

# The nutrition cluster is working on facilitating the supplies planning and delivery process to coordinate the supplies pipeline for the key stakeholders

- To prevent Malnutrition partners has delivered to Gaza essential nutrition preventive supplies:
  - UNICEF delivered to Gaza, MN supplements for over 33,300 PBW, multiple micronutrients supplementation for 16,000 children 24-59 months, Vit A and Zink supplementation for 260,000 children 6-59 months. High Energy Biscuits to Gaza to reach 24,000 children 6-59 months
  - UNICEF managed to deliver ready to use therapeutic food (RUTF) to be used for the management of wasting for over 4,850 children
     U5 with wasting
  - WFP have delivered to Gaza 8,420 cartons of High Energy Biscuits to reach over 105,830 people in need in addition to 60,00 cartons of dates bar
  - WFP delivered in Gaza medium quantity lipid-based supplements to cover the need of 57,500 Pregnant-breastfeeding women and children under 2.
  - UNRWA has delivered 3,200 cartons of HEB as well as 27,184 dates bar
  - ACF is delivering fresh food parcels to Al Awda Hospital in Nuseirat as the maternity hospital of reference in the area, providing nutritious food for 60 women daily who are giving birth at the hospital since December 1st. Currently, 240 women have benefited from this initiative.
  - o 500 pregnant and breastfeeding women were reached with iron-folate supplementation to prevent malnutrition by Juzoor NNGO,

#### Supplies in pipeline

- WFP secured additional quantities of high energy biscuits targeting 142,000 people in need, to be moved to Gaza from Rafah soon as well as additional quantities of MQ-LNS to cover 123 000 PBW and C U 5
- The 1<sup>st</sup> batch of UNICEF produced Ready to use Infant Formula (RUIF) to address the need of non-breastfed infant reached Rafah targeting 3,100 infants 0-6 months.
- UNICEF secured the following different nutrition commodities to be crossed to GAZA: Iron-folate supplementation to reach 40,562 PBW and Folic Acid for over 16,660 PBW, MMS tabs to reach 18,120 PBW, Vit A supplantation to reach 33,706 children 6-11 months, MNPs for 1,000 children 24-59 months, Zinc supplements for 33,300 children under 5, Lipid-based supplements for 72,800 children 6-24 months, therapeutic milk to be used for the treatment of over 560 severely wasted children with medical complication, anthropopathic measurements.
- WHO has procured the essential nutrition commodities and kits to be used for the treatment of 647 severely malnourished children 0-59 months with medical complications
- UNRWA has procured 146,000 HEB, 144,000 dates bar, 2,065 packs of Iron-foliate, 3,984 pack of Folic Acid as well as mother and child scale, height boards.
- SCI works on the procurement of nutrition supplies for prevention and management of Anemia, as well as the need to supplies to establish mother-baby spaces to provide IYCF-E services

## Further updates

- UNICEF, WFP, UNRWA & SCI are working on expanding their partnerships with N/INGOs to be able to roll
  out and scale up the integrated preventive and curative package of nutrition interventions
- Juzoor is actively engaged in serving 30 shelters across both UNRWA and Government schools in North Gaza, in addition to another 20 shelters in the south
- Messaging on infant and young children feeding practices were provided to 125 pregnant and breastfeeding women through Ard Al Insan NGO in 4 IDPs shelters/ schools in Rafah.
- The nutrition team of UNRWA in West Bank works on providing a range of nutrition services, including Diet planning, nutritional education for schools, anemia case management, complementary feeding counselling and promotion of exclusive breastfeeding, and support for individuals seeking guidance on maintaining a healthy lifestyle specially for NCDs patients
- UNICEF works on strengthen and expanding its partnership with active national NGO partners in WB to be able to provide integrated nutrition preventive and curative package of interventions
- The International Medical Corps (IMC) plans to initiate the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) operation for an initial period of three months, which can be extended as per future needs. IMC intended to include the management of wasting in their intervention package





Wasting management Technical working group

IYCF, supplementary feeding & MNs supplementation





Task Force on establishing SBCC messages on supplementary feeding products

#### **Technical guidelines-SOPs**

Brief guidance on micronutrients and specialized food supplements to prevent malnutrition

IYCF-E advisor works on the development of adapting key IYCF-E guidance, mother-baby area guidance, BMS standard operating procedures and BMS kits and complementary feeding guidance.

