**Conflict between two NC members**

The government’s MoH representative: She is the co-chair of the NCC in a French-speaking country. She is a Medical Doctor and a very strong personality. She is a well-respected reference for many NGOs and MoH. It is rumoured that if you do not collaborate well with her, she won’t give you permission to perform NGO nutritional activities. However, due to the disaster, she is very busy with the disaster response as a medical doctor and only attends the NC meetings half of the time. The other times she sends a representative.

The NGO nutritionist: A Nutritionist is sent by her HQ to help her NGO in the disaster response. The Nutritionist does not speak French. She tries to open various programmes that are necessary for the emergency response. She organises bilateral meetings with the Govt MoH representative (the co-chair of the NC) as she is not always present during the NC meetings. However, these bilateral meetings always seem to end up in a conflict. The Nutritionist thinks the government is opposing her work. She accuses the co-chair of not doing enough for the nutritional response and she thinks that her initiatives for programmes are being ‘sabotaged’. The co-chair is very busy with the disaster response as a Medical Doctor and simply wants all nutritional programmes be done in line with the country’s current practice and guidelines.

The Nutritionist comes to you as NCC and asks for help in this situation.

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What might be some of the consequences of this conflict for the Cluster?
2. Do you think you have a role to play as NCC to resolve this conflict? Explain.
3. Can you come up with two or three possible actions that the NCC can take to resolve or reduce the tension and, thus, optimise the nutritional response in the country?

Take 15 minutes for discussion.