

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Position: Nutrition Cluster Co-lead
Location: Afghanistan
Contract Duration: TBD
Starting date: TBD
Source of funding: TBD

Objective of the position

The Nutrition Cluster Co-lead will work with the Nutrition Cluster Coordinator and MoPH counter parts (PND) and the Strategic Advisory Group to provide overall leadership for the Nutrition Cluster in Afghanistan; and to facilitate the process of ensuring a coherent and effective emergency nutrition response by partners.

Major Tasks and Responsibilities

- **Planning and strategy development**

Support the Cluster Coordinator in the development of Nutrition Cluster strategies and plans at national and sub national level, based on solid analysis of the situation; to prepare for and respond appropriately to emergencies. As part of this process, ensure that the coordination is done that gaps and duplications are identified and appropriately addressed with strong focus on cluster and Sub-Cluster representation of needs and gaps. .

Support the Cluster coordinator in providing technical input into relevant government plans (strong focus at Provincial and sub-cluster level) to ensure the emergency nutrition response is appropriately addressed.

- **Inter-cluster coordination**

Strengthen inter-cluster coordination at Regional level and given support at National level, particularly with Food Security & Livelihoods, WASH, Health and Education Clusters to facilitate a comprehensive approach to addressing the issue of nutrition in Afghanistan.

- **Coordination with working group**

Working closely with chairs and co-chairs of the Nutrition working groups (AIMWG, IYCF WG, MNWG, Capacity Development WG, IMAM WG) and Task. Attend WG meetings to ensure the coordination with the Nutrition Cluster and follow up of action points.

- **Assessment and response planning**

Support regional Sub-Cluster Nutrition Cluster Focal points (MoPH, UNICEF & NGO) and nutrition partners to participate in nutrition needs assessments and response planning, ensuring that they are age and gender sensitive, using standardized tools and methods; and in coordination and/or collaboration with other sectors.

- **Application of standards**

In liaison with the Cluster Coordinator, ensure that emergency nutrition responses are in line with existing MoPH/ international policies, protocols & technical standards, and support the development of relevant Nutrition in Emergencies policies, protocols and technical guidance in line with international best practice, to enable quality NiE programming across Afghanistan.

- **Monitoring and reporting**

Review program data generated by the reporting database, identify trends, and follow up action when needs.

- **Strengthen sub-national coordination by working closely with sub-national coordinators (from the CLA and MoPH/PND)**

Support sub-national clusters in fulfilling six core functions and accountability to affected population as per IASC guidance.

Ensure that sub-national cluster coordination meetings are ongoing on regular basis and ensure link between discussions at sub-national and national levels. Attend sub-national meetings as required.

Build capacity of sub-national coordinators through on-job trainings

Ensure timely submission by zonal colleagues all requested information and reports

Ensure any ad-hoc support is provided to sub-national clusters on need basis

- **Promoting partnership**

At the Sub-Cluster level, support the Cluster coordinator in exploring and identifying appropriate new partners to engage in emergency nutrition in Afghanistan, respecting their respective mandates and program priorities and facilitate the active engagement of these agencies in the cluster rate sub national level.

- **Advocacy and resource mobilization**

In liaison with the cluster coordinator identify core advocacy concerns for the cluster, including resource requirements, and ensure key advocacy messages are shared with appropriate stakeholders/decision makers including those within government, the donor community and other UN agencies.

Advocate for donors to fund Nutrition Cluster partners to carry out activities in line with the Nutrition Cluster strategies, and identified priorities while at the same time encouraging cluster participants to mobilize resources for their activities through the usual channels.

The major tasks and responsibilities are include but are not limited, the add will need to be validate by ACF.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications, Skills & Experience

a) Technical knowledge

- Nutrition in emergencies, including conducting rapid assessment and establishing response plans, establishment/support of IMAM package for treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition, conducting SMART surveys, Coverage assessments, and management of nutrition data and information systems, Experience in using Epi- Info, ENA, Excel, Access and other related computer software packages

b) Experience and Qualification

- Advanced University degree in Nutrition, Public Health or a related technical field
- Three - Five years progressively responsible professional work experience at national or international level. Experience to include working in conflict affected insecure locations.

c) Core competencies

- Communication; working with people; drive for results

d) Functional competencies

- Persuading and influencing; leading and supervising; relating and networking; creating and innovating, organizational, analytical and planning, presentation and reporting skills

e) Core values

- Commitment; diversity; integrity