Interagency Group for Food Aid Product

Supply Chains for Children

Nutrition Supplier Meeting
14-16 June 2017, Copenhagen
Overview

- Interagency Group members
- Benefits of collaboration
- Terms of Reference for the group
- Areas of collaboration to date
- Planned activities for the future
Interagency Group participation:

Interagency Group consists of the major purchasers of nutritional products and collaborates closely on Quality matters of common nutritional products.
Collaborative partners

Collaboration also extends to partner UN agencies FAO and WHO when specific expertise is needed.
Humanitarian Food aid can be unique & niche

- Products are in a ‘humanitarian aid niche’ and need specific technical competencies - interagency network support is helpful

Share tenders

- Efficiencies in tender process and setting industry standardisation

Shared lessons learned

- Agencies can draw learnings from each other about programming, and supply chain strengthening, in addition to sharing resources
Benefits of shared audits

Procuring agencies with different audits

- Agency A → Audit
- Agency B → Audit
- Agency C → Audit
- Agency D → Audit
- Agency E → Audit

Shared supply base

Result

- Audit fatigue
- Confusion
- Inefficiency
- High cost
- Focus on audits not on remediation

Source: Adapted from "Win/Win: Achieving Sustainable Procurement with the Developing World", CIPS and Traidcraft
Areas of collaboration to date

• Implementation of FAO/WHO expert group recommendations and new microbial specification for RUTF and RUSF.

• Premix harmonization for RUSF and MQ – LNS

• Focused goal of Interagency harmonization of auditing standards, specifications for common products and quality standards
Areas of interagency collaboration

- Innovation
- Food safety events
- Supplier audits
- Liaising with normative bodies
- Support local supplier base
- Product specs
- Research
Priority Areas for 2017-2018

• USP MNP Monograph Draft / MNP spec harmonization
• CODEX Guideline for RUTF
• Comments on WHO Joint Statement for management of acute malnutrition
• Review of evidence on protein quality
Priority Areas for June 2017 to 2018 continued…

• Expanded update on improved RUFs
• Report on the HEB 2.0
• Update on SC+ spec
• Methods for generating evidence on new product formulations and alternative ingredients