

CAPACITY BUILDING on Coverage Methodologies



**COVERAGE
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Introduction

The CMN is an inter-agency initiative established in 2012 in order to improve nutrition programmes through the promotion of quality coverage assessment tools, capacity building and information sharing. The CMN offers trainings and workshops on the various coverage methods, as well as guidance on how to overcome the barriers identified. Furthermore, the CMN provides many online resources and toolkits to assist in the implementation of coverage assessments.

What are the training models we offer?

Since the project was launched in 2012, the CMN has conducted trainings for different audiences in different countries. The trainings can be categorised into three broad groups:

Type of training	Approx. duration & location	Aim	Topics covered	Target audience
SENSITISATION	2 DAYS CLASSROOM BASED	To inform participants about coverage assessment methodologies so that they can take decisions on which assessments to plan	◆ Why measure coverage? ◆ Which coverage assessment methodologies exist and which should be selected in different contexts? ◆ Introduction to methodology ◆ Overview of approximate costs and logistics of coverage assessments	◆ Technical advisors (HQ & capital based) ◆ Donors ◆ Ministry of Health / Nutrition focal points ◆ Monitoring and evaluation advisors
ON THE JOB TRAINING	21 DAYS CLASSROOM & FIELD BASED	To conduct a SQUEAC / SLEAC assessment, train participants on the process and share the tools and templates used enabling them to conduct assessments autonomously in the future	◆ Stages 1-3 of a SQUEAC assessment OR ◆ Stages 1-2 of a SLEAC assessment ◆ Enumerator training on data collection techniques	◆ Programme managers / Assessment leaders ◆ Enumerators
TRAINING OF TRAINERS	5 DAYS CLASSROOM BASED	To train key stakeholders at national and regional level on six core competencies enabling them to conduct and train others to conduct SQUEACs, SLEACs and Community Assessments.	Six core competencies: ◆ Quantitative data analysis ◆ Qualitative data analysis ◆ LOAS ◆ Bayes Theory ◆ Wide area surveys ◆ Report writing and action plan setting	◆ Nutrition advisors ◆ Monitoring and evaluation advisors ◆ Ministry of Health nutrition and M&E advisors

How many trainings have we done globally and where?

Sensitisations:

15 Trainings in **12** Countries

At the start of Phase II of the CMN project, two day workshops took place in each of the nine priority countries. The aim of these workshops was to help in country partners to set up national framework to scale up coverage assessments. In order for everyone in the room to understand why it is important to measure coverage and what coverage assessment methodologies exist, the first day of the workshops involved the CMN team delivering brief presentations on the available methodologies (SQUEAC, SLEAC and Community assessments). Participants at the sensitisation workshops also learned about why it was important to measure coverage and how the results can be used to develop community level action plans.

Sensitisations have also taken place in Afghanistan with Nutrition cluster partners, and Paris, Madrid and various annual technical team meetings with ACF staff members and staff from other NGOs.

Countries

No of trainings

AFGHANISTAN	1
BURKINA FASO	1
CHAD	1
DRC (GOMA, KINSHASA)	2
ETHIOPIA	1
FRANCE	2
KENYA	1
MALI	1
NIGER	1
PAKISTAN	2
SPAIN	1
SOUTH SUDAN	1

On the job trainings:

100 Trainings in **24** Countries

Through the CMN and through ACF's coverage assessment support team, coverage experts have trained programme staff to conduct SQUEAC assessments in programmes during "on-the-job trainings". Each of these has involved at least two days of classroom based theoretical training followed by 14-19 days of direct support and training during the practical phase of the training. The trainers also supported the field staff with the drafting and finalisation of assessment reports.