Draft operational technical guidance for the management of wasting+ the simplified approaches for wasting management

Working on **SBCC messages on supplementary feeding products** & IYCF-E



# Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies

Operational
Guidance for
Emergency Relief
Staff and
Programme
Managers

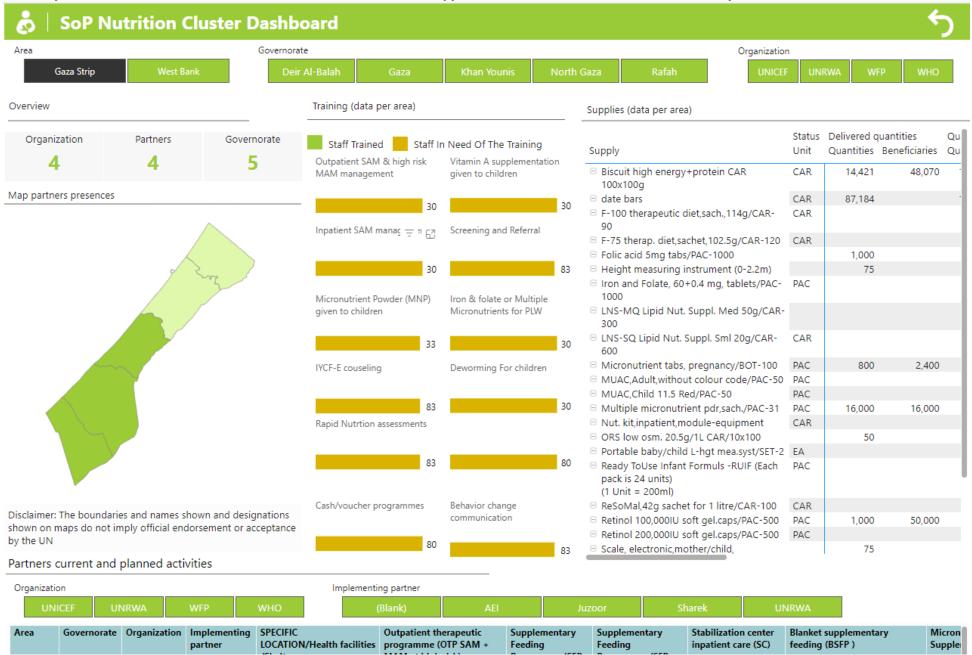
**Infant and Young Child** Feeding in Emergencies Gaza conflict: children in **SoP Nutrition Cluster call** need of lifesaving support for action | Global (IYCF-E) Key Messages for All Sectors | Global **Global Nutrition Cluster Nutrition Cluster Nutrition Cluster** Occupied Palestinian **SOP Coordination meetings IYCF** Questionnaire for Territory: Nutrition | Presentation | Global **Nutrition Cluster partners** | ReliefWeb Response **Global Nutrition Cluster Nutrition Cluster Infant and Young Child** Nutrition Working group-Feeding Joint Statement -State of Palestine **Breastfeeding Messages** | Gaza conflict | Global **Global Nutrition Cluster** Infographic | Global **Nutrition cluster Nutrition Cluster Nutrition Cluster Advocacy efforts UNRWA Food Insecurity in** Protecting Maternal, Infant **Forecasting Wasting** and Young Child Nutrition GAZA 2023 Nov 29.pptx Burden in the State of during the ongoing (live.com), gaza 1month Palestine | Global Nutrition emergency response | report Poster Cluster **Global Nutrition Cluster** (nutritioncluster.net)

