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Monthly Operational and Monitoring Report AJK Rural Support Program

Province: AJK

Month: December, 2014

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WFP AJK At a Glance: December, 2014

Target Districts	Muzaffarabad, Hattian, Neelum & Haveli
Humanitarian Hubs	
Camps	
Other Distribution Points	84
Cooperating Partners	AJKRSP
Staff (International : National)	

HIGHLIGHTS

- Screening, referral and distribution process continued in four districts.
- The total screening reached 227000 so far out of which 82000 PLWs and 145000 children were examined.
- Out of total cases examined, 26850 PLWs and 40200 children found malnourished.
- During reporting month a total of 5633 MAM children including 2974 newly registered have been distributed food.
- A total of 8082 PLWs also received food out of which 325 were newly registered during month of December.
- Hence, a total of 64.583 MT food distributed during the month of December 2014.
- In targeted districts, monthly coordination and progress sharing meetings were also conducted with district health department.
- Along with distribution of supplementary food, door to door follow up visits and meetings with community groups are the important activities carried out during month. The social organizers have conducted meetings with mother support groups to sensitize them about issues of malnutrition in their area.
- A total of 348 mother support groups are participating in meetings and focus group discussions to identify the problems of mothers and children. In this connection regular sessions and sittings were held with these groups to exchange ideas regarding promotion of healthy nutrition and hygiene practices.
- State level review meeting was also held on 29th December in which district health officers, focal person health department, AJKRSP and WFP officials participated.
- WFP organized two days M&E training for capacity building of staff during reporting month.
- SAM food is under process of handing over to respective district health offices.

Situation Overview

As of December, 2014, a total of 227000 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) and children have been examined for their nutritional status including 82000 PLWs and 145000 children in four targeted districts. Out of total screened cases, 26850 PLWs and 40200 children were found malnourished which indicates a higher ratio of malnutrition in targeted areas. Similarly, during December, 2014, after having treatment, a total of 2778 children have been discharged from the program. In which 2640 have cured, 9 are default and the rest remained non-recovered which indicates 95% of cure rate as of end of December, 2014. Similarly, 154 PLWs have also been discharged from program including 10 defaulter and remaining with cure status.

Along treatment with provision of supplementary food the general awareness of community is another well focused activity. The involvement of community in CNP activities helped them in understanding the importance of health for their families. Now the situation is rapidly changing in CNP outreach as reports illustrate an increasing turn out at BHUs and during vaccination campaigns. The organized groups of community in shape of MSGs, Nutrition and health management committees are working for the sustainability of CNP initiatives.

Progress Updates

Progress for the month of December is given in the table below:

District	Beneficiaries			Food (MT)			Remarks
	Planned	Achieved	% achievement	Planned	Distributed	% achievement	
Muzaffarabad	6050	5257	80	27.57	25.129	86	
Neelum	4000	3844	99	18.09	18.231	100	
Hattian	2600	2546	100	11.72	11.570	100	
Havali	2600	2068	82	11.28	9.652	88	
TOTAL	15250	13715	90	68.66	64.583	93	

Operational Issues

The accessibility of beneficiaries is becoming tough in winter.

MONITORING FINDINGS

AJKRSP consistently involves community networks, community elders and the beneficiaries to regularly oversee and monitor the field activities. In addition to this, the combined field visits of AJKRSP monitoring staff along with representatives from health departments are facilitated on frequent basis so as to seek in time technical guidance and strengthen the process of cross verification and confirmation of achievements. For this purpose, a series of review meetings are also organized at BHUs, district and national level to get regular feedback from all

stakeholders so that in case of any deviation, the timely corrective measures could be taken to keep the project on track.

Following are the key findings have been observed during the month of December, 2014:

- The coordination between health department and AJKRSP has substantially improved in recent period.
- Seminars, campaigns and walks were also conducted to change the community behaviors about health.
- Door to door follow up visits and meetings with support groups proved to be very helpful in awareness raising of community.
- The provision of treatment with supplementary food to both mothers and children has significantly improved the health status of targeted group.
- The recovered cases after treatment and success stories from field are leaving positive impact at large in sensitizing the community to utilize proper food and exercising healthy practices..
- Weekly and monthly meetings of CNP staff with respective BHU staff have improved coordination.
- LHWs are actively taking part in screening and referral process.
- The cure rate of MAM children recorded 95%.
- Non cure rate reported low due to proper utilization of food and other activities like door to door follow ups, meetings with support groups and awareness sessions in community
- The beneficiaries expressed higher level of satisfaction to the distribution process
- Still there is high ratio of malnourished children and PLWs in the target area
- Relapse cases reported very low indicating positive impact
- The ratio of MAM children found higher in the field while the proportion of SAM children remained low in the targeted area. So far only 1205 SAM children found out of total screened cases in the four targeted districts.

OPERATIONAL PLAN: [January, 2015]

District	Total Beneficiaries		Total	Total Food Requirement (MT)
	MAM	PLW		
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Muzaffarabad	2300	2100	4400	19.29
Hattian	800	900	1700	7.71
Neelum	1600	1400	3000	13.06
Havali	1000	900	1900	8.31
Total	5700	5300	11000	48.37

Summary of District Wise CNP Initiative (SFP/OTPs) December, 2014

District	Planned SFPs	Functional SFPs	Planned OTPs	Functional OTPs
Muzaffarabad	36	33	-	-
Neelum	24	24	-	-
Hattian	14	14	-	-
Havali	13	13	-	-

Case Studies

Eman Noor an inhabitant of village Chinari hit by malnutrition when she was just six month old. Due to poor feeding and suffering from infections Eman rapidly lost her weight. Initially, her mother Rabia Bibi could not understand the reason of her weakness therefore she assumed it a routine shift of child growth. But later she realized that her child is getting weaker with passage of time. Due to lack of awareness and facilities she could just pray for her child health as claimed by herself when AJKRSP team visited her home for general screening under CNP.



After examining Eman Noor, the team told her mother about her malnutrition. Her MUAC was just 12 cm when she was exposed on June 17th. Rabia Bibi was much worry about her daughter when she came to know malnutrition and its consequences. AJKRSP team referred the child to BHU Chinari where Eman treatment was started. During follow up visits Rabia Bibi used to inquire the improvement in her child. The field team along with health education emphasized Rabia Bibi to utilize the food properly. After three month stay in programme Eman Noor was discharged from programme with MUAC 12.8 cm.

Upon Eman Noor recovery, her mother was looking delighted. She was pleasantly sharing the story of her child with mothers who were present there for examining their children. She said this is just because of food provided by WFP and AJKRSP. She expressed her views about programme and said that she will advise all mothers for treatment of their weak children under CNP. She ended up as “her kid will miss Acha Mum but I commit it will not be required for her ever”.



