

Yemen Nutrition Cluster Integrated Famine Prevention Package: Yemen country actions

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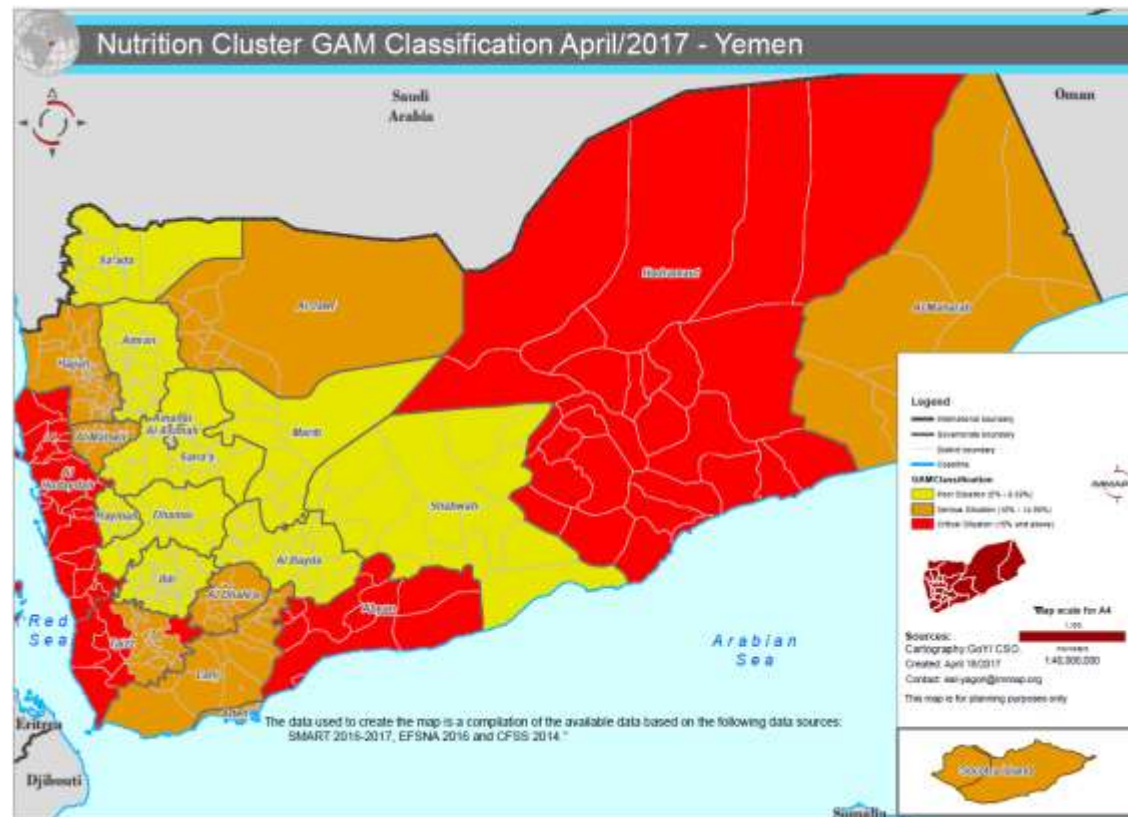
Cluster structure

- Co-led by UNICEF and MoPHP
- Dedicated NCC and IMO at national level
- Double hatting NCCs and IMOs at subnational level
- UNICEF is taking their responsibility as a CLA seriously
- Hired Roving Nutrition Coordinator to support three hubs + National NCC
- Currently: hiring additional Nutrition Specialist + NCC capacity for Aden and Hodeidah



Context

- Escalating **conflict** since March 2015, over 2M IDPs
- Estimated 20.7M (of 27.4M) people in need of **humanitarian assistance**
- Estimated 17M people (60% of population) **food insecure** (10.2 M IPC Phase 3, 6.8M people IPC Phase 4)
- Economic status of 78% of HH worse than in pre-crisis period
- High levels of **chronic and acute malnutrition** (0.4M SAM, 1.8M MAM and 1.1M PLW)
- 14.5M people need support to meet basic **WASH** needs
- 14.8M people require assistance to ensure adequate access to **healthcare** and only 45% of health facilities functional (from 16 governorates surveyed)
- **Cholera** with more than 750,000 suspected cases



