**MEL group call - MEAL and COVID**

**April 6, 2020**

**Main Action Points and important links**

➊ **MEAL & COVID19 space**

This space will be used to consolidate MEAL resources that can be useful for COVID-related interventions. If you are producing MEAL guidance, please share it at [meal@careinternational.org](mailto:meal@careinternational.org).

* Link in CARE Shares (for those with access to CARE Shares): [MEAL COVID CARE Shares link](https://careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-MEAL-Hub/SitePages/COVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx)
* Link in One Drive (for those without access to CARE Shares):  [MEAL COVID One Drive link](https://careinternational-my.sharepoint.com/personal/emily_janoch_care_org/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Femily%5Fjanoch%5Fcare%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FCOVID%2019%20MEAL%20docs&originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9jYXJlaW50ZXJuYXRpb25hbC1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86ZjovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9lbWlseV9qYW5vY2hfY2FyZV9vcmcvRXNNLXlsMFJickJNaUJNbjRKaGV3dE1CVWlBUktzN092NFBJMlg2cklMWFd6QT9ydGltZT1FdGo0blREYTEwZw)

➋ **Key resources that are available already**

* [MEAL and COVID guidance and Needs Assessment template](•%09https:/careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-MEAL-Hub/SitePages/COVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx#care-s-covid-19-meal-guidance): includes general guidance on how to adapt MEAL systems for COVID response + Needs assessment questionnaire + kobo code book in Excel that can be adapted to your needs.
* [Tip Sheets](https://careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-MEAL-Hub/SitePages/COVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx#tip-sheets): MEAL tips/guidance from technical areas. For example: [Rapid Gender Analysis Guidance and Toolkit for COVID19](https://careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-Humanitarian-Hub/SitePages/Gender-in-Emergencies.aspx)
* [External MEAL and COVID resources](https://careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-MEAL-Hub/SitePages/COVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx#external-covid-19-related-meal-resources): MEAL guidance from other actors, with a brief description on what you find in those documents.

**Other guidance coming up**

* Remote monitoring, DQA.
* **WASH team guidance/support:** Kelly Alexander will be providing support on questionnaires and SOW and data collection methods for Somalia (SomRep) program to do remote survey / phone data collection (with the support of local university/enumerators) about the economic impacts of COVID in 18 of the program's villages

➌ **Reporting data on reach or impact of COVID-interventions**

* The [COVID Sitrep](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/x-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareinternational-my.sharepoint.com%2F%3Ax%3A%2Fg%2Fpersonal%2Fgoulden_careinternational_org%2FETmyze_XPE1Nn1iooUtmkN0BqnPNfZLOXevLxgF91eLXqA%3Fe%3DmD7ILm&data=02%7C01%7CKorus%40careinternational.org%7C533e54b8af1b4893c3a108d7da0ffa81%7Ce83233b748134ff5893ff60f400bfcba%7C0%7C0%7C637217634504129781&sdata=zRLGnUFLSWSNV0O231KYxZFk%2Bw5Nxm8ym8FhIWuLSAI%3D&reserved=0) will be the main mechanism to report REACH data for now. Currently includes total reach, disaggregated reach and some sector indicators (WASH)
* For OUTCOME/IMPACT data, please continue to use the [global and supplementary indicators](http://careglobalmel.careinternationalwikis.org/care_2020_strategy_-_global_indicators_and_markers#the_25_global_indicators_to_measure_change_and_their_guidance) as reference. Data on these indicators will be later collected via the PIIRS FY20 process.

➍ **How can you ask for other MEAL guidance/support?**

* Fill [this form](https://careinternational.sharepoint.com/sites/Global-MEAL-Hub/SitePages/COVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx#what-other-meal-guidance-do-you-need)
* Write us to [meal@careinternational.org](mailto:meal@careinternational.org)
* Get in touch with your COVID regional structure so that they can get in touch with the MEAL group



➎ **Key MEAL questions/needs and ideas raised during the call**

* **Sampling**: Do you have tips for good enough sampling in the current situation?
  + No specific guidance developed yet but we can help analyzing options for your context ensuring to maintain confidence levels, make sure you address vulnerable populations, select tools that are feasible to use in you context, etc. [Here](https://www.thoughtco.com/purposive-sampling-3026727) some ides of different sampling options
* **Indicators:** We only see indicators related to WASH in the SitRep. Will we have other sector-based indicators?
  + We expect some more indicators to be agreed from the technical/sector teams and those will be incrementally considered for reporting in the SitRep. We advise countries to also continue using the global indicators for outcome/impact level.
* **Rapid Gender Analysis and qualitative data:** Are there tools to collect and process qualitative data?
* On **support to countries**, can we set up a skype MEAL group for regions and consolidating FAQs globally?
* **Data/progress verification**: If we are trying to report (collect data) on our indicators (results), any recommendation or best practices on how to verify those results with partners and stakeholders given the current situation?
  + One way could be to collect cell phone numbers or other contact information from the community members and do a verification remotely with a sample
* **How** **can we use the CRM** better for Corona case surveillance?
* **How to make decisions about whether to postpone something or to do it now in a simpler, adaptive way**? thinking especially about research, evaluation, capacity strengthening activities.
* **Do we have guidelines on remote monitoring**?
  + Tip sheet is being developed for this
* **Do we have guidelines on DQA in the context of COVID**?
* What is the best % of reducing or % of dispersion, for reaching the targets of the indicators? of course based on each context is different, But is there is suggestions?
* **John Hopkin University courser has free course to estimate risk**: Fighting COVID-19 with Epidemiology: A Johns Hopkins Teach-Out, three members of our Department of Epidemiology faculty will lead you through a two-week exploration of the epidemiologic toolset that helps us answer pressing questions like:

