Nutrition Cluster Information Management Training

CORE FUNCTIONS of A Cluster

The **core functions** of a cluster at the country-level are:

1. **Supporting service delivery** 
   * Provide a platform to ensure that service delivery is driven by the agreed strategic priorities
   * Develop mechanisms to eliminate duplication of service delivery
2. **Informing strategic decision-making of the HC/HCT for the humanitarian response**
   * Preparing needs assessment and analysis of gaps (across and within clusters, using information management tools as needed) to inform the setting of priorities
   * Identifying and finding solutions for (emerging) gaps, obstacles, duplication and cross-cutting issues
   * Formulating priorities on the basis of analysis
3. **Planning and implementing cluster strategies**
   * Develop sectoral plans, objectives and indicators that directly support realization of the overall strategic objectives
   * Apply and adhere to existing standards and guidelines
   * Clarify funding requirements, prioritization, and cluster contributions for the HC’s overall humanitarian funding considerations (e.g. Flash Appeal, CAP, CERF, Emergency Response Fund/Common Humanitarian Fund)
4. **Monitoring and evaluate performance by:**

* Monitoring and reporting on activities and needs.
* Measuring progress against the cluster strategy and agreed results.
* Recommending corrective action where necessary.

1. To **build national capacity** in **preparedness** and **contingency planning**
2. **Advocacy** 
   * Identify advocacy concerns to contribute to HC and HCT messaging and action
   * Undertaking advocacy on behalf of the cluster, cluster members, and affected people