Nutrition priorities

NUTRITION OBJECTIVE 1

1 Deliver quality, life-saving interventions for acutely malnourished girls and boys and pregnant or lactating women.
Relates to SO1 & 2

NUTRITION OBJECTIVE 2

2 Contribute to prevention of malnutrition by enhancing BSFP, micronutrient support, de-worming and IYCF.
Relates to SO1 & 2

NUTRITION OBJECTIVE 3

3 Strengthen capacity of relevant authorities and local partners to ensure effective, decentralized nutrition response.
Relates to SO3

NUTRITION OBJECTIVE 4

4 Ensure a predictable, timely and effective nutrition response through needs analysis, monitoring and coordination.
Relates to SO4

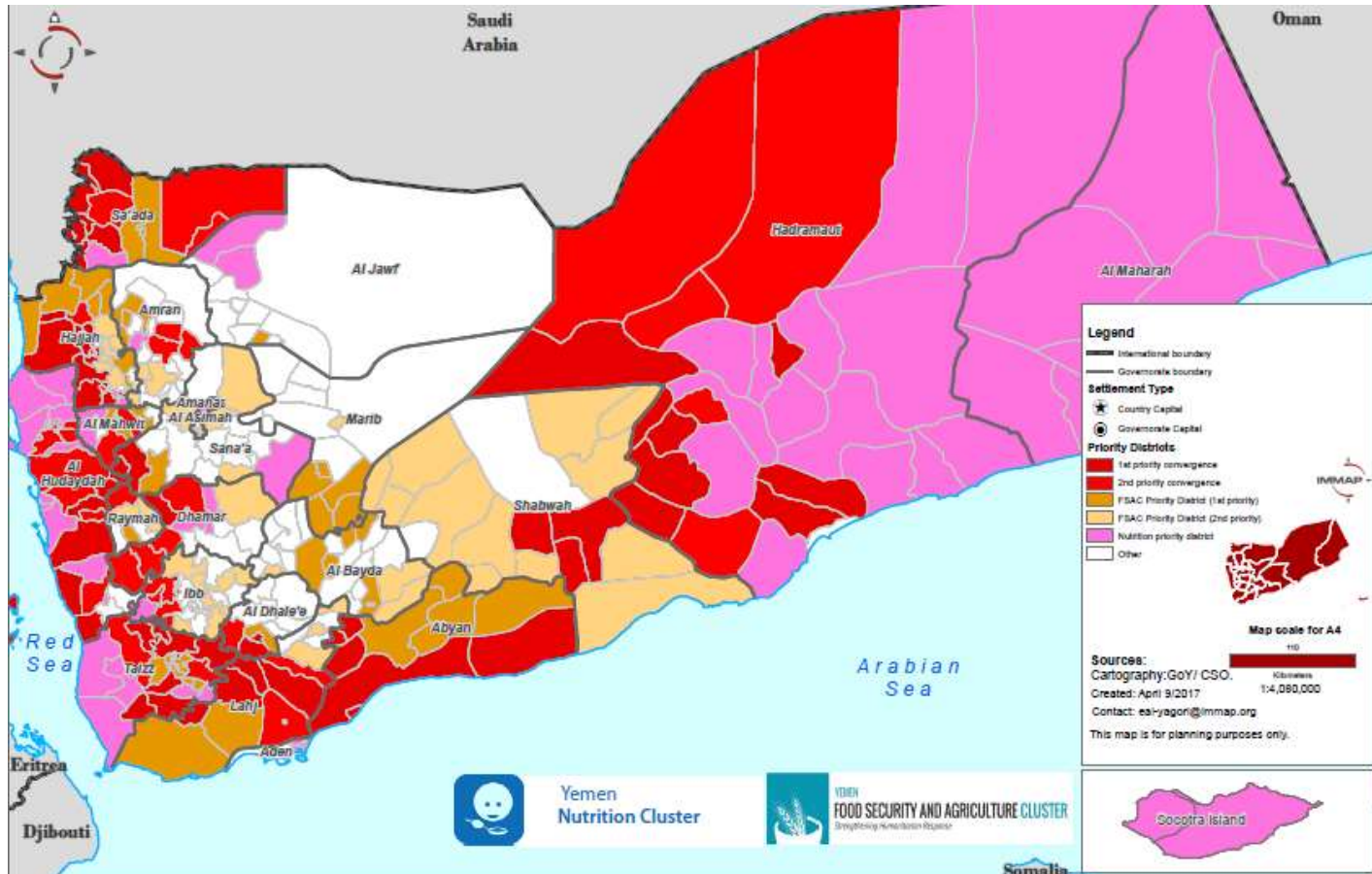
- Clear **shift towards integrated programming** in 2017, following the IPC and risk of famine discussions



