**REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF STATE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION (SCFN) HELD AT IBADAN BUSINESS SCHOOL, OLD BODIJA AREA, IBADAN, OYO STATE, ON THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2021.**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1The Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (MB&EP) in collaboration with UNICEF, Akure Field Office, organised the quarterly meeting of State Committee on Food and Nutrition (SCFN) for members. It was held at Ibadan Business School, Old Bodija, Ibadan, Oyo State, on Thursday, 25th February, 2021. The meeting was presided by the Chairman (SCFN)/Permanent Secretary (MB&EP) Mrs. M.O Adebiyi.

**2.0 OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 In her opening remarks, the Chairman (SCFN) welcomed all the participants to the first meeting in the year 2021. She apologised for the aborted meetings in the 2020 which she attributed to COVID 19 pandemic and EndSARS protest that disrupted socio-economic activities in the State.

2.2 She stated that, the Oyo State Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition (OYSSPAN) document that has been launched was meant to provide a strategic direction for nutrition activities in the State in line with its statutory responsibility of SCFN. The chairman, thereafter, expressed gratitude to the State Government, under the dynamic leadership of His Excellency, Engr. Seyi Makinde for providing enabling environment for good governance in the State.

2.3 The chairman also appreciated the donor partner (UNICEF) for their unflinching support to fund various programmes/projects. Most especially, for building the capacity of State officials and also provides technical supports in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Education, Social Protection and other sectors of the economy.

2.4 Finally, the chairman enjoined the participants at the meeting to ensure effective implementation of the plan document with a view of providing drastic reduction in the prevalence of malnutrition and food insecurity in the State.

3.0 **Objectives of the Meeting**

3.1 While presenting the objectives of the meeting, the Director, Development Partnership, Mr. M.A Oyetunji disclosed that, the meeting was convened to:

* enable members to present the updates of nutrition related activities in their various MDAs;
* agree on how members will develop and articulate their sector’s Annual workplan and the implementation strategy;
  + examine challenges encountered by members in their various MDAs and proffer possible solutions;
  + develop monitoring and reporting mechanism for Nutrition Programmes in the State.

**4.0 Technical Session**

4.1 The session began with the presentations of an update by various line MDAs/Sectors. The salient issues that emanated from the reports rendered by these MDAs were as highlighted below:

4.1.1 **State Primary Health Care Board**

4.1.2 The Board was represented by the Assistant State Nutrition Officer (ASNO), Mrs. Sakirat Ajuwon. Her report was based on the Nutrition Trends and Situation Analysis in Oyo State’’. The following are the salient issues that emanated from her report:

* 100 participants were sensitized on codes of marketing breast-milk substitutes in collaboration with NAFDAC;
* 293 participants were trained on Infant and young child feeding scale up from 12 health facilities across 33 LGAs in the State;

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* 320 Health workers from Public Health facilities on the job on nutrition intervention supported by ANRiN; and
* Health workers were trained on nutrition effectiveness from Oyo South Senatorial district which includes Ibadan South-east, Ibarapa Central, Ibarapa East, Ibarapa North, Ibadan North-east, Ibadan North, Ibadan North-west, Ibadan South-west and Ido sponsored by UNICEF.
  + 1. **Ministry of Education, Science and Technology**

**4.2.2** The SCFN focal person from the Ministry, Mrs. F.O Fawole reported on Home Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP) in the State, she stated that:

* HGSFP started in the State on 30th January, 2017 with 101,107 pupils;
* As at January, 2020 which was last day pupils were fed, 202,203 pupils were in primary one to three across all LGAs in the State;
* 2,138 public primary schools were partaking in HGSFP while efforts are ongoing on inclusion of remaining 305 public primary schools in all LGAs across the State.

**4.3.1 Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Inclusion**

**4.3.2** The SCFN focal person for the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Inclusion Mrs. Aderibigbe reported that, in the bid to ensure adequate nutrition in the private homes of vulnerable groups in the State, the Ministry of Women Affairs embarked on the following activities:

* Disbursement of ₦1,100,000.00 monthly to the following State Homes:

* Child Care Unit, Ijokodo
* Juvenile Correctional Institution, Ijokodo
* Rehabilitation Centre, Moniya
* Nigeria Training Centre for the Blind (NTCB), Ogbomoso
* The fund disbursed is to cater for the total well-being of the children at the homes;
* She revealed that, the ₦1.1m being disbursed is under review as His Excellency approved the sum of ₦600.00 per child for daily feeding which would in turn increase the monthly amount disbursed to the Government Homes;
* The Ministry disbursed subventions to 167 Non-Governmental Organisations and Orphanages/Children Homes in the State on Wednesday 28th October, 2020 to support them in caring for vulnerable groups in the State;
* The total sum of money disbursed so far was ₦11,144,000.00;
* Year 2020’s Breastfeeding Week usually observed between 1st – 5th August every year to sensitize mothers on the importance of breastfeeding;

4.4.1 **Ministry of Health**

4.4.2 The representative of the Ministry of Health, reported on the World Bank Project tagged ‘’Accelerating Nutrition Result in Nigeria’’ (ANRiN). The Project Manager (ANRiN) who is represented by Mr. Adebayo Sanusi presented for ANRiN, his presentation covers the following activities:

