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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)

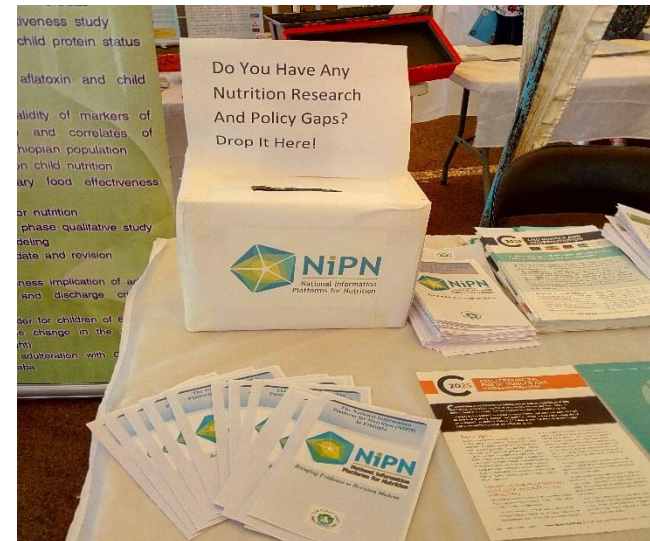


Action plan for PQF

Objectives	Activities	Deliverables	Responsible person	Date
<p>To identify prioritized nutrition policy relevant questions</p> <p>-Make sure the questions are relevant, timely, and pertinent for the sector(s)</p> <p>-Ensure representation of key and/or multiple sectors in the process of policy question identification</p> <p>-Document the process</p> <p>-MAC will be informed about the policy question formulation plan and consulted as necessary</p>	1) Quick literature review (internal Desk Review)	Concise note	Team	Mar 25 - May 30, 2019
	2) Stakeholders Engaging and brain storming	All policy relevant nutrition related documents and their opinion will be at hand	Abel and Sabit	June1 - June 15, 2019
	3) Preliminary review of the collected document and setting criteria's for prioritizing questions by stakeholders	Shared document and responsibility	Abel and Sabit	June 15 - June 30, 2019
		List of participants identified		
		Tools at hand		
	4) Desk Review with stakeholders	Draft policy relevant questions Prioritized Field report	Abel and Sabit	July 1 - July 15, 2019
	5) Organizing consultative workshop with relevant stakeholders	All inputs will be documented Minutes will be taken	Abel & Hassina	July 16 - July 30, 2019
	6) NIPN team's internal work	Draft list of policy question	Abel and Sabit	Aug. 1 – 10, 2019
7) Back to stakeholders (through MAC)			Aug. 11 – 25, 2019	
8) Continue the next steps (2 -4)			Sep. 31, 2019	

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 !!