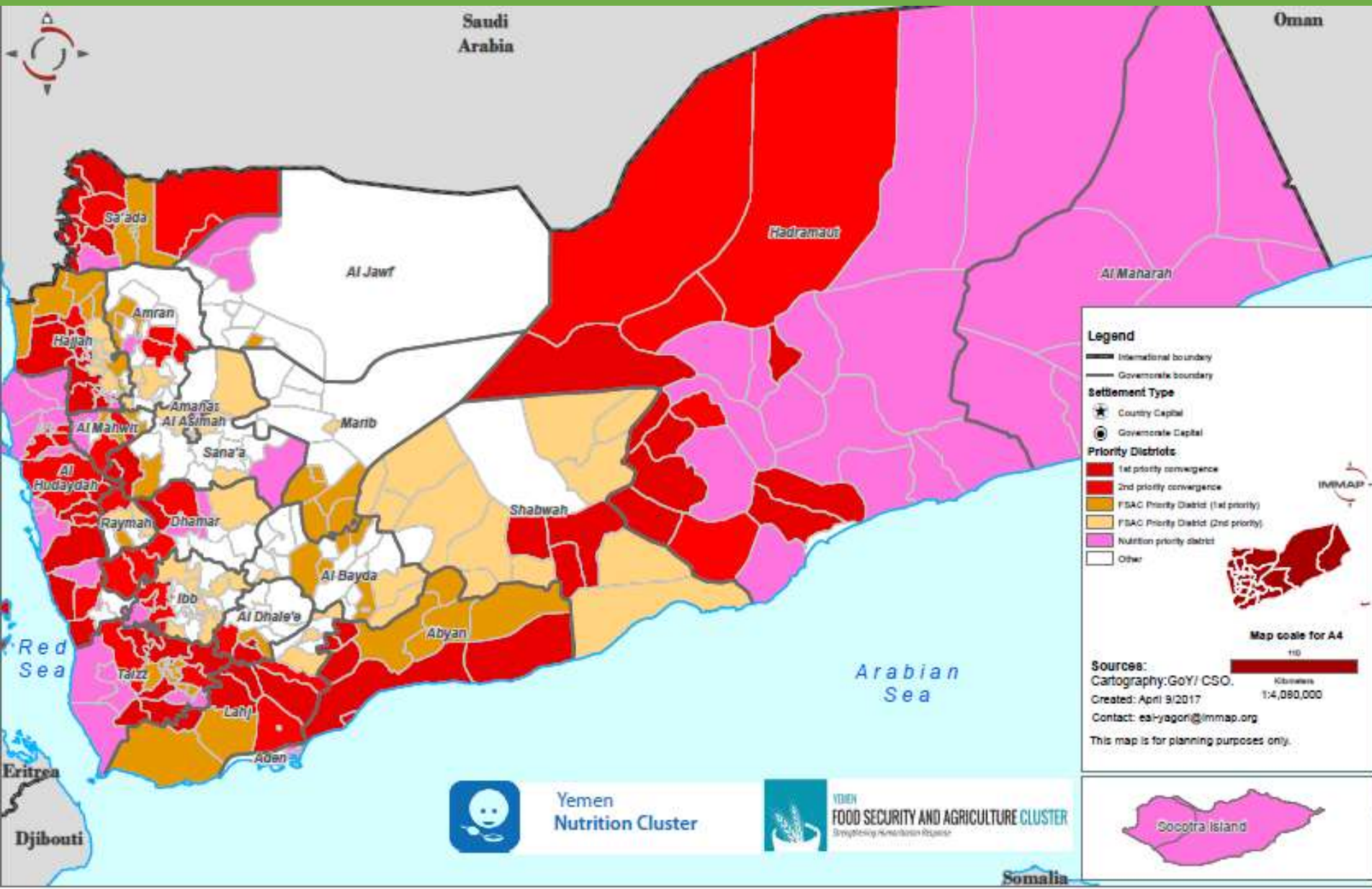
Integrated programming before Rome meeting

