IHP+ Executive Team Meeting, 21 April 2011
Note for the Record

Participants
Ausaid; Southern Civil Society; DFID; Global Fund; UNFPA; World Bank; WHO. Apologies from EC

ACTIONS:
- Core Team will prepare a more detailed IHP+ future directions paper based on option 2 (IHP+ continues but adapts, with a defined timeframe).
- Core Team will prepare an outline and timeframe for an IHP+ stock taking exercise.
- ET members were asked to send suggestions on ways to engage signatories by Wednesday 27 April.
- ET will discuss the timing of IHP+Results 3rd round of monitoring by email next week

AGENDA: KEY ISSUES RAISED
1 Future strategic directions of IHP+
Discussions were guided by the discussion note prepared for the ET. This outlined four options for the future of IHP+. The ET was asked to focus on two specific questions.

a) Should wider discussions beyond the ET be cast in terms of all four options, or a more detailed elaboration of one or two options?
- There was universal agreement that the future directions paper that is shared with all partners should focus on one or two options only, especially option 2, but explain that other options were discussed by the ET before reaching this conclusion. Alternatives will be set out within Option 2.

b) What comments do you have on managing the process for discussing future directions?
- Timeframe: the proposed time frame was accepted, with a comment that ways are needed to get inputs from various stakeholders, especially countries and civil society.
- Consultation: all agreed that a face to face meeting was not appropriate, and other opportunities should be used, including consultations during the WHA. There was some discussion of how to get the balance right between drawing on experience within IHP+ and going beyond IHP+.
- Evaluation: there was no appetite for a large, formal evaluation at this point, given what has already been done, e.g. IHP+ Results. There was support for some form of systematic but still light stock-take/think-piece on different aspects of IHP+, over the next 3 months. It could cover the evolution of IHP+; where it is adding most value; what is working less well. It could iteratively feed into discussions on future directions over the next three months. Some specific issues were mentioned: coordinating IHP+ investments around civil society; how to frame the mutual accountability element
- Core Team stressed that the consultation process needs to be manageable, and that there are risks as well as benefits to very wide consultation. It asked for written ideas of whom to engage and how.

2 Country updates The Core Team provided a brief update, captured at the end of this note

3 Any other business
- World Health Assembly: IHP+ technical side event, Wednesday 18 May 1730 – 1930. Agenda to be shared.
- Global Fund request to postpone JANS tool revisions until after its NSA process in October: the ET agreed that because the tool amendments are not major, the previously agreed timeframe should not change, as this would disadvantage other countries and agencies. The Core Team will discuss how to handle communications and avoid confusion in the 6 NSA countries concerned with the NSA team. More broadly, the ET agreed that once ET decisions are made, any requests to change them should go first to the Core Team only, and that in general decisions should not be re-opened.
- Timing of IHP+Results 3rd round of monitoring: this will be discussed with the ET by email next week.
Brief country updates

New signatories, to sign during WHA
El Salvador, Sudan in addition to the two already known: Cameroon, Chad, WHA signing ceremony Monday 16 May 1300-1330; Salle VII email invites to all partners nearer the time

JANS
§ Mali: latest informal info on first workshop dates is May 23-27
§ Rwanda: no changes in tentative dates 8-22 June, but Minister just changed
§ Malawi: short external mission, as part of a longer national process, immediately after Easter
§ Kyrgyzstan: using JANS tool to structure mid term review. New information: changed to week of 30 May.

Countries preparing compacts
§ Newly signed: Niger, Uganda being signed at present;
§ Soon to sign: Sierra Leone scheduled to sign 5 May; Burundi June?
§ Preparation in progress: Burkina Faso (but may be affected by current situation); Chad (a 'pre compact'); Djibouti; Senegal; Togo (already signed a 'Protocole d'entente')

Nepal and JFA: recent GF mission; exploring whether GF can sign JFA

Work related to monitoring and review platform
§ Nepal mission to discuss road map took place this week; local partners plus GAVI/GF involved
§ Following requested joint missions to Mozambique & Sierra Leone, in the last month there have been two more technical workshops

Documenting results - country work to be aware of
- Ethiopia - stock take of progress on IHP+ (1 plan etc) commissioned by MOH and under way - consultants Chabot, Waddington, Alebachew
- Country interest in documenting results in DRC, Mali, Benin; aid effectiveness studies by Belgian consortium underway this year
- Cambodia: Review of SWAp being planned
- Nepal: IHP+ compact review commissioned by MOH; consultants hired; additional analysis being discussed locally