UNICEF Key NIS Updates

• Advancing Nutrition Measurements

• SDG 2.2 Monitoring – Develop official stunting, wasting, overweight estimates with WHO/WB working group on JME

• Co-Secretariat of the TEAM (Technical expert advisory group on Nutrition monitoring) – prevalence thresholds, development of the NIS guide
• Programme coverage modules include information on both UNICEF supported and non supported programmes.

• Programme coverage **modules collect data on IYCF, micronutrient Supplementation and Fortification, SAM, Nutrition Information systems, emergency preparedness and response, co-ordination**

• Data is used for global reporting

• The data is available online at [www.unicefnutridash.org](http://www.unicefnutridash.org) and will soon be available on UNICEF website

• Continued efforts to support countries in improving the national nutrition information systems e.g. DHIS 2 to be able to improve the availability and quality of data.
Infant and Young Child Feeding

Enabling Environment for IYCF

Status of national measures on the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent relevant World Health Assembly resolutions, by country and by region, 2016*


Per cent of countries that are monitoring and enforcing the Code

Source: NutriDash
Enhancing Availability and Quality of Routine Programme Information

- Through Nutridash, UNICEF is also able to track the progress of countries in relation to data collected through routine information systems at national level, and also the types of surveys conducted in the country.

- UNICEF is able to determine which are the indicators that have been included in most national information systems and identify and prioritize gaps.

- UNICEF remains committed to provide the overall technical support required to support countries to enhance the availability, quality and timeliness of nutrition data.

![Graph showing treatment of acute malnutrition](image-url)

- Treatment of Acute Malnutrition
  - SAM Admissions included in the national information system: 77%
  - Inpatient Admission: 75%
  - Outpatient Admission: 65%
  - HIV Testing for Children with SAM: 15%
Enhancing Availability and Quality of Routine Programme Information

IYCF indicators Collected in Routine Information Systems (N= 109)

- Early Initiation of Breastfeeding: 57.8%
- IYCF Counselling for Mothers of Children between 6-23 months: 30.2%
- IYCF Counselling for Mothers of Children below 6 months: 31.1%
- Feeding practices among HIV-exposed infants at 3 months NIS included in the national information system: 18.3%

Micronutrient Indicators Collected in Routine Information Systems

- Vitamin A Supplementation (N=81): 85.1%
- Iron Folic Acid Supplementation for pregnant Women (N= 66): 75.76%
- Child recieving MNPs (N=53): 43%
- Nutrition Counselling During Ante-Natal Care (N=66): 28.8%
Development of DHIS 2 Standardized Nutrition Indicators Module

Standardized Routine Data Set
• Develop a set of standard core nutrition data elements and indicators to be collected routinely

Standardized DHIS 2 Nutrition Module
• These elements to be included in DHIS 2 to enhance standard reporting and data visualization to facilitate decision making

Progress:
• Consultations have started with global, regional and country teams
• Proposed data set and indicators for further consultation by December 2018
• Pre testing
• Finalization – consultative meeting with stakeholders in Spring next year
Over 30 countries have provided data for the research.

The final meeting with the technical advisory group was held in early October.

The final analysis and report writing taking into account the comments from the TAG meeting are currently being addressed.

The results will be shared on **15th November 2018**.

Stakeholders will provide a general plan for guidance development led by UNICEF based on the findings.

Update guidance for SAM calculation to be developed in **quarter one of 2019**.

Guidance to include review of not just K but also related aspects - prevalence data etc.
Advancing Nutrition Measurements

Country Level Support:
• UNICEF continues to provide technical and financial support to nutrition assessments and surveys.

Emerging Areas:
• Height Measuring Device Improvement – digital reader on height boards
• Indicators to monitor unhealthy eating (for under two year olds)
• Revised definition of MDD indicator
• Ongoing revision of IYCF definitions and indicators (updated indicator guide next year)
• School age and adolescent nutrition metrics working group – background paper on available information and developing a monitoring framework
• MICS Emergency module

Global Reporting and Guidance Development
• SDG 2.2 Monitoring – Develop official stunting, wasting, overweight estimates with WHO/WB working group on JME, development of country level models...
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The report highlights the countries facing food crisis of any nature and is used to inform high level planning and action by key stakeholders.

Nutrition data, information and reporting for these countries that have been affected by a food crisis is critical.

UNICEF leads the technical drafting team covering all aspects of nutrition information and reporting, working very closely with WFP, FAO, EU and the IPC team.

This process also links to further engagements with countries and regions to identify nutrition data gaps and solutions to enhance the availability, quality and timeliness of data.
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