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Overview

This document is a meeting report of a WHO-UNICEF Technical Consultation on improving the availability and cost of RUTF for treating children with severe wasting and/or nutritional oedema in November 2021. It outlines strategies to improve the accessibility and affordability of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) for treating severe malnutrition in children. It discusses cost-saving options such as alternative RUTF formulations that partially replace dairy proteins, examines market challenges, and emphasizes strict adherence to quality standards. Additionally, it identifies obstacles faced by locally produced RUTF, including higher taxes and quality control limitations. The document concludes by emphasizing the need for further evidence on alternative RUTF formulations' efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

Overall, this document is valuable for manufacturers aiming to improve the accessibility and affordability of RUTF and expand the reach of their products.

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