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**WHO/UNICEF/IUNS Malnutrition Task Force (IMTF)
Technical Review Committee meeting on
Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition**

**World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
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BACKGROUND, SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Background:

WHO is planning on revising the training course on the management of severe malnutrition given the recent developments in the area of community-based management of severe malnutrition, and also to update the training tool in the area of the management of severely malnourished children with HIV and other technical issues based on relevant recent publications. The aim of this revision process is to have an updated evidence-based training tool and to harmonize capacity building in the management of severe malnutrition together with UNICEF and partners. In this context on Thursday 1 March 2007, UNICEF, WHO, Valid International (Steve Collins and Paluku Bawhere), and Michael Golden and Yvonne Grellety met during the SCN annual session in Rome. There was an agreement that the best way forward was the creation of a technical working group under the chairmanship of the IUNS Malnutrition Taskforce (Alan Jackson). Besides focal points from WHO and UNICEF, it was suggested that the following people be included in the technical working group: Beatrice Amadi, Girma Tsinuel, Kathryn Maitland, Michael Golden, Nicky Dent, Palukhu Bawhere, and Tahmeed Ahmed.

Objectives:

- To agree on the revision process leading to an updated evidence-based joint training tool on management of severe acute malnutrition based on the WHO training course.
 - To discuss and make recommendations on "points for discussion" that have come up before and since the Regional Training on Integrated Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition held in Tanzania in September 2006.
 - To agree on an overall strategy to harmonize capacity building on integrated management of severe malnutrition.
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Topics to be addressed:

1. Revision process : this meeting is the first step of the revision process ; discussion on the process as well as deadline for a final version of the training course materials will have to be set.
2. Review some technical points in the training course materials:
 - Module Principle of care
 - Initial management
 - Feeding
 - Daily Care
 - Monitoring and problem solving
 - Involving mothers in care
3. List the technical points that needs literature review and agree on the way forward.
4. Overall strategy to harmonize capacity building on integrated management of severe malnutrition.

For the funding, funds will be transferred to WHO from the Inter-agency Standing Committee, Nutrition Cluster.