

Vietnam

Improvement Plan

Thematic window: Children, Food Security & Nutrition

Programme Title: Integrated Nutrition and Food Security Strategies for Children and Vulnerable Groups

c) File for the Joint Programme Improvement Plan

After the interim evaluation is complete, the phase of incorporating its recommendations shall begin. This file is to be used as the basis for establishing an improvement plan for the joint programme, which will bring together all the recommendations, actions to be carried out by programme management.

| Evaluation Recommendation No 205. | | | | | | |
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| Promote discussion between involved UN agencies and the government about the understanding of the JP and integration between health and agriculture components | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| The Management team agrees to take action on the recommendation raised by the independent evaluator. The issue has been brought for discussion in the Review workshop organised in December 2011 and follow up meetings in 2012 | | | | | | |
| Key actions | | Time frame | Person responsible | Follow-up | | Secretariat |
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| 1.1 To conduct annual review meeting with the UN and Government. | | March 2012 | FAO, UNICEF and WHO PMU | Will be organised in early March | | |
| 1.2 Annual Review Meeting | | Annually | PMU, PUNOs | 1st quarter 2012 | On-going | |
| 1.3 Regular PMC Meeting | | Monthly | PMU, PUNOs | 1st meeting in Feb 2012 | | |
| 1.4 Regular meeting at provincial and commune level (both Agriculture and Health component) | | Quarterly | PMU | | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 207 & No. 212 | | | | | | |
| Activities focused on agriculture/production (outcomes 1 and 5) should be reoriented into actions focused on household food security and nutrition for mothers and children, especially vulnerable households with stunting or micronutrient deficiencies | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| We see that the Recommendation No. 207 and No. 212 are similar and need to be solved mostly by FAO from UN and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in coordination with Ministry of Health and other UN agencies participating in the JP. The recommendation is practical and relevant for follow up | | | | | | |
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| 2.1. Development of joint micronutrient handbook | | December 2012 | WHO, UNICEF and NIN, FAO, MARD, MOH | | | |
| 2.2 National review workshop on pro-poor policies ensuring food security, nutrition and health | | December 2012 | FAO, MARD | | Completed | |
| 2.3 Trial testing of GIEW for food insecurity at 6 provinces | | Mar-Dec 2012 | FAO, MARD | Information from GIEW system running will be extracted, including information on food-insecurity for | | |

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| | | | further intervention from nutrition and health aspects | | | |
| 2.3 Ensure mother & child benefit from health intervention | Feb-Dec 2012 | PMU, PUNOs | All parties agree to consider this in every food security activity conducted in 2012 as appropriate | On-going | | |
| 2.4 Enhance the role of the agricultural staff at district levels by sharing results to district focal point or involve district into activities and Participation in district-level decisions by the district manager official for agriculture, the responsible extension service and the relevant commune-level extension workers | Jan- Dec | MARD, DARD | Focal points of Agriculture sector will be shared the results and be supported to involve actively in planning and implementation at grass root level | | | |
| 2.5. Allocate funds to provide inputs on demonstration activities | Mar-Dec 2012 | PUNOs, PMU | Survey findings, baseline and end line results will be shared among agencies, especially information and data on early warning system on food insecurity and nutrition deficiencies | | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 208 | | | | | | |
| PMU should play an operational role, and the PMC should play a programmatic and strategic/technical role | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| We agree on the recommendation and have taken necessary steps to strengthen the role | | | | | | |
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| 3.1 Technical monitoring/supervision of all JP activities | Mar-Dec 2012 | PMU/MOH, | | | | |
| 3.2 Get consensus on the Annual Work Plan, review and reporting | Annually | PMU | The recent PMC meeting organised in February | On-going | | |
| 3. 3 Involve MARD (Agriculture area) in regular meetings and missions | quarterly | PMU, PUNOs | | | | |

