## WASH & Nutrition - Picking Up Speed

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### 1. Introduction

**Welcome and introduction of WG12 (Jona Toetzke, GTO)**

- SuSanA is an open international alliance with members who share a common vision on sustainable sanitation. The community includes practitioners, policy makers, researchers and academics. SuSanA intends to serve as a sounding board or discussion and dissemination platform.
- Working Group 12 exists since 2012, focuses on the then often neglected link of WASH and Nutrition – meaning the ability of the body to absorb nutrients. The number of WG12 members (currently ca. 2.300) is growing, WG12 factsheet is under revision, list of best-reads has been compiled, thematic discussion series has been implemented, Wiki-page has been started.
- WG12 thereby intends to complement current, promising WASH-Nutrition developments: recently developed tools and publications, numerous recommendations that have been formulated and the cooperation of the global platforms SWA and SUN.

**Round of Introduction**  
➡ Participant List (see appendix)

### 2. Digesting the morning session at the SWWW “Upscaling the WASH-Nutrition Nexus for Sustainable (Body) Growth”

**Key Take-Aways from participants**

- "Living the nexus" means also leaving one’s own comfort zone and interact with the other community respectively.
- The SDGs change our way of acting and WASH and Nutrition can become an example of successful integration/multi-sectoral approach.
- Global platforms SUN and SWA make steps towards each other on global level, we can all do the same within our sphere of influence.

➡ Documentation of the SWWW event: [http://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/5789](http://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/5789)
3. Products, developments and trends in the Working Group

WASH’Nutrition Operational Manual (Jovana Dodos, ACF)

  - Filling the gap: Guidance for practitioners on how to do integration
  - Focus: Practical examples and case studies, not so much national policy approaches
  - Training & Capacity Building: The manual includes a large resource section for sharing training opportunities within the sector
  - A translation of the manual into various languages is envisioned
  - Launch foreseen in fall 2016, potentially at the WDT 2016

→ Flyer (Appendix)

Sector Plan Analysis Tool “The Missing Ingredients” (Dan Jones, WaterAid)

- Dan Jones presents the analysis tool of Nutrition Plans and WASH Plans of WaterAid / SHARE / Healthy Start, published in August 2016
  - Think of ‘Integration’ as a (context-specific) continuum
  - Plan for effective integration throughout the policy cycle
  - Words must become action by WASH and Nutrition actors

→ “The Missing Ingredients” (Report)

WASH considerations for the update of the Infant Feeding in Emergencies Operational Guidance (Emily Mates, ENN)

- Emily Mates presents the upcoming publication, the updated / revised Infant Feeding in Emergencies Operational Guidance
  - Operational Guidance for Emergency Relief Staff and Policy-Makers
  - Available in various languages
  - It will include a section on integrated multi-sectoral interventions, WASH being particularly addressed
  - Expected to be published this fall

→ Previous publication (version 2007) on the ENN website:
  [http://www.ennonline.net/operationalguidanceiycfv2.1](http://www.ennonline.net/operationalguidanceiycfv2.1)

Thematic Discussion on WASH & Nutrition in April 2016 (Jona Toetzke, GTO)

- The Thematic Discussion served as a follow up to the Bonn WASH & Nutrition Forum 2015
- Results / topics discussed in the thematic discussion:
  - No common understanding of the meaning of “integration”, but ideally using opportunities to strengthen the link wherever possible
  - Align targeting e.g. focus on the First 1000 Days, schools
  - Advocacy needed especially addressing donors to ease funding and promote
  - Thinking immediate and long-term: Linking emergency and development interventions
  - Need for capacity development in all dimensions of integration
  - Various practical examples of integration presented


4. Navigating the Working Group 12 - Strategic Orientation - Defining next steps

Thematic Discussion planned by Baby WASH Coalition (Hanna Woodburn, Global PPP for Handwashing)

- In October 2016, the Baby WASH Coalition is going to organize a thematic discussion. The First 1000 Days as one entry point for linking WASH & Nutrition will be a focus. It is thematically linked to the previous WASH & Nutrition thematic discussion.

**SIANI Expert Group looks for collaboration (Helfrid Schulte-Herbruggen, KTH)**

- SIANI Expert Group aims to explore the transfer of nutrients and contaminants between water, sanitation and food (WSF) systems, and identify best practices and policy options for integrated management.
  - They work on:
    - map key linkages between water, sanitation and food/nutrition (WSF)
    - identify actors in Sweden working in WSF sectors
    - explore benefits of integrating WSF sectors
    - identify challenges to integrating WSF sectors
    - propose recommendations and policy suggestions to how to work with WSF in more integrated manner


**Global Platform SUN-SWA Collaboration**

- Bringing forward the link via the global platforms Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) Partnership and Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. SUN and SWA will jointly be working on a two-pager of joint advocacy messages and are willing to assess other useful ways to align / cooperate.

**Discussion: Key Points Raised and Open Questions**

- We need joint WASH & Nutrition strategy and vision, joint advocacy statements.
- We must stop thinking in silos, also when employing people - Put the link in job descriptions.
- Involve universities.
- Implementation and research should be better interlinked.
- There is a need for capacity development at all levels.
- Reach out and share experience and knowledge across silos to our counterparts.
- We must analyse reasons for silo thinking (e.g. working in clusters in humanitarian context) and actively counteract this.
- We need more examples where integration is already successfully linked.
- Actively invite / engage persons from both thematic areas to key thematic global level forums.
- We should find out how many of the > 2000 WG12 members are from the nutrition side and should increase this number. “How do you get WASH people to interact with nutrition people?”

**Way Forward**

- The factsheet is currently being revised (led by ACF), based on comments from the last working group meeting.
- The idea was born to establish sub-groups dedicated to various aspects of the nexus:
  - **Advocacy** (coordinating high level advocacy with joint advocacy messages of latest publications for various target groups)
  - **Capacity Development** (defining needs of practitioners and decision makers; identifying possible tools to fill the gaps)
  - **Research** (evidence of better outcomes with multi-sectoral approach)
  - **Programming / Implementation** (What works? What does not? Lessons learnt)

  WG leads to follow up with key persons, who showed interest at the meeting to drive this. As a starting point, thematic threads could be initiated on the forum.

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