Executive Team Meeting  
24 June 2010  
Draft Note for the Record

**Participants:**  
Civil Society (North)  
European Commission  
GAVI  
Global Fund  
UNAIDS  
United Kingdom  
WHO  
World Bank

**ACTIONS:**  
1. The Executive Team will send comments on the Procurement WG TORs to Andreas Seiter – asseiter@worldbank.org and Clive Ondari - ondaric@who.int by July 1, 2010.  
2. The Procurement Working Group will revise TORs and re-circulate them by July 29, 2010.  
3. The Mutual Accountability Working Group will circulate a guidance note before the upcoming SuRG.  
4. **Date of next SuRG Meeting:** 2 July 2010  
5. **Date of next Executive Team Meeting:** 15 July 2010

**AGENDA:**  
1. **Proposal for Working Group on Procurement**  
   Andreas Seiter, World Bank, and Clive Ondari, WHO, presented the proposal that has also been discussed in the framework of the Interagency Pharmaceutical Coordination Group (IPC). Countries face different requirements from different donors and funding entities regarding procurement of drugs. This working group aims to work towards a set of agreed quality standards for procurement of drugs outside those already covered under the WHO pre-qualification scheme. The Working Group will begin defining other aspects of importance for future work, but would focus initially on alignment of procurement for medical goods. The working group will update the TORs and include a timeline for work proposed, and expects to be reporting to both IPC and the IHP+ Executive Team.

   **Discussion:**  
   The EC noted that the use of country systems was a commitment all partners made under the Paris Declaration, while the current proposal could be viewed as donor driven. Many country systems have been improved and he would plead to include country participation in this working group.

   The EC on behalf of Germany noted that the working group should include partner countries; that members of the working group should have practical experience in procurement; and that logistical issues should perhaps also be taken up by the working group.

   It was agreed that the working group would include representatives from developing countries with the required technical background. It was underlined that the focus on harmonization of quality standards for procurement of medical goods be used as a starting point and other issues could potentially be addressed down the road.

2. **Mutual Accountability Working Group Final Update**  
   **Shona Wynd** (UNAIDS), on behalf of Working Group Chair Tim Martineau, provided an update on the targets to the Standard Performance Measures for mutual accountability under the IHP+ as presented last Executive Team. This was one of 2 items the working group has finalized since the last Executive Team meeting.

   Measure 3a had not yet been finalized due to inability of bilateral partners to participate in the last meeting of the working group. The Working group tentatively agreed on measure 10b, though not all country partners could participate in the last meeting of the working group either. The Executive Team was requested to comment towards finalizing these 2 targets (by working group chair in discussion with the core team) before the meeting of the SuRG on this topic.

   The working group finalized the discussion on the 2nd item, agreeing that the capacity of LSHTM, which did longitudinal studies in the first year of monitoring would be used in improving the 2nd round country level monitoring.

   **Discussion:**  
   The EC requested a change in phrasing for target 1a, or to interpret the target as follows, to “100% of IHP+ countries where the signatory operates in the health sector have support for/commitment to the IHP+ compact (or equivalent) mutually agreed and documented.”
The EC and UK underlined the need for being able to provide an agency specific, published, target. They will liaise with their representative constituencies before the discussions in the SUHG on 2 July. The probable difficulty of providing baseline data for certain standard measures was noted as an issue that will have to be solved on a case by case basis.

The World Bank raised the question regarding timing of reviews, noting that the Paris Declaration was reviewed every two to three years and suggested that a review every year was too ambitious and reviews to take place every other year.

The Core Team noted that the Executive Team should expect a letter from Civil Society urging IHP+ partners to participate in the review process.

3. JANS & Health Systems Funding Platform

The Core Team provided an update on the status of JANS and the Platform at the country level and posed the question of how to better bring other partners on board.

- The Uganda JANS is ongoing.
- The Ethiopia JANS workshop will take place July 12-13 in Addis. Partners should by now have received invitations to participate. It was noted that China has been invited.
- A recent Platform mission was carried out to Cambodia. There is interest in using the platform to harmonize existing support and financial management.
- In Nepal, a JFA is being developed and signing is expected by the end of July.

Discussion:

The Global Fund noted some of the practical outcomes of the recent Platform mission to Cambodia:

- The Global Fund is adopting the national health sector indicators.
- Empirical work will be conducted to analyze areas of overlap and gaps in financing for the health sector.

The Global Fund also noted that a joint proposal form (GAVI/GF) is being prepared, to be ready before GF Round 11 (2011).

- The World Bank raised a question regarding how joint proposals would eventually move towards supporting national health strategies.
- The Global Fund and GAVI both noted that while it is envisaged that joint assessment be used wherever possible, it was likely that in countries where a joint assessment was not possible, the joint proposal form would be used in future.

GAVI suggested some options for improving consultation on the platform without expanding the existing working group, including quarterly broad consultations and adoption of a stronger communication and advocacy strategy.

WHO noted that in the technical support provided to a number of countries, WHO is 'frontloading' use of the JANS, and is mainstreaming the use of the tool in its day to day work.

4. Any Other Business

The Core Team proposed December 6-7, 2010 in Brussels as the date of the next IHP+ Country Teams meeting and. A concept note will be circulated in the next two weeks.

The EC requested further information on the timing of the next Ministerial Review. The Core Team noted that this will likely take place in the first quarter of 2011 and has been delayed due to an overloaded 2010 calendar.