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Regional African CMAM Meeting
An Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) Initiative in collaboration with
the Government of Ethiopia
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Activity Update, Global Level, January 2011

This project started in earnest in January 2011 with the appointment of the Principal Researcher and an Administrative Manager both based in Addis Ababa. An office from which to administer the project has been identified and other administrative matters taken forward. The lead-in time ahead of the meeting is 9 months.

The main activities undertaken in this month are:

1. Initial agreements with the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health (F-MoH) secured for hosting the meeting.
2. A draft MOU prepared between ENN and F-MOH outlining roles and responsibilities.
3. Agreement in-country to establish a Steering Committee of Government, UN and INGO staff to guide meeting activities and to feed information and link with the global CMAM ad-hoc group through monthly updates (this document).
4. E mail contact with a range of key CMAM stakeholders in Africa and Asia (UN, INGO and individuals) informing them about the meeting and requesting advice on the selection of case study countries and observer countries to be invited to the meeting.
5. Development of a spread sheet to monitor information on the list of countries put forward for case study selection according to pre-defined criteria for inclusion (e.g. levels of SAM, stage of CMAM roll out, particular thematic area of interest).
6. Meetings held in-country with bilateral donors (Irish Aid and DFID) and with UNICEF and other key stakeholders to discuss the project and process in more depth.

Next Steps for February 2011

1. Hold the first in-country Steering Group meeting
2. Finalise MOU with F-MOH
3. Short list case study countries, collect background information and make preparation to visit 10 countries (by Principal Researcher)
4. Short list other countries to be invited to learn from the meeting presentations
5. Identify venue for meeting

Please feel free to share with others you consider this of interest and relevant to, and/or share their contact details with us to add to the circulation.

If you have relevant initiatives that you would like to contribute on or suggestions to make, contact: Marie McGrath, ENN, email: marie@enonline.net