

IHP+ Executive Team Meeting
15 December 2011
Note for the Record

Participants: CSO (North & South), DfID, EC, GAVI, Global Fund, IHP+ Results, UNFPA, UNICEF, World Bank, WHO

ACTION POINTS

- Signatories to confirm participation in the third round of IHP+ Results by the end of 2011.
- The Core Team to send a “save the date” announcement for the upcoming JANS Meeting by early January.
- The Ottawa meeting will be on the agenda for the January Executive Team Meeting.
- The Core Team to ensure improved country participation in Executive Team meetings in 2012 and to confirm participation of at least two countries by January 2012.
- The Core Team to circulate a table of country activities before the January Executive Team meeting.
- Future Executive Team meetings: 26 January, 23 February (will be changed due to JANS Meeting in Hammamet), 22 March, and 26 April 2012.
- Connectivity for Executive Team meetings is being reviewed.

AGENDA: KEY ITEMS

1) IHP+ Results

- 16 countries have confirmed participation in the 3rd round of IHP+ Results, with additional 2 countries likely to participate. Signatories will confirm participation by the end of 2011.
- Implications of the Busan High Level Forum for IHP+Results monitoring: there will not be a new post-Busan monitoring process in place before June 2012 at the earliest. The focus will be on country level monitoring; there will likely be some light-touch global monitoring of the commitments in the Busan outcomes document. This process should not affect the third round of IHP+ Results.
- IHP+ Results provided an update on the third monitoring process – based on IHP+ Working Group discussions in July 2011; the process will remain largely the same as it was in 2010, with efforts to improve quality of data and reduce transaction costs; data collection will take place in February-March; guidance will be shared in the second half of January. Draft scorecards will be shared in April – and the final report will be released in September.

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Comments:

- Partners noted that the process remains onerous and voiced that the process should be as light as possible. Partners also flagged the importance of better understanding the added value of the IHP+ Results Process, particularly for countries and discussed the need to improve linkages between the IHP+ Results process and other monitoring processes such as the International Aid Transparency Initiative and the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women and Children’s health.
 - The Core Team noted that feedback from countries has been positive (Nigeria, Nepal) and that the IHP+ Results process has also been a useful tool for development partners. The process itself is young, so the institutionalization of the process and utilization of scorecards takes time to take root. IHP+ Results noted that the process is largely unchanged in order to allow comparability over multiple years of analysis. They also noted that supplementary questions are voluntary during this round. The survey tool will remain mostly the same, though it contains some additional voluntary questions. IHP+ Results will continue to liaise with the Core Team to identify opportunities to link up with existing monitoring processes.
- UNFPA noted the need for better translation of IHP+ Results tools and guidance.

- CS has had discussions with IHP+ Results, including discussion of designing a qualitative survey to report on CS engagement as a complement to existing scorecards; this would be a separate process from the third round. CS is also in the process of identifying key focal persons in each country that will be able to support country level efforts to participate in the IHP+ Results process and to strengthen CS indicators.
- The World Bank voiced the need to continue to strengthen mutual accountability, particularly at the country level.
- Communication on the IHP+Results process should be improved, with clear and simple instructions.

2) JANS Meeting Update

- A small team is developing agenda and background documents for the JANS meeting. The possible date is the week of February 20, 2012; the possible location is Hammamet, Tunisia.
- The Executive Team agreed on the importance of ensuring that the meeting is inclusive and that countries are well represented.
- Partners noted that JANS is a global public good and suggested that the meeting reflect on both lessons learned and opportunities to sustain the JANS process in the future and what role the IHP+ could play.

3) Any other business.

- **Busan High Level Forum on Aid effectiveness:** The IHP+ side event in Busan was well attended with good discussions. As a sector, health was noted to have made faster progress in aid effectiveness than other sectors. Civil Society was very well represented in Busan.
- **Global Fund Board Decision & Health Systems Funding Platform:** The GF Board recently agreed to postpone Round 11 funding until 2014, though there is a transitional funding mechanism in place. As a result, the GF will not use the joint application instruments developed under the Health Systems Funding Platform, but it will continue to work with Platform partners on other issues, including financial management and monitoring and evaluation. GF clarified that funding through the National Strategy Applications (NSAs) will be subject to the same criteria laid out for the transitional funding mechanism.
- **Ottawa Meeting:** The commission would like to build off the ongoing work of the IHP+ in the following areas: “Monitoring Results in Countries” where IHP+ (i.e. M&E Working Group) would lead, and “Health Reviews” where IHP+ would also lead; in addition the possibility of using IHP+ Results type of report cards will also be considered. This will be a topic of the January 2012 Executive Team meeting.
- **Country Participation in Executive Team Meeting:** The Core Team is following up to improve country participation in Executive Team meetings in 2012 – three countries have expressed interest in participating: Togo, Sudan, and Senegal.
- **Country Activity Updates:** The Core Team will circulate an updated country status table to the Executive Team in advance of the January meeting.