

Regional workshop on strengthening national surveillance capacities on global nutrition monitoring framework in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals

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The workshop comprises of 38 participants from 10 Member States (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Thailand), WHO secretariat and other agencies (UNICEF and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation). The objective of the workshop is to strengthen capacity of Member States in setting national nutrition targets and monitoring progress towards the Global Nutrition Targets 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 3.

Each country shared the country's progress, experiences and challenges with regard to nutrition program monitoring and surveillance. Country challenges are data gaps in survey data, interpretation and also underutilization of data. Member States were provided technical support to set national nutrition targets to monitor progress through training on the use of the Global Nutrition Targets tracking tool, updates on other data platform and set nutrition indicators in the Global Nutrition Monitoring Framework (GNMF). The workshop explored some of the key areas and challenges with regard to nutrition information system in Member States. Tracking tool is a web-based tool, useful to countries in setting targets with greater understanding of their country commitments, monitoring and reviewing their progress and application in scaling up nutrition programs. Member States got an opportunity to assess their monitoring indicators, availability, accuracy and definitions, data sources, frequency of data availability and other parameters related to the indicators at country level and ensure that information on these 20 indicators are collected in national surveys. Member States have discussed the way to better use of existing data, to strengthen existing data collection, improvement of monitoring and the frequency of data collection. Also try and harmonize key indicator assessment for qualified survey methodology.

In summary, this workshop is useful for our country in updating on recent WHO tools and platforms for monitoring nutrition programs. In addition, Member States have learnt to utilize information provided by the tracking tool to scale-up country nutrition programs and discussed on a harmonized systematic approach to nutrition monitoring.
