

# Sri Lanka



# Adequate Policies are in place

- Integrated into existing policies – NNP
- Financial obligation of the Government in place
- Included in the MSNAP as a result area



# Key issues - programme

- Non availability of supplementary food for MAM children
- Poor targeting of existing interventions within households with wasted children
- Issues with age appropriate nutrition counselling on complementary feeding, and feeding during illness
- Non availability of targeted programme for LBW babies
- Inadequate focussed to promote adequate weight gain in pregnancy, especially among low BMI mothers
- Inadequate referral of SAM children and back referral
- Non adherence to guidelines by health staff
- Need the country specific guideline
- Procurement of RUTF – real cash, complex procedures in the government, out of stock at global level
- Supply chain issues – under pharmaceuticals

# Key issues - advocacy

- Food insecurity and poverty alleviation interventions not targeted to nutritionally vulnerable households
- Policy makers and accounting officers unaware of the importance of SAM treatment
- Insufficient support of paediatricians in hospitals
- Funding for effectiveness trial for locally prepared RUTF and support to purchase RUTF

# Key issues – knowledge / data gap

- Non adherence to information system and poor real time data
- Not included in the management information system
- No mapping system for SAM children by all levels
- Success stories are not shared

# Key actions

Issue	Activity	Time-line	Agency responsible	Milestone	Support required
Non availability of supplementary food for MAM children	Develop a product	2017-2018	MoH	In place	Technical and financial WFP
Poor targeting of existing interventions within households with wasted children	Include into the MSNAP and implementation	2017-2020	National Nutrition Secretariat at Presidential Secretariat	Annual progress review	Non health sector mobilisation
Issues with age appropriate nutrition counselling on complementary feeding and feeding during illness	Supportive supervision to improve the counselling of children with growth faltering	2017 continuous	Ministry of Health	Quarterly MCH reviews	Adequate human resources
Non availability of targeted programme for LBW babies	Develop nutrition care plan from 6 months	2018	MoH	In place	College of paediatricians WHO UNICEF

# Key actions

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Inadequate focus to promote adequate weight gain in pregnancy, especially among low BMI mothers	Establish a referral system to nutrition clinics	2017 onwards	MoH	Quarterly MCH reviews	system strengthening
Inadequate referral of SAM children and back referral	Revision of referral plan to include nutrition clinics to improve coverage	2017 onwards	MoH	Quarterly MCH reviews	system strengthening
Non adherence to guidelines by health staff	sensitisation and Strengthen supportive supervision	2017 onwards	MoH	Quarterly MCH reviews	system strengthening
Need the country specific guideline	Develop new protocol of SAM management	2017 onwards	MoH	Implementation of new guidelines	Technical – UNICEF/WHO

# Key actions

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Procurement of RUTF – real cash, complex procedures in the government, out of stock at global level	Sensitisation and advocate relevant officers	2018	MoH	Adequate annual supply of RUTF	Capacity building – UNICEF, WFP
Supply chain issues – under pharmaceuticals	Sensitisation of logistic officers	2018	MoH	Annual progress review	Capacity building – UNICEF, WFP
Food insecurity and poverty alleviation interventions not targeted to nutritionally vulnerable households	Advocate cabinet and relevant ministries with adequate scientific information	2017-2020	National Nutrition Secretariat at Presidential Secretariat	Annual progress review	Non health sector mobilisation



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Policy makers and accounting officers unaware of the importance of SAM treatment	Sensitisation and advocate relevant officers	2018	MoH	Increase the SAM coverage to 80%	Capacity building – UNICEF, WFP
Insufficient support of paediatricians in hospitals	Sensitisation and advocate	2018	MoH	Increase the SAM coverage to 80%	Capacity building – UNICEF, WFP
Funding for effectiveness trial for locally prepared RUTF and support to purchase RUTF	Advocate to provide adequate funding and technical support	2018	MoH	Availability of Locally prepared RUTF	Funding and technical support UNICEF, WFP, WHO, FAO

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Non adherence to information system and poor real time data	Sensitisation and Improved supportive supervision	2018	MoH	Annual review	Technical UNICEF, WHO
Not included in the management information system	Include the SAM component to MIS	2019	MoH	Annual review of MIS	System Strengthening
No mapping system for SAM children at all levels	GIS mapping at GN, district and national level	2018	MoH	Annual updates	Technical – UNICEF, WFP
Success stories are not shared	Dissemination of success stories	2018	MoH	Annual updates	Technical – UNICEF, WHO