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TRACKING HEALTH PERFORMANCE AND HUMANITARIAN OUTCOMES

Thursday 1st - Friday 2nd December 2005
Centre de Conférences de Varembé (CCV)
9 rue de Varembé, Geneva

The background paper prepared for the workshop sets out the context and ideas for the development of a common service for tracking trends on mortality and malnutrition. Such a system might constitute one key element of efforts to track humanitarian outcomes. As lead agency of the IASC Health Cluster, in collaboration with the Nutrition Cluster, and with support from DFID, WHO invites representatives of IASC member agencies, key NGO bodies, academic institutions and the donor community to discuss the creation of such a service and the steps required to develop it.

Purpose

Building on work to date, the workshop will:

1. Review existing work on collection and use of selected data related to mortality, malnutrition and coverage/performance.
2. Examine the demand for developing a common service to collect and analyse selected mortality, malnutrition and coverage data.
3. Agree on the next steps towards establishing a tracking service for the systematic measurement of selected indicators of health performance, mortality and malnutrition in crisis situations.

Desired outcomes

By the end of the two days, we expect to have:

- Confirmed the points of agreement in relation to the collection and use of health, mortality, malnutrition and coverage/performance data, and identified key outstanding issues.
- Secured broad agreement on the need to establish a tracking service, including potential stakeholders, characteristics and elements of the service and its institutional frame.
- Agreed on the next steps and commitments to take this initiative forward.

The 'map' of the process is as follows (please see the agenda on the next pages):

- *How we got here.* We will recap briefly on how the workshop has come about, its overall purpose and how the conclusions are expected to be taken forward.
- *What's the need and what are we aiming for?* We will explore the perspective of those who need health and nutrition information to guide their decisions. This will enable us to define what we want to achieve.
- *What's been achieved so far – do we have enough building blocks?* We will review the overall agreement in relation to indicators and standard values (health performance and outcomes), and identify how current initiatives inform the development of a system-wide tracking service.
- *What are the critical issues that need further work?* Identifying these gaps, combined with the above, will enable us to define the key characteristics and elements of a service.
- *What might a system-wide tracking service look like and who would own it?* We will gather feedback and ideas to develop a proposal for a tracking service, and explore how the providers and users of such a service might work together.
- *What are the next steps?* We will agree on action points, responsibilities, requirements and a timeline to take these ideas to the next stage. This will include agreeing on how current initiatives might interact with the tracking service.

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AGENDA

Thursday 1st December 2005

Chair: Peter Walker, Director, Feinstein International Famine Centre, Tufts University

- 8.30 Coffee in the foyer
- 9.00 **Opening session**
Welcome, by Mukesh Kapila, Workshop Director
Opening remarks, by Ala Alwan, Representative of WHO Director General for Health Action in Crises
Introductions and programme, by Isobel McConnan, Workshop Facilitator
- 9.45 **Background and context: how we did we get here and what are we aiming for?**

Manuel Aranda Da Silva, Resident Humanitarian Coordinator, DSRSG, Sudan
Informing humanitarian decisions at country level: how do surveys and surveillance help?

Joanna Macrae, DfID
Why are donors interested in malnutrition and mortality data?

Costanza Adinolfi
The Humanitarian Response Review: How can the definition of standards and indicators in health and nutrition contribute to enhancing the quality of response?

Plenary
- 10.45 *Mukesh Kapila:*
From vision to delivery: how do we meet needs and expectations?
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 **Reviewing the building blocks: where are we now? What's been achieved so far?**

Monitoring mortality, malnutrition and health performance. Updates from:

The Sphere Project, Alison Joyner
SMART, Anne Ralte
The Needs Analysis Framework and the CAP, Toby Lanzer, OCHA
- 12.15 Plenary
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 *Margareta Wahlstrom, OCHA*
Decision-making for humanitarian action – what is the role of health and nutrition data?
- 2.30 **Tracking performance, mortality and malnutrition: what critical issues need further work?**

Working groups:
Building on and including the achievements to date, what are the critical issues that need further work?
- 3.45 Break
- 4.15 Plenary: feedback from the working groups and discussion
- 5.15 **Summing up:** what is emerging? Preparing for tomorrow
- 5.45 Drinks reception

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Thursday 2nd December 2005

Chair: Peter Walker, Director, Feinstein International Famine Centre, Tufts University

9.00 **Feedback on feedback and agenda for the day**

9.15 **Tracking service delivery**

Chair: overview of what a tracking service should deliver

Debarati Guha-Sapir, CRED

What might a tracking service look like?

Flora Sibanda-Mulder, UNICEF:

How can the IASC nutrition cluster contribute to the proposed tracking service?

Mukesh Kapila, WHO

How can the IASC health cluster contribute to the proposed tracking service?

10.15 Plenary: questions and comments

10.45 Break

11.15 **Function and form of a tracking service**

Working group discussions

1.00 Lunch

2.00 **Function and form of a tracking service**

Feedback from working groups

Plenary discussion

3.30 Break

4.00 **Pulling it all together**

What the Chair heard

Mukesh Kapila

What will happen next? WHO's commitments

Evaluation and final thoughts

5.00 **Close of the workshop**