Nutrition Centric-Humanitarian, Development and Peace Triple Nexus Operationalization in Ethiopia

Throughout the modern history of humanitarian assistance and development interventions, there have been tensions between efforts to address the immediate needs and the root causes of humanitarian needs. The idea of Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) Triple Nexus is a continuation of long-running efforts in the humanitarian and development fields that include Relief-to-Development Continuum (RDC), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD) and Resilience (Trócaire, 2023).

The HDP Triple Nexus approach is the 'New way of working' that frames the work of development, humanitarian and Peace actors and converges efforts to prevent crisis, prepare and build resilient system and communities to mitigate the impact of future crisis and shock, particularly, for the most vulnerable and at-risk populations. It balances short-term responses with longer-term solutions and allows Humanitarian-Development interventions to be implemented along with the building peace actions.

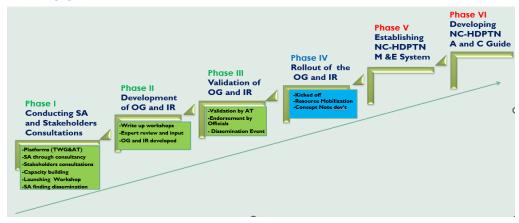
Likewise, the Nutrition Centric-Humanitarian, Development and Peace (NC-HDPTN) approach aims to improve food and nutrition security by using the limited resources effectively, and to ensure resilient families and communities that can sustainably withstand shock. It integrates nutrition actions with HDP interventions for improved nutrition outcomes. By implementing this approach, we can improve the nutritional status of vulnerable populations, achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Promote peace and contribute to long-term stability and Enhance resilience to shocks and crises.

This approach recognizes that humanitarian, development and peace challenges are interconnected and require joint efforts to effectively address them. To overcome the fragmentation and address these interconnected nutritional problems, there is a need to have a comprehensive Implementation Roadmap (IR) and Operational Guide (OG) to strategically guide and facilitate its application in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Ministry of Health has identified this as 'Advocacy Priority in 2023 SUN Joint Annual Assessment' and started its operationalization in collaboration with Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission. Substantial progress has been made jointly with various stakeholders since the start up.

Phases for the NC-HDPTN Operationalization in Ethiopia:



Progress Status by phase:



Implementation Roadmap

The IR is the first ever national framework anticipated to serve until 2030 G.C and provides milestones and strategic actions to be in place to operationalize the NC-HDPTN approach in practice.



Operational Guide

This OG is a component of the overall Implementation Roadmap and focuses on the practical aspect of 'how to' implement programs in the NC-HDPTN approach. This is to be used as a blueprint for all HDP actors in Ethiopia for complimenting and synergizing their interventions in the NC-HDPTN programming approach to improve the nutrition outcomes.

