**1.3 The Nutrition Cluster Roles, Responsibilities**

**Day 1:  11:30- 12:30 (60 minutes)**

**Session Purpose:**

This session provides participants with a more detailed overview of how the Nutrition Cluster is structured and its functions, as well as the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders. It also provides participants with a more detailed overview of the Cluster Core Functions and how these relate to accountability commitments, including the Core Humanitarian Standard.

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the Cluster Core Functions with a focus on AAP
2. Explain how Cluster Core Functions relate to the Nutrition Cluster at the national and sub-national level.

**Outline of the Session:**

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| **Topic** | **Time** | **Guidance notes for facilitator** |
| Introduction to the Core Cluster Functions | 10’ | Lecture to introduce the basics of Core Cluster functions |
| Group Work: Cluster Core Functions Quiz   | 40' | Participants complete the Core Cluster Functions quiz in pairs in a Gallery walk exercise followed by presentation and debrief. |
| Q&A  | 10’ |  Q&A session  |

**Session materials:**

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| **General** | **HO=Handouts (1 per person) and** **R =Resources (copy per instructions)** | **Electronic References** |

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| * PPT Presentation
* Flip charts
* Markers
 | * 1.3 HO Cluster Functions CCRM July 2015
* 1.3 HO Core Cluster Functions Quiz Answers
* 1.3 R Core Cluster Functions x 1
* 1.3 R Core Cluster Functions Quiz
 | * Cluster Activation Checklist
* IASC Cluster Functions CCRM
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**Facilitator notes:**

**Introduction to the Cluster Core Functions (10 minutes)**

* This part of the session participants will go into more detail on cluster core functions and how these contribute to greater quality, consistency, coverage and better outcomes for affected people.
* Facilitators can refer back to the slide with the clusters and the HC, and explain that under the IASC Transformative Agenda, the IASC Principals recognized that the application of the cluster approach has become overly process-driven - developing products and processes that don't always contribute to better results.
* In some situations, clusters are perceived as potentially undermining local coordination structures and processes, rather than enabling better delivery as assistance, especially with silo approaches. etc.
* The IASC “agreed there is a need to restate and return to the original purpose of clusters, refocusing them on strategic and operational gaps analysis, planning, assessment and results”.
* AAP was added later as a +1 function, highlighting the importance of making coordination focuses on affected people's rights and results for them.
* Then the facilitator can remind participants of their suggestions in session 1.1 on the purpose of coordination, and use this to introduce the 6 functions.
* There are outlined in the IASC Reference Module for Cluster Coordination at the Country Level that outlines six specific functions.

**Group Work: Cluster Core Functions Quiz Exercise (40 minutes)**

**(5 minutes to introduce +15 minutes to take quiz + 20 minutes debrief)**

* The six core functions (+1 AAP) should be printed on A4 and posted around the room.
* Distribute the quiz handout and show the Group Work: Core Cluster Functions slide., Ask participants to go around the room in pairs. Ask them to review the various activities listed on the handout and match them to one of the core functions.

Debrief Presentation (20 minutes)

* After the exercise, ask participants to go back to their seats for a debrief.
* Introduce the slides for each core function, with an explanation of what it means, particularly from an AAP perspective.
* These functions - and the link to AAP - are relevant regardless of whether a cluster is formally activated or not, which is why they are presented first.
* OPTIONAL SLIDE with “All this contributes to responses that…” for groups that could use a more detailed explanation of the benefits of core functions.
* Show the final slide around the CHS commitments, and make the link between how the core functions help meet these commitments.

**Q&A (10 minutes)**

This session has some time for further questions, as there are likely to be several.

**Key Messages:**

* Cluster Core Functions revolve around supporting better outcomes and accountability to affected people
* The core functions ensure partners align their work towards collective and coordinated approaches
* The functions form the basis of how a cluster works together, and include issues beyond implementation.