How many people have been infected?

How do we measure who is infected?

How infectious is the virus?

What can we do to fight it?

**➏ Detailed agenda of the call:**

1. 35’ MEAL & COVID19 guidance available and where to find it
   1. **10’ General MEAL standards that are applicable across interventions**: Guidelines for adapting MEAL in the context of COVID-19 (Moiez A.)
   2. **5’ Needs Assessment** (Margaux S.)
   3. 10’ Other guidance? (e.g. **CVA, RGA, responsible data (Kelly/Caitlin), remote monitoring (Moiez/Uwe), adaptive management (Gareth DRD-PQ Asia, Charlotte CIUK)** inform/share with [meal@careinternational.org](mailto:meal@careinternational.org)
   4. **10’ How we bring them all together?**  [MEAL – COVID site](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareinternational.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FGlobal-MEAL-Hub%2FSitePages%2FCOVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx&data=02%7C01%7CKorus%40careinternational.org%7C533e54b8af1b4893c3a108d7da0ffa81%7Ce83233b748134ff5893ff60f400bfcba%7C0%7C0%7C637217634504119788&sdata=f6AVNjBQwtv7hMO%2FWGaQ7zUzx%2BevXxNZTRJx0O1Il6Y%3D&reserved=0)!
2. 20’ MEAL group and organizing MEAL support across regions
   1. 3’ [COVID MEAL support hub on CARE Shares](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareinternational.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FGlobal-MEAL-Hub%2FSitePages%2FCOVID-19-MEAL-Guidance.aspx&data=02%7C01%7CKorus%40careinternational.org%7C533e54b8af1b4893c3a108d7da0ffa81%7Ce83233b748134ff5893ff60f400bfcba%7C0%7C0%7C637217634504119788&sdata=f6AVNjBQwtv7hMO%2FWGaQ7zUzx%2BevXxNZTRJx0O1Il6Y%3D&reserved=0) (Emily?)
   2. 2’ [MEAL@careinternationa.org](mailto:MEAL@careinternationa.org) (Uwe)
   3. **15’ Regional Support** 
      1. 5’ Regional COVID support structure already in place – see attached (Uwe)
      2. 5’ MENA regional MEAL support – COVID response (Moiez)
      3. 5’ Other regions? – TOR?
3. 20’ Monitoring and reporting around CARE’s COVID response / strategy / programming guidance
   1. 5’ [COVID Sitrep](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/x-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareinternational-my.sharepoint.com%2F%3Ax%3A%2Fg%2Fpersonal%2Fgoulden_careinternational_org%2FETmyze_XPE1Nn1iooUtmkN0BqnPNfZLOXevLxgF91eLXqA%3Fe%3DmD7ILm&data=02%7C01%7CKorus%40careinternational.org%7C533e54b8af1b4893c3a108d7da0ffa81%7Ce83233b748134ff5893ff60f400bfcba%7C0%7C0%7C637217634504129781&sdata=zRLGnUFLSWSNV0O231KYxZFk%2Bw5Nxm8ym8FhIWuLSAI%3D&reserved=0) (Uwe)
   2. 5’ PIIRS FY20 options for adaptation for COVID (STAFF/REACH / OUTCOME) reporting (Ximena)
   3. 10’ How do we link the two above and to global reporting on [global COVID HRP](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareinternational.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FGlobal-Advocacy-Hub%2FShared%2520Documents%2FCOVID-19%2F2020.03.27-UN-GHRP-COVID19_Abridged_EN.pdf%3Fcsf%3D1%26e%3DtNqqu7%26cid%3Dd88ee7bc-e55e-4dc7-b1a0-7416f977a448&data=02%7C01%7CKorus%40careinternational.org%7C533e54b8af1b4893c3a108d7da0ffa81%7Ce83233b748134ff5893ff60f400bfcba%7C0%7C0%7C637217634504139776&sdata=W0rwSr9lJlX2fxBpoT1aCyDF6Rpc5hL118uCunAe5Ck%3D&reserved=0)?