

Nutrition Cluster Coordination

HAITI Situation Report # 5

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General

Information on the most affected areas remains unchanged-see Sit Rep 3.

Nutrition Issues/Needs

Of 3 million affected, working currently on figure of children under five of 480,000 in total and total of 120,000 pregnant women and 120,000 lactating women. Using these figures we have 6-59 month population of 402, 000.00 giving GAM @ 4.5% 18, 090.00 children and SAM @ 0.8% = 3, 216.00 children pre-crisis. Figures to be re-confirmed following results of IRA and CDC review (likely to be downward revision).

Displaced children, orphans and unaccompanied children-all ages: estimated 800,000 in PauP and 235,916 outside PauP (Source: IOM).

Children under 2 years of age are at greater risk of malnutrition due to food insecurity, inappropriate feeding practices or the absence breastfeeding . Those under 6 months who are not breastfed are at grave risk given their need for a nutritionally adequate infant formula prepared, stored and fed in a safe manner. Displaced, orphaned and unaccompanied children are major focus of all nutrition operational agencies given risks to their nutrition security.

Response Nutrition Cluster Agencies/partners

WFP

About 460,000 beneficiaries are reached so far. 3.6 million MREs have been distributed.

On 26 Jan, 20,750 people received a dry take home ration for 2 weeks. Wet feeding for children has been set up in Jacmel (in collaboration with UNICEF). Info on cooking facilities or provision of wet feeding in camps is not fully available yet.

Supplementary Plumpy (105 MT) arrived. Additional deliveries are expected to arrive.

A number of operational partners have been identified: MSF will provide hot meals in hospitals, ACF for the baby-tent set-up (will also be involved in Supplementary Plumpy distribution), discussions with a number of local NGOs has been initiated (to work in the camps).

NRC is expected to provide and set up mobile kitchens soon.

Plans to provide food to displaced populations in other provinces of the country are about to be implemented. First IDPs to be assisted will be those who sought refuge in Hinche, at the Plateau Central.

WFP will sign field level agreements with the NGO Initiative Development for the assistance to the displaced people who have settled in the North West Department.

Sketchy info on nutritional status of orphans – may be malnutrition but could be related to dehydration/sickness.

WFP Country teams have more up to date information than HQ and coordination between nutrition and food cluster in country encouraged.

WHO

Attended Health Cluster meeting. Important to be concerned with the nutritional status of people affected

by trauma, and the concerns for maternal nutrition.

Finalised technical guidance on HIV and infant feeding with UNICEF.

Focal point for assessment on nutrition related training/capacity development of MOH staff in country.

IMC

Provided support to MOH - increasing its ability to function.

May partner with UNICEF to support nutritional needs of orphans.

OFDA

Stopped donor breast milk shipments.

Supplying ready to use formulae and supporting in country on code compliance, labels etc.

Save the Children-US

Save the Children lead agency for control of ready to use infant formula, procured by OFDA. TOR developed to outline roles and responsibilities of Save assisting UNICEF to control supply of ready to use infant formula and cups to the nutrition cluster partners requiring it for their emergency nutrition response. Working with SCUK on this and SCUK nutritionist as focal point.

A quantity of + / -288 litres (288 cans of 32oz) of RUIF arrived and will be distributed (Concern, ACF), which serves 40 infants for a week. A second shipment is expected this week (32,000 cans of 32oz). Cups will be provided by UNICEF (TBC).

The TOR is intended to guide the activities of Save the Children and nutrition cluster partners in relation to managing the first two shipments of ready to use infant formula. The TOR will be revised in the coming weeks on request by UNICEF and the cluster members.

Coordinating breast milk substitute distribution. Approximately 1,000 children requiring artificial feeding have been identified

SAVE in Leogane field-testing messages that would accompany any distribution of ready-to-use formula to orphans and other vulnerable infants and young children.

Save UK

Working on strategy and planning for infant feeding. Developed registration form which using in shelter to shelter visits to identify infants and mothers/carers who require support and algorithms for first assessment.

World Vision

Beneficiaries: 50,000 households, 250,000 people.

Target locations: Petion-ville, Canapevert, Delmas, St. Martin, La Gonvave (WV development program), Central Plateau (WV development program), Jinami, DR, Fonparisien

Food distributions: Jan 21 to Jan 26, distribution of food (2 weeks rations) to 13,500 in Delmas and Petition Ville Areas.

Food For Peace

Able to provide support throughout all affected areas for both general and targeted food distribution and has invited potential partners for Emergency awards to MEEITNG IN Haiti.

FFP has not yet considered purchasing food locally. They are also looking for local partners to support distributions.

CDC

Providing technical support to get more precise demographics data for the cluster.

