Progress update on policy question formulation

NIPN Ethiopia-team

The 2nd NIPN Global Gathering: May 22-24, 2019, Amsterdam
Involving all nutrition sectors from the start

- **Training in January** – invited other sectors and institutes

- In addition to what was suggested in the **GSF guidelines**
  - Included a WHO/SURE element:
  - In addition to the internal **desk review**, we added a component which involves engaging stakeholders in the desk review and other steps.

- **Taking advantage of the NIPN seminars and** requesting input of seminar participants for related evidence gaps and possible research questions

- **Involving the existing structures** (MER SC) and the **newly established** NIPN MAC.
Where are we?

**STEP 1. Identify nutrition policy demand and initial questions**
- Ensure alignment with the national decision-making priorities and calendar

**STEP 2. Formulate policy relevant questions**
- Ensure policy relevance

**STEP 3. Refine questions to be answered with available data and capacity**
- Ensure technical feasibility

**STEP 4. Finalise and validate questions**
- Prioritise questions that meet all previous criteria

**STEP 1. Desk review & stakeholders’ discussions**

**STEP 2. Stakeholders’ workshop**

**STEP 3. NIPN team’s internal work**

**STEP 4. Back to stakeholders (through MAC)**
## Action plan for PQF

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<td>To identify prioritized nutrition policy relevant questions</td>
<td>1) Quick literature review (internal Desk Review)</td>
<td>Concise note</td>
<td>Team</td>
<td>Mar 25 - May 30, 2019</td>
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<td>- Make sure the questions are relevant, timely, and pertinent for the sector(s)</td>
<td>2) Stakeholders Engaging and brain storming</td>
<td>All policy relevant nutrition related documents and their opinion will be at hand</td>
<td>Abel and Sabit</td>
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<td>- Ensure representation of key and/or multiple sectors in the process of policy question identification</td>
<td>3) Preliminary review of the collected document and setting criteria's for prioritizing questions by stakeholders</td>
<td>Shared document and responsibility</td>
<td>Abel and Sabit</td>
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<td>- Document the process</td>
<td>4) Desk Review with stakeholders</td>
<td>List of participants identified</td>
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<td>Draft policy relevant questions</td>
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<td>Prioritized Field report</td>
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<td>5) Organizing consultative workshop with relevant stakeholders</td>
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<td>Abel &amp; Hassina</td>
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<td>Draft list of policy question</td>
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<td>8) Continue the next steps (2-4)</td>
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Summary updates so far...

Progress

- Training and familiarizing with PQF guideline
- We had more than 6 interactive discussion
- Identification of sectors, partners involved in nutrition activities
- Key influencers identified
- Preliminary desk review of Policy relevant documents
- Draft list of Policy questions are formulated
- Collect the MAC opinion
- Suggested idea collected from NIPN seminar
Challenges

• Engagement of staff in other activities
• Accessing different Policy relevant documents

Lesson learned

➤ Make sure all the reviewers are in the same page in reviewing policy relevant document

➤ Identify only key stakeholders to start the process instead of looking for all stakeholders.

➤ Working as a team is good to fine-tune the policy question
Thank You !!