Countries	No of trainings	Countries	No of trainings	Countries	No of trainings
AFGHANISTAN	3	HAITI	1	PHILIPPINES	3
ANGOLA	1	KENYA	7	RWANDA	1
BURKINA FASO	10	MALI	18	SENEGAL	2
CAMEROON	1	MAURITANIA	1	SIERRA LEONE	1
CHAD	9	NEPAL	1	SOMALIA	1
COTE D'IVOIRE	2	NIGER	7	SOUTH SUDAN	12
DRC	5	NIGERIA	2	SUDAN	2
ETHIOPIA	6	PAKISTAN	3	YEMEN	1

A further 93 SQUEAC assessments have been supported by the CMN field teams remotely. These have involved periodic calls with team members on the ground to support and advise them on the SQUEACs as they take place and support with the drafting and finalisation of reports.

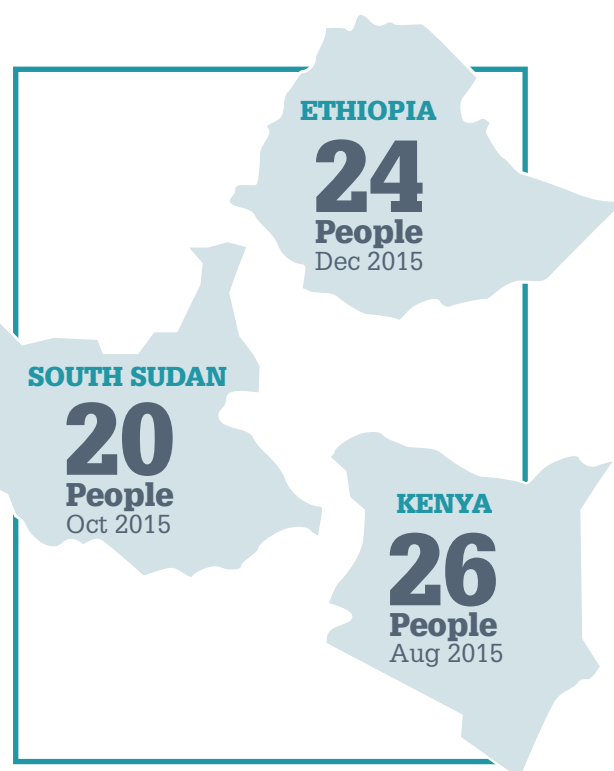
CMN teams have also provided on the job trainings during for four multi-district SLEACs (two in Niger and two in Burkina Faso) and two multi-region SLEACs (Mali and Chad).

Training of Trainers:

3 Trainings in **3** Countries

Three “Training of Trainer” on coverage assessment methodologies took place during 2015. These trainings were week-long which set out to provide participants with the necessary skills and materials to go on to train others on coverage methodologies in their own programmes and teams. Rather than focusing on one methodology in particular, the model of training focused on the 6 core competencies of coverage methodologies: Qualitative data analysis, LOAS technique, Bayes Theory, Wide area sampling and Report writing and action plan setting. Participants therefore learnt how to conduct a full SQUEAC (which constitutes all six competencies) as well as how to conduct community assessments and SLEACs (which can be conducted as independent assessments).

70 People were trained in total **62** People from 21 NGOs **1** Independent participant **11** Local Government Unit personnel



Organisation	No of people	Organisation	No of people	Organisation	No of people
ACF	7	FEED THE CHILDREN	1	UNICEF	6
MACDA	1	R-ENCU (ETHIOPIA)	6	IRC	4
CONCERN	3	GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION	1	WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME	2
MALARIA CONSORTIUM	1	SAVE THE CHILDREN	3	ISLAMIC RELIEF	3
DRMFSS (ETHIOPIA)	4	GOAL	4	WORLD VISION	5
NILE HOPE FOUNDATION	1	TEARFUND	1	JAM	1
EHNRI (ETHIOPIA)	1	IMC	4	TOTAL	62
RED CROSS	3				

How many organisations have we trained in OJT's?

Between late 2010 and 2015, a total of 1,101 people representing 50 different organisations were trained in On the Job Trainings (OJT's, which are coverage assessments that dedicated time to train local CMAM teams in the methodology). The following table shows the breakdown of people trained by organisation.