- Integrated response began in-country **prior to Rome meeting**
- Initially **Nutrition Cluster and Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC)**

Cluster led process
(prioritisation of locations at high risk of famine + minimum response package)



Joint prioritization of famine prevention locations



Country buy-in

- Post Rome, brought **WASH and Health Clusters** on board
- Did not use Rome action plan - perceived as developed by 2 CCs, not 4 clusters
- Instead discussed suggested way forward with 4 CCs and 4 SAGs
- **Advocacy** from the meeting supported to ensure management and HCT buy in (Call for action, letter from ERC)



Country action plan

- **Joint assessment** methodology (SMART based)
- **Joint IPC and Nutrition Analysis**
- **Expand minimum response package** to 4 clusters (Nutrition, FS, WASH, Health)
- **YHRP revision**, including joint HNO and HRP chapters and joint monitoring framework
- Advocacy for **joint funding** (CHF 1st and 2nd standard allocations, to bilateral donors)
- Advocacy for **joint response** (UNICEF/WFP scaling up, NGOs)



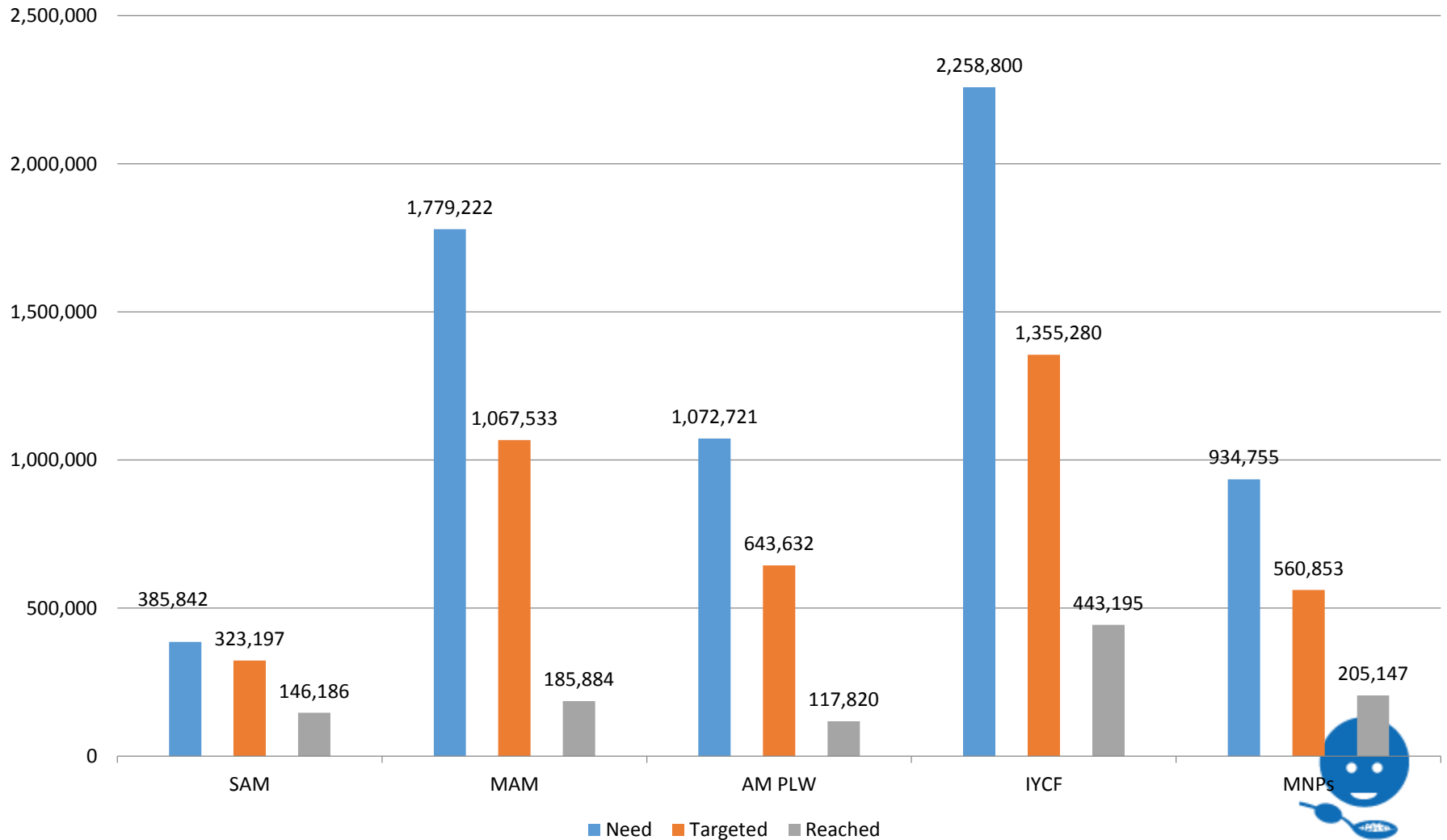
Progress

- **Led** by Nutrition Cluster
- Way forward **agreed** upon
- **Adaptation** of the guideline and standard SMART questionnaire completed
- **Joint chapter** in the HNO (and HRP) in progress
- October 2017: **joint 4 SAGs meeting**
 - Agree on the joint needs analysis
 - Develop joint minimum package of interventions
 - Agree on implementation modalities
