



Abstract/Summary information for the Technical Meeting on Nutrition (TMN)

Subject Title	Expanded Program on Emergency Nutrition, Health and WASH interventions in Yemen
Level of Relevance <i>Global /Regional/National</i>	National - Sana'a and Taiz Governorates
Subject focus area <i>Research/programming/combination</i>	Combination
Sphere of interest <i>Humanitarian/Development/Cross-cutting</i>	Humanitarian
Main nutritional focus <i>Wasting/Stunting/Micronutrient malnutrition/overweight and obesity</i>	Comprehensive integrated package of health nutrition including micronutrient and WASH
Identify which of the ten thematic areas it relates to	Nutrition resilience - programming and evidence
<p>Abstract/Summary information</p> <p><u>What is the context?</u></p> <p>In Yemen, approximately 1,060,000 children under-5 are estimated to suffer from acute malnutrition, of which 279,146 are affected by life-threatening Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).¹ Furthermore, it is estimated that the Yemen population has more than 7.2 million people who are food insecure, leading to high rates of malnutrition in <5 Children and stunting.</p> <p><u>A brief description of the research/programme</u></p> <p>IMC is implementing a 36 months project funded by USAID/OFDA in Sana'a Governorate: Balad Al Roos, Sanhan, Bani Matar, Al Haymah Al Kharijjyah; and Taiz Governorate: Magbanah, Mawia, Dimnet Khadir districts. The total number to benefit from integrated package is 191,920; 100,000 Health; 55,900 <5 children nutrition, and 36,020 WASH.</p> <p><u>Main aims</u></p> <p>The Project aims to contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality among vulnerable families, particularly women and children, through the provision of community-level emergency assistance and integrated health, nutrition, and WASH interventions.</p>	

¹ UNICEF. *Yemen: Monthly Situation Report*. September 2013.

What has been learned that is new?

Under the previous project cycle, the integration of health services with nutrition and hygiene interventions has proven successful in achieving maximum impact both in the delivery of clinical services and in the training of staff and volunteers.

Does it inform: evidence/design decisions/policy/other?

The on-going Nutrition Causal Analysis (NCA) using qualitative data which will provide context specific information on the underlying causes of Malnutrition in Sana'a and Taiz. The data will feedback into the programme designing, National Nutrition Strategy and programming within the country.

How robust are the findings?

NCA is the first to be conducted within the country and will provide essential information on the underlying causes or any associated factors of malnutrition in two governorates in Yemen, But based on the context the result will give evidence based information to feed into national nutrition strategy.