

## **IHP+ FM TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES, MAY 16, 2016

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**Attendance:** Sorie Kamara, Sierra Leone; Adda Faye, GF; Pamela Rao, USAID; Rosemary Owino, GAVI; Ndèye Maye Diouf, Senegal, Renaud Seligmann, WB; Max Dapaah, WB/IHP+ Core Team

The meeting started at 11:05am. After introducing the Agenda, the Chair opened the meeting.

### **Update on new UHC Alliance formation as a successor to IHP+**

A brief update was provided by the IHP+ core team on the formation of the proposed UHC 2030. IHP+ steering committee at its meeting held on April 8, 2016 recommended to the IHP+ Signatories to broaden the scope of IHP+ to include coordination of health systems strengthening towards UHC (as per SDG3) and offer participation to a broader range of partners and civil society organisations that are working on UHC related goals. The expanded mandate is expected to help improve coordination of health systems strengthening in support of UHC; sustain advocacy for UHC; and also help ensure accountability for the achievement of UHC targets by 2030. IHP+ signatories have concurred with the Steering Committee's recommendation.

IHP+ will convene a consultations meeting in Geneva on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016 to solicit views on the proposed scope, objectives and functions of the UHC 2030. It is expected that an official announcement about launching the new UHC 2030 will be made at the next UNGA in September 2016. The meeting agreed that the work of the FMTWG will continue to be relevant in the new UHC 2030 formed.

### **Country update**

An update was provided on harmonization work in various countries where initiatives are currently on-going. The attached spreadsheet has the update provided.

Adda Faye informed the meeting that in the new Global Fund Strategy signed in January 2016, financial management harmonization and alignment has been identified as priority areas. In the strategy, 10 countries have been embarked to advance PFM support in the health sector by December 2017.

Across GAVI, GF and USAID, the following countries are considered priority for collaboration on financial management in the health sector: Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Tajikistan, Nigeria and Kenya. WHO has also expressed interest in collaborating on financial management in these countries.

### **Update on Study of PFM in health – Development Challenges and Solutions**

An update was provided on the PFM in health study that is being conducted by the World Bank. The first country pilot was been conducted in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Ministries of health and Finance, as well

as the World Bank country office found the study very useful in terms of identifying and analyzing the PFM bottlenecks to health results in Kyrgyz. Once finalized, the study will be shared with members of the group for information.

### **Any other business**

Pamela informed the meeting that USAID was developing an FM assessment tool, and indicated that she will be willing to give an update on the tool in the next meeting. She also provided some background information on the decentralized nature of USAID's operations, and how this affects decisions on harmonization and alignment at the country level.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

### ***Action items***

- Agree on the next group of countries for collaboration given interests expressed by members under the country update agenda item.
- Continue to support implementation of on-going collaboration initiatives in countries where assessments have already been carried out.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be held by audio in the second week of July at a date to be proposed by the IHP+ Core team.