- **Commitment for joint funding** secured



Progress to date

Yemen Nutrition Cluster overview of need, targets and response



Challenges

- 🍷 Lack of recent mortality data
- 🍷 Lack of district/level nutrition, WASH, health data
- 🍷 Challenges with nutrition information collection
- 🍷 Challenges in standardisation of baseline population among clusters
- 🍷 Challenges with access
- 🍷 Health facilities on the verge of collapse
- 🍷 Non-payment salaries to the HWs
- 🍷 Cholera outbreak diverted attention
- 🍷 Cluster-specific partners with no capacity for joint programming
- 🍷 Somehow disregard to nutrition-only priorities



Context & lessons learned

- The process should be **country-led**
- Availability of **information for joint planning is lacking**
- Global clusters engagement in **high level advocacy** is needed to ensure management commitment
- Constant **sensitisation of partners** on joint response needed
- Need to explore how to develop **capacity of partners** to expand programmes to other technical areas



Next steps

- 🧠 Scaling up SMART assessments
- 🧠 Joint IPC and Nutrition Analysis
- 🧠 Operationalisation of the joint response package at the sub-national level
- 🧠 YHRP revision
- 🧠 Continuing advocacy for joint funding, planning and response



Global asks

- Facilitation of the inter-cluster workshop on the joint programming (4 clusters)
- Reflection of GNC partners on their capacity for joint 4-clusters programming
- Support (technical and HR) for INGOs and UN agencies, monitoring