* Activity for the month of December, 2020.
* Opening of financial proposals of the 6 Non-State Actors (NSAs) that had a minimum point of 70% in the technical proposals was carried out in December, 31st, 2020. The representatives of the six (6) NSAs, the Project Implementation Unit members and the State Technical Advisor (STA) for the World Bank were all in attendance.
* Activities for the Month of January, 2021
* Evaluation of financial proposals and combined evaluation of both Technical and Financial Proposals of the 6 NSAs were carried out and still on going.
* Shortlisted NSAs
* NSAs were eventually shortlisted having got the highest points for the combined evaluation of Technical and Financial proposals. The two (2) NSAs were invited officially for Contract Negotiation in February, 2021.
* Activities for Month of February, 2021
* Contract negotiation with NSAs was conducted with three representatives of them, the PIU members and State Technical Advisor (available virtually).
* A day coordination meeting with relevant stakeholders in Health Sector, which includes: HCH, PS MOH, ES SPHCDB, DPH, DPR&S, 33 MOHs of LGAs, CSOs, CBOs, UNICEF, WHO, Development partners and Mapping Consultants. Updates on ANRiN Project in the State and the Project Deliverables by each NSAs to the beneficiaries across the 33 LGAs were presented to the Stakeholders.
* ANRiN also held a-3 day meeting on development of 2021 AOP for Nutrition Activities in the State. The aim is to support line Ministries in Nutrition Sensitive activities. Evaluation of activities developed by each line ministries is on-going and ANRiN will get back to them soon.
* PIU ANRiN (Oyo State) is waiting for the World Bank’s No Objection to proceed into contract signing with each of the 2 NSAs shortlisted. Hopefully, these activities will take place by March, 2021.

4.5.1 **Oyo RUWASSA**

4.5.2 The SCFN focal person for Agency, Mrs. Risikat Opeyemi made presentation on WASH activities for the State. She stated that:

* Oyo RUWASSA has inaugurated Steering Committee on WASH as a quick response to COVID 19;
* Oyo RUWASSA distributed 100 big permanent WASH facilities across the LGAs in Oyo State putting into consideration the physical challenged in the construction of the facilities;
* Oyo RUWASSA distributed 20 of the smaller size and 10 of bigger size facilities which were distributed according to densely populated area and accompanied this with hygiene kits that contained soap, hand sanitizers and tissues. It was sponsored by Heineken Water Aid;
* Oyo RUWASSA was able to dig 3,000 boreholes on partnership basis but 400 was dug since February 8th, 2021 that a new RIG was commissioned;
* Oyo State Government bought a new Rig for the Agency and it was commissioned on 8th February, 2021;
* Oyo RUWASSA was able to promote Hygiene Education both on jingles and physical means that involves going to few schools;

4.6.1 **Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

4.6.2 The SCFN focal officer for the Ministry reported that Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development through the Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Nanono declared and disseminated a strategic work plan on Nutrition as Agricultural sensitive with objective of reducing high rate of malnutrition through food security in the country. It was observed that Oyo State have the highest rate of malnutrition in Southwestern States.

4.7.1 **Oyo State Bureau of Statistics**

4.7.2 The SCFN focal person for the Bureau, Mr. T.J Ayanleke reported that:

* the Bureau is awaiting the approval to have a meeting with all MDAs in the State with a view to informing them what exactly data to submit;
* efforts are ongoing for SBS to be proactive in term of data generation for the state.

4.8.1 **CS-SUNN (Non-Governmental Organisation)**

4.8.2 The representative of the Civil Society-Scale Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN), Mr. O. Adio reported that his organisation embarked on the following activities in the State:

* Advocacy to the line-ministries on nutrition;
* Advocacy to the religious and communities leaders on nutrition;
* Full demonstration in primary health care centres on exclusive breast feeding in two local government.

4.9.1 **Dept. of Nutrition (University of Ibadan)**

4.9.2 The SCFN focal person for the Department, Dr. Oluwaseun Ariyo presented the following report of activities:

* Capacity building of students at undergraduate and postgraduate levels: Teaching, demonstration and mentoring. Teaching component is presently on hold because of the ravaging COVID 19 pandemic and subsequent shut down of the University;
* Leading cutting-edge researches to address nutrition and health situations in Nigeria and beyond
* Build capacities in Explorative, Operational and Implementation researches; and
* Community Service (Continued Nutrition Education, consultancy services to promote nutrition, health and well-being of Nigerians)
* The University is supporting the state MDAs, organizations, other institutions and health facilities in promoting enabling environment for nutrition activities, providing technical inputs in programme/project planning and implementation, among others;
* The University is also driving public nutrition education to promote adoption of healthy dietary practices and promote improved nutrition across the states;
* Support for the implementation of ANRiN project in the state;
* Engage in promotion of home gardening and nutrition education of school age children through a summer school programme; and
* Preliminary evaluation of selected public primary schools in the state in an attempt to promote nutrition education and school gardening

4.9.3 The presentations were highly stimulating and interactive, it was rounded off with questions and clarifications.

**5.0 NEXT STEP**

5.1 Members unanimously agreed that:

* There should be an advocacy and sensitization visit to the House of Assembly on the need for adequate support for nutrition activities in the State;
* Advocacy visit to be paid to the line MDAs where nutrition activities is not proactive;
* The nutrition line MDAs to submit reports regularly to the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning; and
* Nutrition focal officers from LAUTECH and Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo to be invited for the next quarterly meetings.

**6.0 CLOSING**

6.2 The meeting rose at 3.10pm with closing prayer through recitation of the second stanza of National Anthem. Life live