ACF	Save the Children	Concern Worldwide	World Vision		Terre des Hommes	
	International Medical Corps	Helen Keller International	COOPI		MdM	
International Rescue Committee	Red Cross	ALIMA		GRET	WFP	
			LVIA			
	GOAL	UNICEF		Medair		
		Merlin		UNHCR		

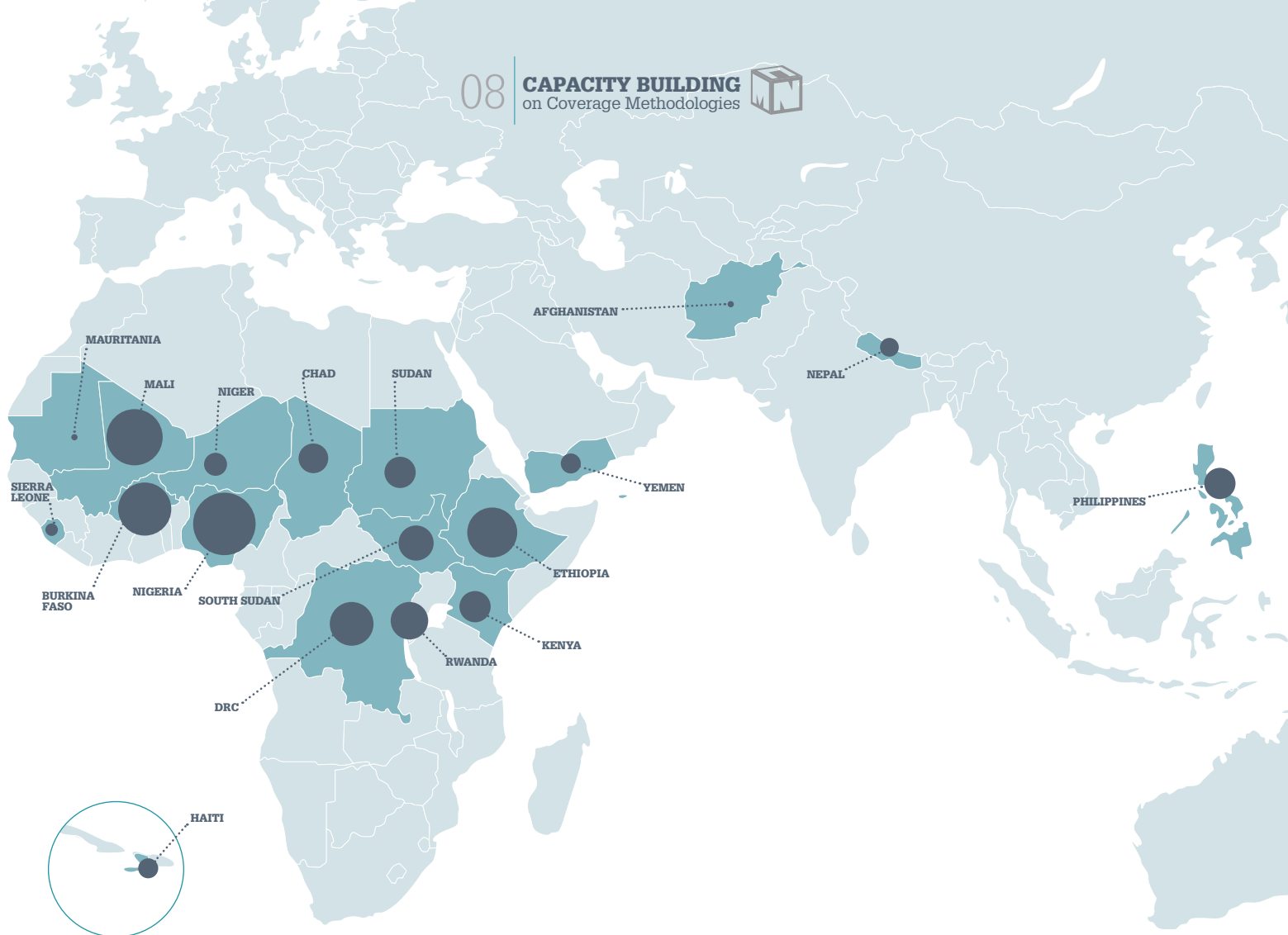
Aside from organisations' staff, OJT's have also reached community members, local authorities and other relevant actors for the development of CMAM. It is not uncommon for assessments teams to include into their ranks members of local health authorities or even university members. In 99 OJT's the CMN has helped to train:

41 Community members and other independent participants	275 Local Government personnel	6 University members	29 Other or not specified
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How many people from each organisation have we trained?

Organisation	No of people	Organisation	No of people	Organisation	No of people
ACF	247	HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL	38	MSF	3
ACTED	7	HELP	1	NILE HOPE DEVELOPMENT FORUM	3
ADES	2	INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS	67	NUTRITION CELL	2
AFRICARE	2	INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE	167	PEOPLE IN NEED	2
ALIMA	21	ISLAMIC RELIEF	6	RED CROSS	64
APDC	2	JDF	1	RI/CHD	3
BDOM	1	JOHANNITER	1	SAMARITAN PURSE	3
CARITAS	1	LVIA	6	SAVE THE CHILDREN	133
CHR FADA	1	MALARIA CONSORTIUM	1	TAWASEL (LOCAL NGO)	1
CMN	2	MDA	1	TERRE DES HOMMES	39
CONCERN WORLDWIDE	51	MDM	21	UNHCR	4
COOPI	30	MEDAIR	4	UNICEF	14
CSPEEDA	2	MEDICUS MUNDI	1	VALID INTERNATIONAL	3
CSSI	2	MERCY USA	1	WFP	7
CSSW (LOCAL NGO)	1	MERLIN	10	WORLD VISION	48
FENCU	1	MIRA	1		
FONDEFH	1				
GOAL	64				
GRET	7			TOTAL	1101

In total, 1,452 individuals have participated in coverage assessments and received training on coverage methodologies. This has permitted the CMN to fulfill one of its core objectives around capacity building. Coverage assessments themselves are designed to dedicate an important part of their implementation to training activities, which is reflected in the collaboration between conducting experts and local CMAM teams. In several occasions, local authorities staff have taken part in the assessments, building upon another core goal of the CMN: programme sustainability and continuity thanks to increasing support and sense of ownership from public health institutions. Those 275 local authorities staff have come from 18 different countries:



Which countries have we trained in?

The map above indicates all the countries where OJT have taken place. The size of the mark coincides with the number of local authorities staff trained. The result is not surprising, as most assessments have taken place in East African and in Sahelian countries. For a full breakdown of trainees by country, see the table below.

Countries	No of people	Countries	No of people
AFGHANISTAN	1	NIGER	7
BURKINA FASO	32	NIGERIA	38
CHAD	11	PHILIPPINES	20
DRC	25	RWANDA	16
ETHIOPIA	28	SIERRA LEONE	2
HAITI	4	SOUTH SUDAN	18
KENYA	13	SUDAN	12
MALI	37	YEMEN	4
MAURITANIA	1		
NEPAL	6	TOTAL	275

How many OJT trainings have we done per year?

Finally, it is worth noting that the frequency of the OJTs has also changed over the last few years, clearly reflecting the trends in terms of the total assessments conducted, but also the level of capacity building that has been achieved in some countries where trainings are less and less frequent, and trained people take full ownership of the assessments.

In 2012, only 11 training took place in 9 different countries. The next year the number of OJT reached 42 in 19 countries. During 2015, less OJTs took place: only 13 in seven different countries. Priority countries for the CMN have concentrated the number of OJTs: out of a total of 99, 18 have taken place in Mali and 12 in South Sudan. Only 23 OJTs have taken place in countries outside of the CMN priority list.

