

CMN TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO NATIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTERS

We believe in an integrated approach to evaluating access of CMAM services. We believe that CMAM services must be able to reliably assess their coverage on a periodic basis, but they must also have the capacity to generate some understanding about bottlenecks through their routine programme data. Bringing together these two datasets (routine programme data and coverage assessments) remains work in progress, but as we collaborate with the Global Nutrition Cluster to build the capacity of National Clusters and their partners, our vision for supporting coverage assessments is influenced by this broader perspective and the needs of each individual context.

Support Package to National Nutrition Clusters

The support package provided by the CMN to National Clusters and its partners will focus on three key objectives

1. To jointly develop an understanding of existing technical capacities and opportunities for implementing coverage assessments in each country
2. To enable partners to plan, coordinate and evaluate the quality of coverage assessments
3. To develop country-specific action plans for scaling-up/rolling-out coverage assessments

Through a two-day workshop, the CMN will support National Nutrition Clusters in addressing the following issues

The Current Situation:

- What are the existing coverage activities that have taken place in country?
- What trends are we seeing in country?
- What lessons learned can we apply in country? Any positive experiences to overcoming coverage barriers?
- Who has been trained in coverage methodologies?

National Options for Coverage:

- What methodology should we use?
- How and when should we implement them?
- How do we ensure the quality of these assessments?
- What are the practical requirements of these assessments in country?

Routine Programme Data & Coverage Assessments:

- What are the current tools?
- What does this mean for practical implementation?

Sub-National Coverage Assessments:

- What methodologies should we use?
- How and when should we implement them?
- How do we ensure the quality of these assessments?
- What are the practical requirements of these assessments in country?
- What lessons can we take from neighbouring districts?
- The importance of coordinating coverage activities

Policy Implications & Next Steps:

- What are the national and local implications of existing coverage data?
- How can coverage be mainstreamed/rolled-out in-country?

Based on the action-plan developed as part of these workshops, the CMN will continue to provide remote support to National Clusters in the planning and analysis of coverage assessments