**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION (SCFN), HELD IN THE ODA CONFERENCE HALL ON 24TH JUNE, 2021.**

**1.0. ATTENDANCE**

1. Mr. Isume F. O Permanent Secretary MEP - Chairman

2. Mrs. Ogbewe Patience, Director (ODA) - Member

3. Mrs. Egedi S. O. (DPRS) - Member

4. Mrs. Amitaye Millie, Assistant Director, ODA - Member

5. Mr. Benson Etchie, SNO, PHCDA - Member

6. Mrs. Adeboyo J. O. (MWACSD) - Member

7. Mr. Fred Ugheni (MWACSD) - Member

8. Mrs. Ebinum-Olisa Florence, MOBSE - Member

9. Mrs. Omokhudu Gladys, UNICEF Focal, NOA - Member

10. Engr. Egbukile Sunday, HOD Ext. Project, RUWASSA - Member

11. Mrs. Patricia Gbemudu, UNICEF Focal, MOI - Member

12. Dr. Bobonla Agbonle, State Coordinator, CS-SUNN - Member

13. Mrs. Agwai Olubunmi, IMCI Coord. MOH - Member

16. Mr. Mordi Ifeanyi (NPONC) - Member

17. Mr. Odo Chrysanthus, Sec NSN, - Member

18. Mrs. Okubio Deborah, CEO Dir. of LG Affairs - Member

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Onukwu Victor (MEP)

Miss Tracy Custom (MEP)

**2.0 Opening**

The meeting started at about 11:00 am at the ODA conference hall with an opening prayer said by Mrs. Okubio Deborah from the Directorate of Local Government Affairs.

1. **Welcome Remark**

The Permanent Secretary welcomed all members present to the second meeting of SCFN and reiterated his commitment to attend the meeting of the SCFN

**4.0 Reading of minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Onukwu Victor, AO1 in the ODA Department Observations and corrections was noted and thereafter the minutes of the meeting were adopted by Mrs. Agwai Olbunmi and seconded by Mrs. Okubio Deborah.

**5.0 Matters Arising.**

**5.1. Presentation of Reports by Members**

1. **Report of virtual meeting of the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) with SCFN Chairperson.**

The report was presented by the focal person. Key points of the report were as follow:

1. Resolution of the NGF meeting on the scorecard submission and
2. Development of SCFN Work plan..

Mrs. Egedi Stella from Ministry of Agriculture made an observation on some activities being misplaced in wrong Ministries. She suggested that the Ministry of Agriculture rather than the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education (MBSE) should carry out all Agricultural projects and activities. This was resolved among members having in mind that nutrition is multi-sectoral. The workplan was then finalized by members.

**5.2 Joint Advocacy Report**

The report was read by Mr. Onukwu Victor. The joint Advocacy and sensitization visit to Local Government Area Policy Makers, Committee Leaders and School Heads of six (6) poor Communities of three (3) LGAs of Burutu, Ukwani, and Ethiope East was to get their buy -in and support for Nutrition activities ongoing in the LGAs especially the women empowerment programme and Adolescent Nutrition. Their support was particularly required in the following areas.

i. To ensure that children attends School.

ii. To ensure that mothers attends anti-natal and primary Health Care Centre when delivery instead of traditional birth attendance.

iii. To ensure that the children eat good food for proper growth.

iv. Provision of toilet in every house

v. Provision and drinking of potable water to avoid diseases

vi. Support child birth registration and immunization

vii. Encourage the adolescence to partake in the ongoing supplementation of Iron Folic tablets.

Copies of the Food and Nutrition Policies were distributed to LGAs and Communities by the SCFN.

**6.0 Report on Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) Children**

The State Nutrition Officer (SNO) Mr. Benson Etchie of the Delta State Primary Health Care Development Agency (DPHCDA) gave the report on management of SAM Children in six (6) LGAs/Communities. 180 cartons of RUTF drugs were distributed to manage both none severe and acute malnourished children.

**7.0 AOB**

i. Engr. Sunny remarked on the need to carry on follow up action on the advocacy in line with the proposals that has been submitted to the Chairman SCFN via the Director ODA.

ii. All MDAs should write out their priority proposals to enable for the completion of the NGF Scorecard.

**8.0 Next Step for SCFN**

i. SCFN to reviewed SSPAN

ii. SCFN should develop priority plan for the MSPAN to align with national plan

iii. DPRSs in the MDAs will incorporate the activities into their Work Plan and budgets.

iv. SCFN chairperson should review all MDAs Nutrition Activities and ensure Nutrition is adequately captured and budgeted in the State Annual Budget.

v. The State SCFN Chairmen were admonished to ensure at least 75% release funds for Nutrition Activities.

vi. SCFN should advocate for 6 month maternity leave for nursing mothers. Only five States of Lagos, Enugu Ekiti, Oyo and Kaduna have commenced 6 months maternity leave for nursing mothers.

vii. SCFN should advocate for the establishment of a Crèche in the State Secretariat.

**9.0 Closing Remark**

The Director ODA Lady Patience Ogbewe in her closing remark appreciated everyone for their contributions. She stated that the Governors are becoming more aware and interested in Nutrition. Talking further she expressed her excitement over SCFN progress in addressing one or two challenges with respect to Nutrition particularly in the area of the distribution of the RUTF for management of SAM. In conclusion she said, Nutrition is one key achievement of the SCFN this year and believe that before the next quarter the core matters on significant advancement on Nutrition issues would have been attended to, which of course would impact on the lives of the less privileges and Vulnerable in the State.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Agwai Olubunmi and was seconded by Mrs. Okubio Deborah

**11.0. Closing**

The meeting came to a close at about 2:30 pm with a prayer by Mr. Odo. Chrysanthus, from the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN).

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Mr. Frank Isume Mr. Benson Etchie

Permanent Secretary/Chairman SCFN SNO

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Mrs. Amitaye Millie

UNICEF Focal Person/Recorder