



Technical Rapid Response Team

Tech RRT Post Deployment Webinar:

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Deployment to South Sudan (May-July 2019)

18th December 2019



Today's Webinar

- Introductions and objectives
- Presentation on Tech RRT
- Deployment context
- The deployment (ToR, achievements, challenges, recommendations and ongoing activities)
- Discussion
- Evaluation – *please please fill this out at the end (10 minutes only)*



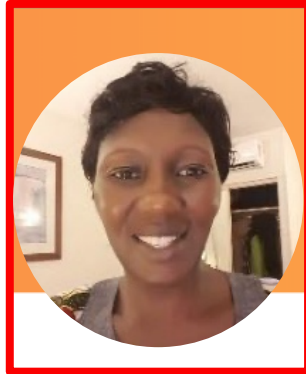
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Today's Presenters



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Objectives

- Foster discussion on the situation in the country
- Share information on the Tech RRT IYCF-E deployment to South Sudan
- Improve the follow up of the work done during the deployment



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What is the Tech RRT?

A technical rapid response mechanism that supports improved nutrition programming through deploying advisors, remote support and capacity strengthening initiatives

Consortium:



Donors:



In collaboration with:



As part of the:



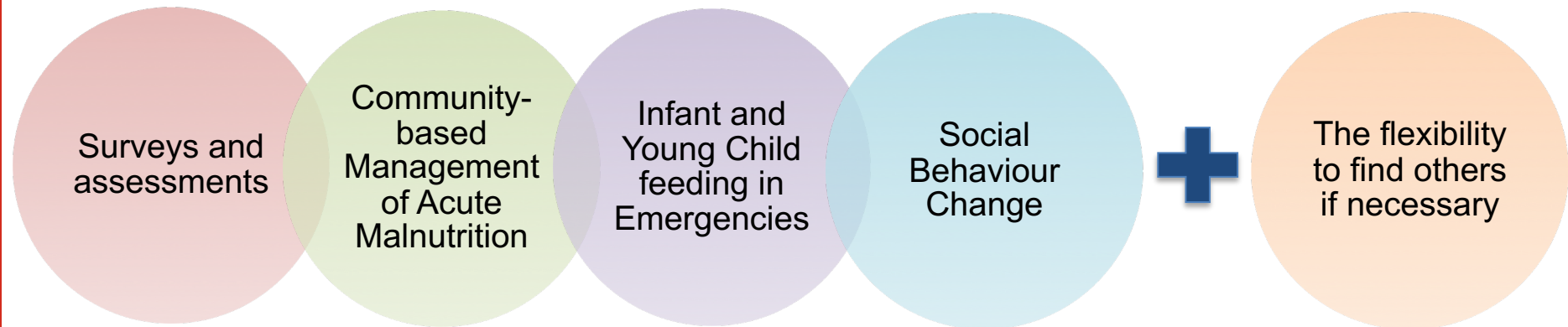
Goal: To improve and strengthen the technical quality of programs and assessments for improved nutrition outcomes of affected populations in emergencies and protracted crisis situations

Who are the Tech RRT?

Program Management Team:

Program Director and Deputy Program Director

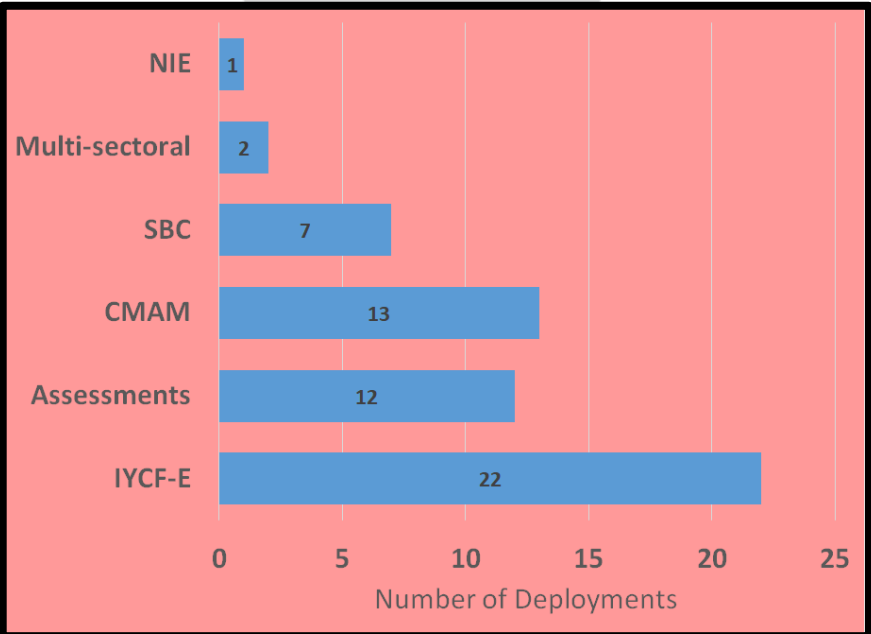
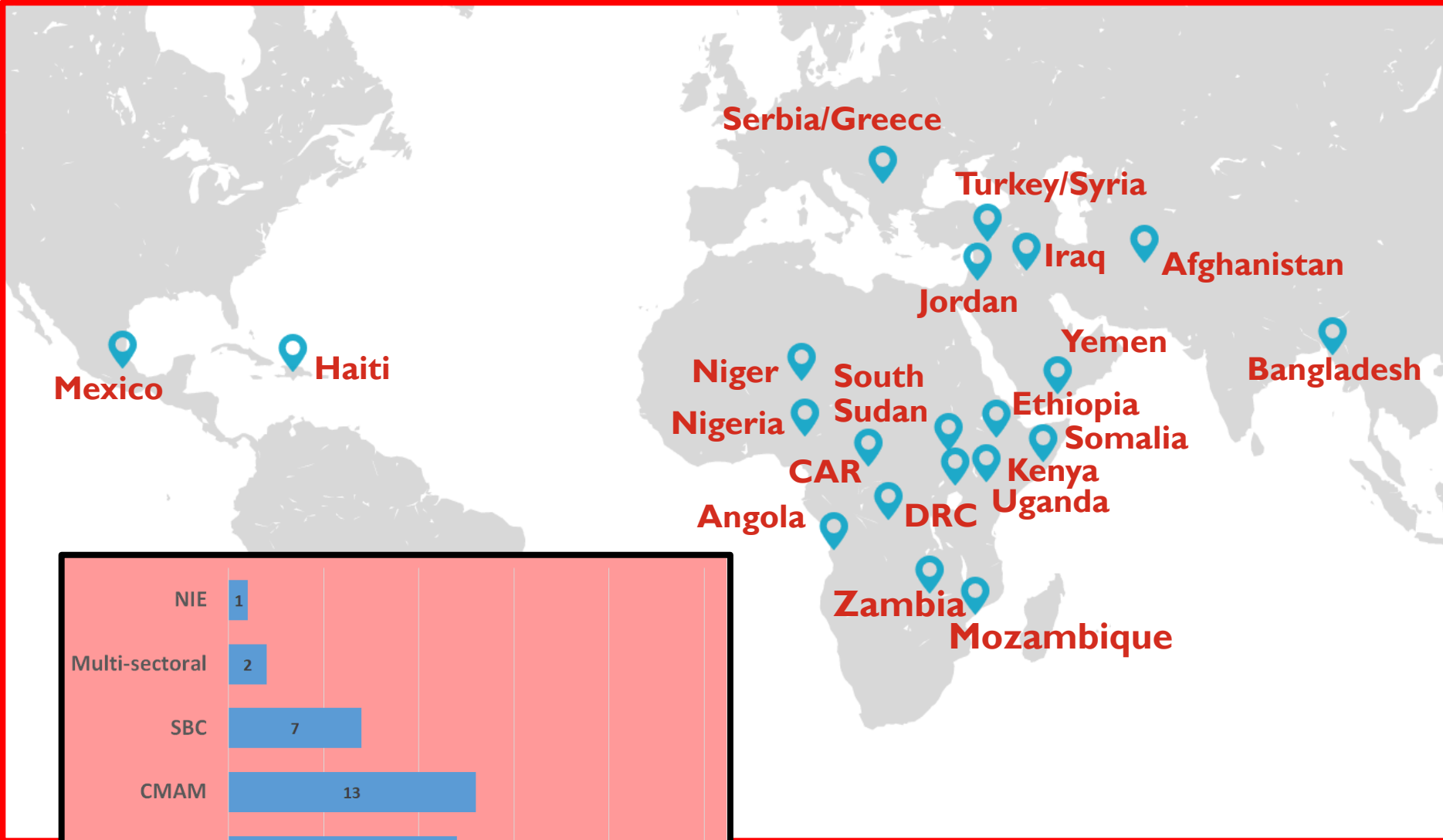
A team of 4 deployable experts:



Deployment Steering Committee: Reviews and endorses deploy requests, input into TORs



What has the Tech RRT done?



58 deployments to 21 countries



How to request support?

Who can request?

- Any agency (national or international) or other stakeholders (e.g. donors, gov't) with a nutrition technical need
- Nutrition cluster/sector group
- National organisations strongly encouraged

How?

