Cluster and follow up technical and policy issues raised within the cluster forum;
8. Discuss capacity gaps, implementation challenges and collaborate with the other sub-group members (and other Working Groups) to overcome these challenges.
9. Support and closely work with the subnational cluster.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

The CMAM-TWG at the national level shall be chaired by the Action Contre La Faim (ACF), and co-chaired by the DoH.

Group Members:

- DoH-NNC
- DoH-NCHFD
- UNICEF
- WHO
- WFP
- Save the Children
- Plan International
- International Medical Corps
- MSF
- Samaritan's Purse
- ICRC

Each organization will nominate a permanent focal person (and one alternate) to ensure consistency in representation and facilitate communication. Group members will agree to regularly attend CMAM group meetings, endorse the CMAM group ToR and work plan, and abide by the ToR and fully implement the work plan.

Group Observers: Stakeholders not directly engaged in the delivery of CMAM programming are welcome to attend sub-group meetings but they will have an observer status within the group.

V. MEETING FREQUENCY AND MINUTES

Meetings will be undertaken every 2 weeks (Wednesday 11:30 AM), during the acute stage and every month thereafter during the non-acute stage. Meetings are to be held at the National Nutrition Council Central Office or in other place agreed as agreed by the group. Should there be changes on the schedule and venue, members shall be informed accordingly.

Each meeting shall be presided by the CMAM chair; in his absence, by the Vice Chair. The CMAM Secretariat will take down minutes of the meeting and circulate to members for review. The final minutes shall be discussed and approved by the body at the start of each subsequent meeting.

VI. REPORTING

The CMAM TWG shall give an update on the actions taken and other related information at every Nutrition Cluster meeting and/or in other appropriate forum.

Minutes and key documents should be translated (as necessary) as soon as possible and made available in hard copies at all meetings posted online at philippines.humanitarianresponse.info