

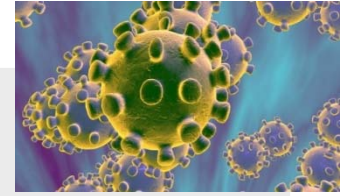
Continuation of Essential Nutrition Services in COVID-19 response

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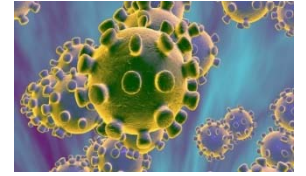




Outline

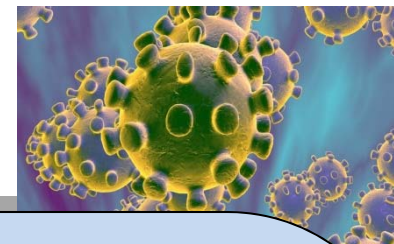
- Health systems realities in COVID-19 Context
- Maintaining key nutrition interventions
- Continuing nutrition services
- Optimization of service delivery
- General considerations

Health systems realities in COVID-19 context



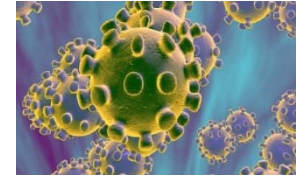
- COVID-19 is testing global health systems & services. The need for **innovations in the way we organize health services remain required**
- COVID-19 response is not the only concern of the populations, **other health needs remain and may even worsen**
- Ebola in West Africa in 2014-2015 noted that deaths caused by measles, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis attributable to health system failures exceeded deaths from Ebola.

Key Nutrition Interventions



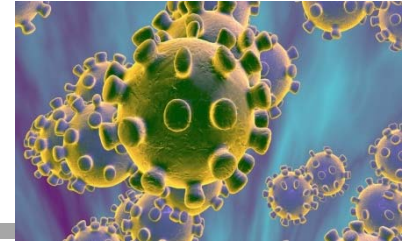
- Antenatal care; deliveries, Newborn care
- Breast feeding, Child growth monitoring
- Care of low-birth-weights, wasting
- Vits A, micronutrient (e.g. iodine, zinc, iron) supplementations
- Complementary feeding
- Nutritional care for at-risk older persons
- Nutritional care for persons –HIV, TB,

Key Risks to Continuation of Nutrition Services



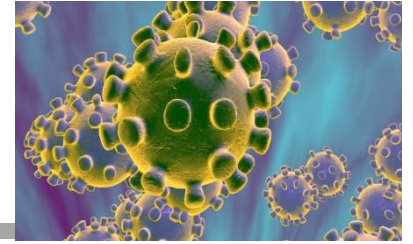
- **Disruption in access and availability of quality treatment services for wasted children:**
 - Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
 - Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM))
- **Disruption of the preventive services:**
 - Vitamin A supplementation (VAS)
 - Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling
 - Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (IFAS)
 - Maternal nutrition counseling and support etc.

Optimization of Service Delivery



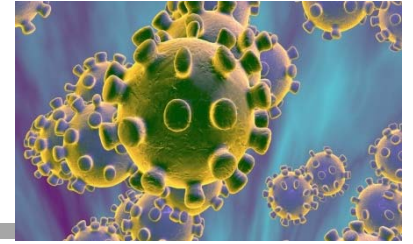
- Maintain health facilities for inpatient and outpatient management of acute malnutrition to prevent increased SAM-related mortality
- Use digital technology to provide counseling to protect and promote breastfeeding
- Continue to distribute iron and folic acid supplements to pregnant women, through MNCH service platforms
- Continue Vitamin A supplementation to children in coordination with immunization services

Optimization of Service Delivery



- Conduct screening for wasting and bilateral pitting edema in conjunction with essential child health services in the context of Corvid- 19
- Provide care for wasted children according to the national protocols wearing appropriate PPEs - both outpatient and inpatient
- Explore community strategies to enhance participation and involvement in service delivery
- Use digital technology to share data and information on nutrition according to the indicators in the national IMAM guideline

General considerations



- Advocate for continuity of routine health services to be an integral component of the strategic and operational plan
- Ring-fencing resources for Essential medicines and medical products
- Support supportive supervision, training, equitable redistribution of staff/ task shifting, standards/SOPs, etc.
- Foster multi-sectoral actions that are critical to the effective implementation of interventions
- Promote documentation and "learn by doing" and disseminate good practices and lesson learned.



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