- Contact the Tech RRT (or GNC)
- Fill in a request form
- Develop a ToR – Tech RRT has generic templates



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CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND TO DEPLOYMENT

Humanitarian Crisis

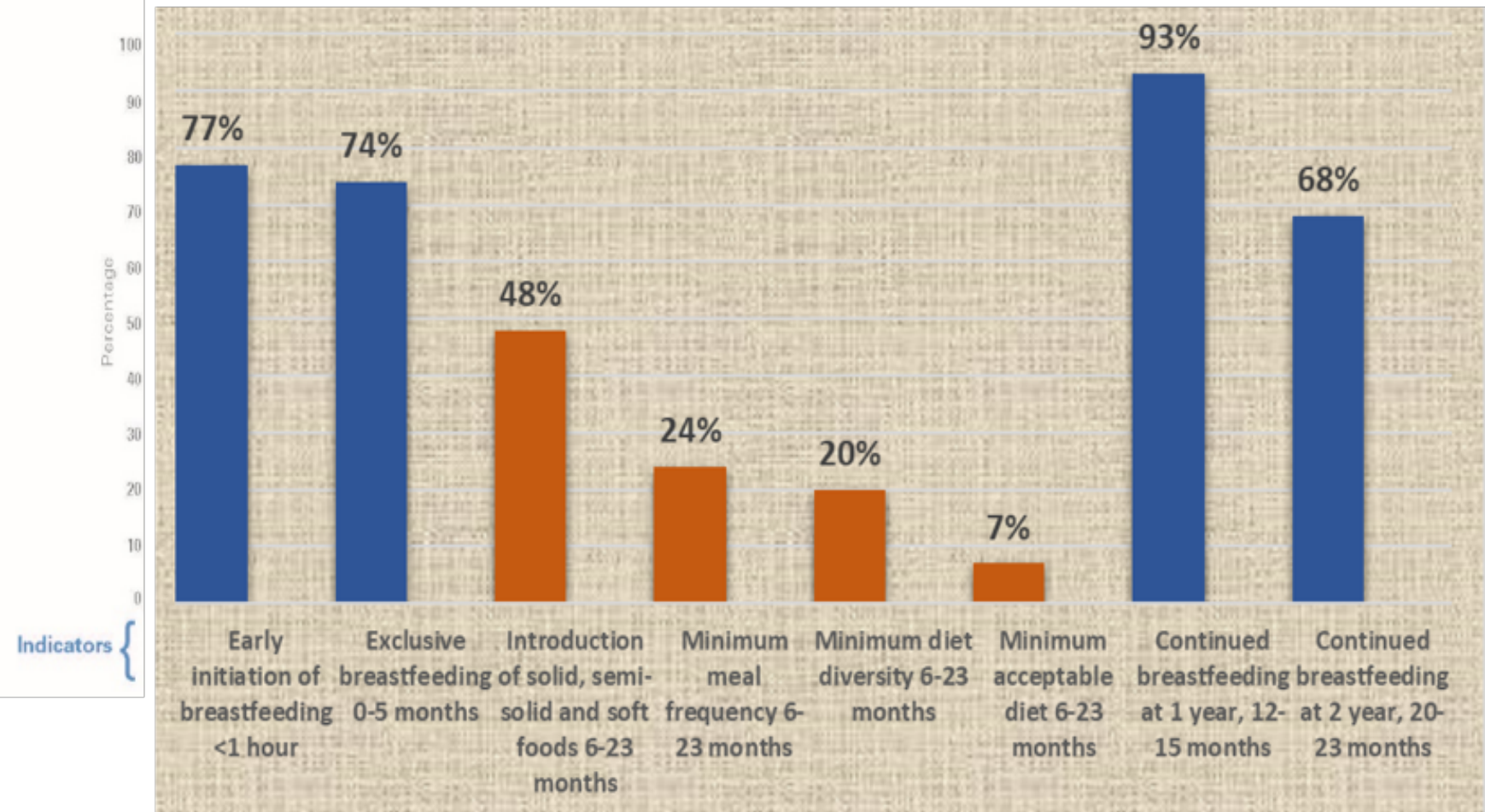
- Population displacement widespread- 1.92m Internally displaced, 2.30m refugees¹;
- 7.7 million (63% of the total population) are food insecure²;
- 7 out of the 10 former states, having prevalence of acute malnutrition above the emergency threshold (with GAM rates $\geq 15\%$)²
- Lack of safe water and sanitation facilities, basic health services; reduced the ability of mothers/caregivers to ensure adequate feeding and care for their vulnerable children
- The nutrition situation remains critical

Sources: ¹South Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report. UNICEF. May 2019, ² UNICEF. South Sudan Nutrition Briefing Note. March 2019,



