

Regional Consultation on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS
Evidence, lessons and recommendations for action
in South-East Asia
(4 countries from the Western Pacific Region are also invited)

Bangkok, Thailand, 8-11 October, 2007

Group Work (GW) Guidelines
3 October 2007

Guidelines for Working Group Discussions

Two group work sessions will be constituted during the Consultation to facilitate an expanded discussion of plenary session topics and to formulate specific meeting conclusions and recommended actions.

Tuesday 9 October 2007 (15:00-17:30)

Country-based Group Work

Nutrition and HIV - Integration and the "minimum package".

Country representatives are grouped into 4 groups (see Annex 1). Each group has an area and a facilitator assigned.

Objective of the activity

To discuss and provide recommendations on ways to integrate nutrition and HIV at country level.

Issues to discuss

- Rationale for integrating food and nutrition into national strategies. Identified gaps, priorities in respective contexts.
- Opportunities and mechanisms to integrate nutrition into national local nutrition and HIV policies, budgets and plans.
- What are feasible opportunities, knowledge and resources needs?
- What contributes to success? What obstacles are likely to be encountered?

Organization of the session

Introduction (5 min)

Plenary presentations (20 min)

- (1) Why the integration? How is it done? Can we have a framework for priority actions? (*Randa Saadeh*)
- (2) Integrating nutrition and HIV for children -a guidance note (*Anirban Chatterjee*)

Country teams work (2 hours)

Below are the suggested topics/questions for each GW session. Times are illustrative.

1. Introductions. (5 min)
2. Review of GW task and expected outcomes. (5 min)
3. GW to address the following questions. (90 min)
 - Is nutrition in HIV a priority for your country? (*consolidate the replies from your group*).
 - What are good examples for approaches/promising practices for integrating nutrition into HIV programmes? (*consider positive examples*).
 - What are the challenges for integrating nutrition into HIV/AIDS programmes and how can they be overcome?
 - What are the priority action points for accelerating the integration of nutrition into HIV/AIDS programmes?

Groups will report back to plenary the next morning. Plenary reports are brief – only 5 minutes. We have grouped the countries to make reporting possible. Input of each group should be consolidated in 2 to 3 overhead slide using appropriate font size.

Expected Outcomes

1. A summary of key interventions "minimum package" for integrating nutrition into HIV/AIDS programmes and priority target groups (*specific to the programme entry point/group theme*).
2. A summary of major challenges to integrating nutrition and how to overcome them.

GW presentations will be used by the Statement drafting Committee. Therefore, it is essential that each group submit presentations that cover all of the above points.

Wednesday 10 October 2007 (14:00-17:00)

Charting the way forward

For this group work individuals have already been asked to indicate their preferred group out of four working groups during registration. Areas and facilitators are assigned for each working group.

Objective of the activity

To discuss priority actions to address nutritional needs, propose strategies for accelerating incorporation of nutrition into HIV programmes and recommend indicators for documenting progress

Issues to discuss:

- Nutrition and PMTCT (***Facilitators:*** *Nigel Rollins and Peggy Henderson*)
- Food security as it relates to OVCs (***Facilitators:*** *Anirban Chatterji and Rita Bhatia*)
- Nutrition and ART in co-morbidities - HIV, TB and malaria (***Facilitators:*** *Soumya Swaminathan and Daniel Raiten*)
- Nutrition in comprehensive care including home based care (***Facilitators:*** *Robert Mwadime and Micheline Diepart*)

Organization of the working group session

1. Introductions (*5 min*)
2. Review of GW task and expected outcomes (*5 min*)
3. GW to address the following questions and to draft an outline for next steps
 - What are the challenges and bottlenecks for including nutrition/food security into different themes?
 - What are the resources needed?
 - What are the components to consider for developing action plans in this area? (*e.g. policies, advocacy/generating commitment, capacity development, institutional strengthening/coordination, etc.*)
 - How do we set priorities?
 - What are the cross cutting issues that need to be considered? (*e.g. monitoring and evaluation, operational research etc.*)

Groups will report back to plenary on the morning of 11 October 2007, 08:00 - 09:00. There will be 10 min per group. Groups should use no more than 5-6 overhead slides for their final report back.

Expected outcomes

1. A list of priority actions to address nutritional needs.
2. A proposed strategy for accelerating incorporation of nutrition into HIV/AIDS programmes, including specific action points related to:
 - a. advocacy/generating commitment
 - b. capacity development
 - c. institutional strengthening/coordination
 - d. technical issues and strategies: to whom? When to start? When to stop? Who is responsible?
 - e. monitoring and evaluation
 - f. filling research gaps
 - g. resource mobilization
 - h. partnership development.
3. A list of recommended indicators for documenting progress and measuring success and responsibilities for monitoring them.

Group I

India

Bangladesh

Bhutan

Facilitator - Aye Thwin

Country participant

Group II

Nepal

Sri Lanka

Maldives

Facilitator - Rita Bhatia

Country participant

Group III

Thailand

Myanmar

Indonesia

East Timor

Facilitator - Simon Sadler

Country participant

Group IV

China

Cambodia

Viet Nam

Laos

Facilitator - to be assigned