| Evaluation Recommendation No. 209 | | | | | | |
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| Communication/advocacy: Further work is recommended in the adaptation of communication materials for the conditions and needs at commune level (languages, pictures, font size, simplified messages, etc.), including the use of ethnic languages, to increase the availability of IEC materials and to strengthen the strategy for scaling up the Village Breastfeeding Mum Support Group. Visibility of the JP, logos of the national institutions and donor presence should be enhanced. | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| The issues have been aware and noted during the mid-term review. We agree to follow up in 2012 activities conducted by all partners | | | | | | |
| Key actions | | Time frame | Person responsible | Follow-up | | Secretariat |
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| 4.1 To adapt the IEC materials to the commune level | | June 2012 | FAO, UNICEF and WHO, DOH | | | |
| 4.2 To include the MDG-F logo in each of the national and provincial activities and materials during 2012 | | June 2012 | FAO, UNICEF and WHO, MARD, MOH | | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 211 | | | | | | |
| Sustainability: As MDG-F overall framework ends by end of June 2013, it is recommended an extension from January 2013 to June 2013 (six months), centred in consolidating actions in the selected provinces and advocating for the extension of actions to other provinces. | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| We agree to the recommendations and start planning for integration of the results of the JP into the national target programme in Agriculture and Health. MOH and MARD take the main role in this process. | | | | | | |
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| 5.1 Application of the No-cost extension | | April 2012 | UN agencies and Government | PMU and PUNOs will prepare the 6 month no-cost extension in the coming months. | | |
| 5.2 Integration of the JP results to National Target Programme on Malnutrition control | | 2012-2015 | MOH | | | |
| 5.3 Integration of the JP results to the National Target Programme on Food Security Strategy to 2020 vision 2030 | | 2012-2015 | MARD | | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 212 | | | | | | |
| Improve the sustainability of the training and communication materials supported by the Joint Programme. | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| Agree | | | | | | |
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| 6.1 Training and materials should be | | Feb-Dec | PMU, PUNOs | All training documents and materials are | Incorporated | |

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| included as part of MoH and MARD national and provincial programmes on health and agriculture. | 2012 | | to be endorsed at Ministry level before circulation or publication | into the Workplan 2012 | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 213 | | | | | | |
| Improve coordination between the UN agencies | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| Agree | | | | | | |
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| 7.1 Regular sharing and discussion on ongoing methodologies among UN agencies | April 2012 | UN agencies and Government | | | | |
| 7.2 Joint activities and monitoring to project sites | Mar-Dec 2012 | PUNOs, PMU | | | | |

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| Evaluation Recommendation No. 214 | | | | | | |
| Improve internal communication between the UN agencies and Government. | | | | | | |
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| 8.1 Regular information update on each activity planning and implementation | January 2012 | PMU, PUNOs | | | | |
| 8.2 PMC meetings | monthly | All | | | | |
| Evaluation Recommendation No. 215 and 216 | | | | | | |
| FAO to reinforce its technical support through more staff and technical assistance. FAO should dedicate resources needed for supporting the JP and provide assistance for the re-orientation of Outcomes 1 and 5 and promote jointly with WHO and UNICEF, the integration of health and nutrition outcomes | | | | | | |
| Response from the Joint Programme Management | | | | | | |
| Agree to take action | | | | | | |
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| 9.1 Increase technical assistance on food security provided to the JP, including full time technical staff working at FAO Vietnam | March 2012 | FAO, MARD | Missions of technical experts and specialist from regional office to Vietnam will be organised in the first quarter; Programme Officer position creation has been initiated and to be followed up in 2012 | | | |
| 9.2 Focus activities on mothers and children | February 2012 | FAO, WHO and UNICEF | In contract negotiations and implementation of activities at local level | | | |
| 9.3 Provide technical assistance to the GIEWS systems | 2012 - 2013 | FAO, MARD | Funding to be mobilised in OP3 under Food Security cluster including mobilize fund for running GIEWS at national level | | | |
| 9.4. Nutrition balance sheet for the country | 2012-2015 | GSO, MARD, MOH, FAO | In discussion process, TOR to be developed | | | |