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Nutrition situation



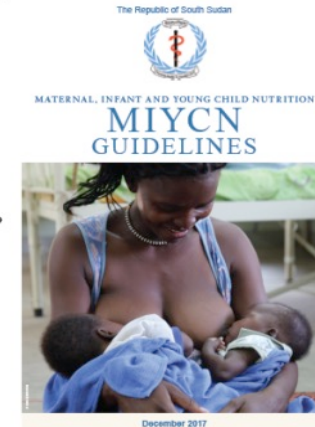
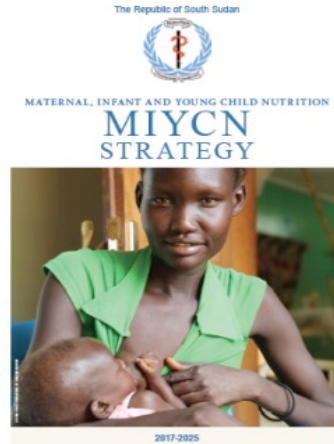
Source: South Sudan Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring Report (FSNMS) – Round 22. 2018



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Background to deployment

- South Sudan MIYCN Strategy & Guideline is endorsed in 2017;



- A set of strategic actions and interventions for government and partners to roll out in all states;
- Annual investment of \$11 million per year is planned to prevent undernutrition related deaths and illness of mothers and children in South Sudan;
- Cluster required further guidance on how to implement recommended actions within humanitarian response;
- Tech RRT to fill the technical gap and provide practical and realistic plans for prioritised MIYCN actions.



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THE TECH RRT DEPLOYMENT

Deployment details

Dates: 25th May to 20th July 2019 (8 weeks)

Purpose: to support the Nutrition Cluster to strengthen the delivery of the MIYCN-E response through the provision of technical support and capacity building to government, the Nutrition Cluster, and local and international non-governmental organizations.



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Deployment Objectives (1/2)

1. Develop an **MIYCN-E Response Mapping and gap analysis** tool
2. Develop programme **budgeting tool** for MIYCN-E activities
3. Develop an **advocacy briefing paper** on the lifesaving nature of MIYCN-E
4. Support TWG developing an MIYCN-E **integration action plan** with other sectors focusing FSL, WASH and Health programme;



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Deployment Objectives (2/2)

5. Review existing draft BFHI guideline and **customize the 10-steps road map**
6. Support TWG developing a **simple action plan** for implementation of *'the Code'*
7. Support the NIWG to **standardize MIYCN-E Indicators** for NIS and review tools for completeness of MIYCN information
8. Facilitate workshop with nutrition and non-nutrition cluster partners for **orientation on the IFE operational guidance, 'the Code'** and all the final outputs developed



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Deployment Achievements (1/2)

1. The MIYCN-E response and gap analysis tool- **now incorporated** in nutrition (including CMAM) response dashboard
2. A MIYCN-E program budget/costing tool developed- partners now able to **incorporate MIYCN-E activities** into proposals and master budget
3. **An advocacy brief-** reinforcing the importance of MIYCN interventions in South Sudan and call for action
4. The MIYCN-E **integration action plan** for South Sudan- focusing priority sectors like FSL, WASH, Health



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Deployment Achievements (2/2)

- 5. BFHI guidance-** the existing draft reviewed, shared feedbacks with WHO and agreed on steps for revision of the draft and finalization
- 6. 10-steps action plan,** with standards of implementation- shared with WHO for considering adoption
- 7. ‘the Code’ implementation action plan-** MIYCN TWG in South Sudan now able to take agreed steps to implement ‘*the Code*’
- 8.** Facilitated the training sessions based on the deployment outputs, with nutrition and non-nutrition partners



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Challenges

- A. Quick and easy access to past MIYCN-E documents was not easy for the team
- B. Because of intermittent connectivity issues, it was difficult to maintain the timeliness of feedback from the country technical team
- C. Scheduling and organizing field trips, meetings and workshops were extremely difficult due to other competing priorities of cluster partners/colleagues
- D. Because of administrative challenges, the 8 targets were deemed to be too ambitious for an 8-week deployment



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On-going and future work

What work is on-going?

- The BFHI guidance and 10 steps in discussion with WHO
- A MIYCN-E program budget/costing tool by cluster partners
- Ongoing discussion with MOH leadership on policy and strategic actions to be incorporated
- Reporting on MIYCN by cluster partners
- Annual review of MIYCN coverage and prioritisation



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On-going and future work

Follow up of the deployment action points with the TWG

- Dissemination of the action points with cluster members
- Progress tracking particularly on the application gap analysis tool, BFHI guidance and MIYCN integration
- Ongoing capacity building



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On-going and future work

What are the conditions for the work to continue to be sustainable?

- Dedicated focal point at the MoH to lead the process
- Prioritization of MIYCN-E by all actors – partners, UN agencies, donors



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DISCUSSION

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