Global Technical Mechanism for Addressing Nutrition Technical Issues

Operationalization Steps

ASK. ESCALATE. RESOLVE. LEARN.
March 2017
- Model “5 “ Plus endorsed by the GNC

March 2016
- Key recommendations prioritized by GNC
- Nutrition in Emergencies Technical Task Force constituted by GNC to address the key recommendations

October 2016
- NIE Technical Task Force presented to the GNC the models options & proposed definitions
- GNC agreed on a model “ Model 5 Plus” and provided feedback on GNC technical role definitions

Now

March 2018
- Review of TORs Feedback on operationalization requirements

October 2017
- Model “5 “ Plus endorsed by the GNC

2015
- Save the Children US review of GNC technical role

March 2015
- Decision to reassess GNC technical role
What areas will the Global Technical Mechanism address?

1. **Technical advice**
   This refers to the process of providing feedback to questions from individuals working in countries in emergencies within a relatively short timeframe primarily when normative guidance exists/are available.

2. **Consensus driven guidance**
   This refers to the process of identifying and addressing the need for additional technical operational guidance for an emerging issue that must be addressed in order to enable a specific emergency response.

3. **Specialized technical expertise**
   This refers to securing specific technical expertise that the cluster needs in order to deliver on cluster activities, which is beyond the capacity of country level resources due to either the complexity/newness of the issue or guidance or relative scarcity of the expertise.
Components of Global Technical Mechanism

Communication flow from country to global level and vice versa

Components

Nutrition in Humanitarian Contexts Technical Advisory Body
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Technical Lead Coordinator (co-hosted by UNICEF and NGO partner)

Technical Workgroups

1. Technical Advice
2. Consensus Driven Guidance
3. Specialized Technical Expertise

GNC Members

GNC CT

Members of relevant platforms such as Micronutrient Forum, Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction, Academic & research institutions, NWL,
Technical advice
Support in implementing existing guidance
- Develop SOP for addressing NIE questions whose guidance exists
- Address NIE technical questions
- Establish system for tracking NIE technical issues

Consensus driven guidance
Support the development of interim guidance
- Identify & prioritize NIE guidance gaps
- Identify & prioritize knowledge gaps
- Advocate for evidence generation to inform guidance development
- Develop interim guidance

Specialized technical expertise
Support increase the quantity and quality of staff and institutions in NIE
- Support in updating NIE competencies
- Facilitate linkages to access specialized technical expertise for NIE
- Capacity building
- Identify additional opportunities & innovations to increase institutional and human capacity in NIE
Summary Feedback from the GNC Meeting in October 2017

- High Funding Required
- Strong KM system
- Clear Focal Point at country level
- Avoid duplication/maximize existing capacities
- Tracking system
UNICEF’s Commitment

In the new Strategic Plan (2018 – 2021), UNICEF has made commitment to develop a Global Nutrition Technical Mechanism to address country needs in preparing and responding to the needs and rights of children, adolescents and women in humanitarian contexts.

What is the required Investment (in USD)?

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GNC Strategic Plan Supporting Objective 1: External Engagement Objectives – Outcome C
What are the Technical Questions from Country and Regional Teams?

**Technical advice**
- Management of acute malnutrition among adults and older persons
- Assessments, CMAM and malnutrition prevention (IYCF, BSFP, MN supplementation)
- HIV, cholera, other diseases and malnutrition
- Clear global guidance (discussed with WFP) on the use of expanded criteria for SAM/MAM in emergencies
  - A focus on management of SAM & co-infections such as HIV/AIDS – how to strengthen the programmatic linkages

**Consensus driven guidance**
- Harmonization of global estimation of burden/caseload of acute malnutrition with country level generation of estimates
- Management of MAM and SAM using one protocol and product (COMPASS)
- Implications of the RAMOP: as being rolled out by Help Age and implications to the programmes
- Define further cholera and IYCF and CMAM guidance
- Specific IYCF guidance for each intervention, i.e. mother to mother support groups, IYCF corners in HF, etc.
- Guidance on integration of nutrition with other sectors
- Guidance on Nutritional care and rehabilitation of children with Cholera or AWD

**Specialized technical expertise**
- Management of acute malnutrition among adults and older persons
- SBCC
- Bottleneck analysis
- Cholera and malnutrition
- Advocacy
- Training facilitation by country typologies (MIC, HIC & LIC)
- Assessments, surveillance, CMAM and IYCF
- Peer to peer coaching, structure talent pools for NiE, develop & share structured briefs on new guidance, promote technical info exchanges & cross-country learning
- Define minimum NiE competency requirements for staff in “normal” development oriented programmes
- Find mechanisms for soliciting greater engagement of national staff on nutrition in humanitarian settings including non-technical competencies and role of non nutritionist are important for an enhanced NiE preparedness and response
- Technical review of Care of Acute malnutrition in MICS
- Document lessons on nutrition preparedness, response and recovery
Phase One (Now)

- Mapping of existing resources
- Develop automated query/answer system
  - Develop KM system
  - Develop communication materials
    - Sensitize stakeholders
    - Develop SOPs
- Build databases for technical expertise – indi/inst
  - Develop partnership mechanisms
Centralize and consolidate questions

Automate admin process e.g reporting tools and identify recurring issues

Categorize, prioritize and assign questions automatically route the issues to the relevant person/agency

Build knowledge base
- FAQs for recurring issues
- Announcements

Track and improve
- Analytics
- Feedback system

Develop IT and KM system for launching questions, tracking feedback and consolidation of lessons USD 130,000
Develop SOPs, mobilize and sensitize and training of partners about the Mechanism

USD 75,000

Develop communication materials on the Mechanism (briefs, videos, PPT etc)

USD 100,000

Need to be identified

Partnership with UNICEF developed

Some funding secured (USD 40K)

- Staff time
- HD to support the Mechanism

Partners/Networks

Technical Task Force Members

UNICEF

NGO Co-lead

GNC-HELP Desk

GNC Partners
NGO Technical Coordinator Co-Lead Role

The NGO Technical Coordinator will co-lead the Nutrition Humanitarian Technical Advisory Body with UNICEF Programme Division and serve as a point of contact for unresolved issues from Regional level (UNICEF, WHO, SUN secretariat & partners), ENN, and GNC-Helpdesk. The Technical Lead Coordinators will:

- provide overall leadership to the Technical Advisory Body
- establish system for tracking and escalating nutrition technical needs to respective Technical Working Groups within the Nutrition Humanitarian Technical Advisory Body
- ensure linkages between TWGs and partners in the process for developing interim guidance and triggering
- ensure the links with the Technical Working Group (TWG) leads and GNC partners
- Work with UNICEF to develop funding proposals for the Mechanism
- work with GNC to develop mechanisms for disseminating new learning, tools, guidance, standards;
- ensure linkages with SUN, United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN), UN Networks etc
- support the communication & coordination processes & technical working groups
NGO Technical Coordinator Co-Lead Criteria for Selection

Criteria for NGO Technical Lead Role
❖ Have technical capacity to support working groups, along with strong communication and coordination capacity
❖ Have global field presence and experience in Nutrition programming in Humanitarian settings
❖ Provide a dedicated staff at 30% FTE for the technical coordinator role

Selection Process for NGO-Co Lead
❖ NGOs who are members of the Global Nutrition Cluster eligible for the role as Technical Coordinator Co-Lead.
❖ Interested NGOs will submit a brief statement of intent to UNICEF PD and GNC-CT by April 14\textsuperscript{th}
❖ GNC membership will vote to select the NGO Co-Lead
❖ A fixed term of 2 years is required.