UNICEF

UNICEF is working with Action Contre le Faim (ACF) in order to immediately feed 18,000 children under

5 agreements with ACF and Concern will target an estimated 40,000 children overall for treatment of severe acute malnutrition.

Additional agreements with local NGOs to provide support for community based nutrition interventions and to cover nutritional support for pregnant and lactating women and infants; 2) expanded coverage outside PauP, specifically in Leogane and Jacmel (UNICEF opening offices and hiring cluster coordinators)

In collaboration with child protection sub-cluster, UNICEF is in the process of ensuring distribution of following nutrition supplies: sprinkles-micronutrient powder, vitamin A, ORS and therapeutic zinc, mebendazole and BP 100 for supplementary porridge for young children (Jan 26).

180 Day plan being developed by UNICEF CO and will specify the target groups for UNICEF nutrition interventions, in line with the Nutrition cluster planning (28 Jan).

In cooperation with WFP, 5 sites (out of 20) were visited to observe the nutrition situation. In collaboration with WFP, 22,586 food rations were distributed in 29 camps and another 2,368 supplementary food rations were distributed in 27 camps (26 Jan).

Assessment

Started Monday 25 January within PauP and continues 26 and 27 January outside PauP. Results being reviewed by working group and cluster and will be disseminated through cluster.

WFP plan emergency food security assessment. An assessment meeting of partners will take place on Monday, 1 February to finalise the approach and tools. The team should be trained by the end of next week (Friday 5 February). If all goes as planned, information by the 20th of February.

Gaps & Constraints

1. Coverage and targeting of food aid (all types) remains considerable constraint to ensuring nutrition security of affected population.
2. Populations receiving supplementary food not automatically in receipt of a GFD
3. Lack of implementing partners cited by many agencies as a key constraint to scaling up nutrition activities
4. Capacity and coverage of nutrition –relevant programming (being mapped) and need for increase in deployment of nutrition specialists to focus on IFE, treatment of acute malnutrition, assessment, information management.
5. Need to agree planning figures for all age groups of the 3 million affected to avoid current discrepancies across different organizations in target numbers.
6. Confirm SAM and MAM caseload and identify coverage of treatment programmes.
7. Limited information is available on the scale of donations of breastmilk substitutes, who is distributing them and how many infants are receiving them but we expect this to be significant.

Action/Updates

1. By 29th January Nutrition Cluster will have mapped all operational agencies to share global and country
2. Nutrition cluster meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am in UNICEF tent until further notice- approx 15 agencies represented and MOH actively involved in decision making.
3. Focal points on treatment of acute malnutrition-sub-cluster also meeting
4. IFE sub-cluster having regular meetings (see haiti.onerresponse.info for minutes of these meetings). The subgroup will continue to work on strategies to reach beneficiaries in institutions, orphanages, hospitals and camps. It was highlighted that it will be necessary to develop solutions to the problems of lack of sites and partners for implementation. Strategies will need to be adapted according to the situation.
5. All nutrition operational agencies asked to use the [Haiti.onerresponse.info](http://haiti.onerresponse.info) website.
6. Technical guidance on HIV/IYCF joint issue released 28th Jan by WHO/UNICEF
7. CDC reviewing demographic data and have released new figures for country review.

8. The MSPP has provided its comments on the joint statement on breastfeeding (WHO, UNICEF, WFP). A press release will be prepared and broadcast. **Action point:** WHO / NCC to take the lead.

UNICEF Pipeline

3,800 carton emergency food ration-BP5 Arriving Wed 4th Feb

1, 000 cartons of HEB Arriving Wed 4th Feb

1000 RUTF TBC

WFP Planning for 1 year estimated (and may be revised) as follows:

1. Blanket feeding of children 6-23 and up to 36 months with Suppl. Plumpy for a 3-week period - 200,000 beneficiaries.
2. Blanket feeding of children 6-23 months with Plumpy Doz - 200,000 beneficiaries.
3. Treatment of moderately malnourished children 6-59 months with Suppl.Plumpy - 158,000 ben. over a one year period.
4. Blanket distribution of Micronutrient powder (MNP) for children 24-59 months (270 days/year) - 88,000 beneficiaries.
5. Blanket distribution of MNP for pregnant and lactating women (270 days/year) - 120,000 PLW.

Additional to these special foods, there is:

- (a) GFD for 1 mill. beneficiaries (2,100 Kcal/pp/day: cereals, pulses, Veg.oil, CSB, Salt, sugar)
- (b) School feeding for 800,000 children (about 520 Kcal/pp/day: CSB, oil, sugar)

Note that WFP plan to convert part of the food to other modalities such as cash/voucher somewhere in the year.

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