# Nutrition cluster IM Support

- Contact List
- <u>3Ws Nutrition Cluster</u> <u>Template</u>
- Nutrition cluster Capacity mapping
- BMS Code Monitoring in Emergency Situations
- Website updates

- Work with Health cluster to include nutrition data in HeRAMS Questioners
- Working to finalize
   Nutrition partner update
   (5Ws) with OCHA 5Ws
   Plus

#### https://statics.teams.cdn.office.net/evergreen-assets/safelinks/1/atp-safelinks.html



### Way forward regarding Nutrition assessment

A comprehensive IYCF questionnaire covering infant, young children& maternal nutrition related questions. This questionnaire can be use by partners in the areas they cover, or during providing services to communities. This was also shared with UNOCHA to be added to the secondary data collection process that UNOCHA is doing under volunteers/ key informants' networks

Screening for malnutrition will be conducted by partners under CMAM program once it is rolled out.

Nutrition materials/resources have been shared with IPC analysis committee to be considered

The **IYCF** questionnaire will be used for MSNA once OCHA agreed to launch it.

Meanwhile partners are using Nutrition situation data and the projections the nutrition cluster shared for programming.

#### SoP Nutrition Cluster partners

Type of Agency	Agency Name
National Authorities	Ministry of Health
International NGO	CARE USA
Donor	FCDO
Observer-International agency	MSF Operational Centre Amsterdam
UN agency	WFP
UN agency	Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
UN agency	World Health Organization - WHO
International NGO	Breastfeeding International
International NGO	Rebuilding Alliance
International NGO	Save the Children International
International NGO	Catholic Relief Services
International NGO	CRS
Observer-International agency	Médecins Sans Frontières Belgique
Observer-International agency	MSF Spain
International NGO	CDC foundation
UN agency	UNICEF
International NGO	International Rescue Committee
UN agency	UNRWA
Local/National NGO	Ard El Insan
International NGO	Action Against Hunger ( ACF)
International NGO	Relief International
Local/National NGO	Juzoor for Health and Social Development
Other	UCL Institute for Global health
Local/National NGO	Al-awdah
Local/National NGO	Shareck
International NGO	MedGlobal
International NGO	CCP Japan
International NGO	International Medical Corps
International NGO	United Palestinian Appeal UPA
Other	LSHTM university
International NGO	Médicos del Mundo

#### Flash Appeal for Nutrition

23.4 million USD is needed for 3-month response (out of that 19.3 million is needed for Gaza Strip) 83 million is needed for 12month response (out of that 68.6 million is needed for Gaza Strip)

# Needed Resources

# The Nutrition cluster is 25% funded, for the 3 months need so far,

meaning that partners will not be able to address the nutritional needs for 75% of children, pregnant and breastfeeding women in Gaza (375,000 children and women).

#### Challenges

- Access to north Gaza is very challenging. It is very important to advocate for a longer ceasefire period to enable nutrition partners to deliver nutrition in emergencies package of services
- There is an urgent need for high level support to facilitate and prioritized nutrition supplies movement through Rafah borders to Gaza to support the provision of timely nutrition in emergency response
- We need to ensure that food supplies going into Gaza are adequate in quantity, and quality- including to meet the nutrition needs of young children.

# Way forward

Conducting the training sessions on the simplified approaches to be able to launch CMAM program implementation

Finalize SoP specific simplified SOPs for BMS, safe spaces, MNs supplementation, supplementary specialized food

Continue to work with UNOCHA on getting more visualized data and prioritization related exercises

Follow up BMS code monitoring system in Gaza Strip and reinforce the system implementation in WB

Further strengthen nutrition and inter-cluster coordination at sub-national level, how best we maximized partners capacity and mobilize resources for nutrition

Follow up the nutrition commodities pipeline status, to ensure the timely delivery of nutrition supplies.

Maximized advocacy and fund-raising opportunities

# THANK YOU

