**1.4 Nutrition Cluster Structures**

**Day 1 13:30-14:30 (60 min)**

**Session Purpose:**

* This session provides participants with a more detailed overview of how the Nutrition Cluster is structured and accountabilities of different actors.

**Learning Objectives:**

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

* Identify the different structures and roles actors at different levels (global, country, sub-national, etc.)
* Identify the different structures and roles of the Nutrition Cluster and other actors at different levels (global, country, sub-national, etc.)

Outline the responsibilities of the Cluster Coordinator and the Information Manager and the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and Technical Working Groups (TWiGs).

**Outline of the Session:**

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| **Topic** | **Time** | **Guidance notes for facilitator** |
| Nutrition Cluster structures and Responsibilities | 15' | * Presentation on nutrition cluster structures and actors at global, national and sub-national levels * Discussion on SAG and TWiGs * Structure and responsibilities of the national and sub-national cluster actors |
| Group Work: Role of the SNCC and NCC | 15’ | * Discussion in pairs on the role of NCC and comparison with sub-national coordinators |
| Cluster Accountability Relationships | 15’ | Group discussion with presentation |
| Q&A | 15’ | Facilitated questions and answers |

**Session Materials:**

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| **General** | | **HO=Handouts (1 per person) and**  **R =Resources (copy per instructions)** | **Electronic References** |
| * PowerPoint presentation * Flip charts * Markers | * 1.4 HO Nutrition Cluster SAG & TWIG * 1.4 R Roles and Responsibilities July 2015 | * Nutrition Cluster Coordinator Generic ToR * Overview of responsibilities of CC Actors * Cluster Leadership Competencies |

**Facilitator Notes:**

**Nutrition Cluster Structures and Responsibilities (15 minutes)**

This session provides a detailed explanation of the Nutrition Cluster and group exercises will go through the relationships between the different actors.

Work through the slides, highlighting:

* Actors and roles in humanitarian response
* Government’s Role in the Nutrition Cluster/Sector
* Nutrition Cluster/Sector Structure at the National Level
* Sub-national clusters

* SAG and TWiGs: Lead plenary discussion on the SAG, TWiGs and cluster accountabilities, emphasizing the role cluster partners could/should play in these. Ask some questions to decipher the participants’ knowledge about the SAG and the TWiGs in the country and whether any participants are currently involved at the national and sub-national levels.
* Discuss sub-national coordination noting that the cluster/sector may be decentralised in zones of special importance.
* Show the Nutrition Cluster/Sector Structure at the sub-national level slide and the Cluster/Sector Team at Sub-national Level slides and lead a discussion on how it compares to the team structure used locally.

**Note to Facilitators**: Review and adapt slides to show the structure of the local sub-national cluster.

**Group Work: Role of the SNCC and the NCC (15 minutes)**

* Ask participants to discuss in pairs what they think are the responsibilities of the NCC for 5 minutes. Record their responses on a flip chart and then show the NCC Responsibilities slide. Link back to the previous session on Core Cluster Functions. Compare responsibilities between the sub-national and national levels of cluster coordination.

**Cluster Accountability Frameworks (15 minutes)**

* Present the Accountability Relationships at the Sub-national level.
* Using the slide on Organisational Accountability, summarise that meeting the needs of affected people can help bridge the two.

Recognize that Cluster Coordinators and partners and actors have a mutual relationship to ensure effective collaboration.

**Q&A (15 minutes)**

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

**Key Messages:**

* The NCC and other stakeholders clearly defined responsibilities
* All actors have specific roles that contribute to an effective and coordinated nutritional response.
* Keeping the focus on mutual responsibility for better results and accountability to affected people can help overcome organizational barriers towards working collectively
* The cluster coordinator cannot assume sole responsibility for collective results – it is a collective responsibility of ALL actors-