



Chapter 5:

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

5.1 Monitoring, Evaluation and Research

M&E of the strategy is required to determine progress in achieving desired outputs and outcomes and to give an account to the government and stakeholders on nutrition efforts' effectiveness in achieving overall health and social outcomes for PLWHA. The current service utilisation data capture system provides very limited data on the nutritional situation and services rendered. Therefore, it is necessary to design a more comprehensive facility register and reporting tools for use in all service points. This strategy will enable detailed analysis of nutritional interventions and facilitate identification of the most sensitive indicators for inclusion in the next generation of facility/CCC registers.

Overall responsibility of monitoring the implementation of this strategy rests with NASCOP in collaboration with NACC as required in the Three Ones principle. The Nutrition and HIV/AIDS TWG will be responsible for interpretation and reviews. Evaluation of the strategy and progress toward the targets will be undertaken and reported by the proposed lead agencies. The indicators for monitoring each proposed outcome are presented in the results framework matrix in Annex 4. The framework contains a set of indicators for M&E of interventions outlined in this strategy. All institutions involved in the planning, coordination and implementation of HIV/AIDS activities in Kenya should be made familiar with these indicators so that planning, M&E and reporting can be harmonised (Annex 8).

The scale-up of nutrition interventions will require clear benchmarking of process and performance. Of significance is the need for all partnering organizations to generate clear service delivery action plans, implementation strategies and criteria for appraisal and schedules. However, while each lead agency and key partner are responsible for translating sector-wide priorities into their operational plans, the lead agencies will make quarterly progress reports to NASCOP and the TWG. Periodic review of the strategy will be undertaken by the TWG to refine the strategy's priorities. The TWG also will support the development of an overall M&E plan and the identification of programme areas for targeted evaluations. The TWG will annually review progress in mainstreaming nutrition support in HIV/AIDS interventions and good practices that reflect the highest standards for delivering nutrition and HIV/AIDS services.

5.2 Research and Dissemination

The role of this component is to inform and advise the TWG and stakeholders in general on strategic decisions and policy development matters relevant to nutrition and HIV/AIDS. Its focus will be on applied research to support development of appropriate and affordable solutions in nutrition care and support, operational research to review the performance of service delivery systems in pilot and full-scale implementation, knowledge management and review of relevant policies. The strategy will facilitate strengthening nutrition research and will support formative, applied and operational research activities in relevant institutions to realise these objectives.