IHP+ Executive Team Meeting, 26 July 2012

Note for the Record

Participants
AusAID, EC, OECD, Rwanda, Sudan, Civil Society (Northern), UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, WB, WHO.

ACTIONS:
- Mutual Accountability Working Group meeting 5 October: Core Team to email agencies previously involved; some expanded participation to be considered
- IHP+ to follow up idea of writing to the Global Partnership co-chairs about relevant lessons from IHP+.
- Website: to maintain a hyperlink from the new website to archived information; observations on missing / new documents to be sent to Core Team.
- Declaration from the Ministerial Conference on value for money, sustainability and accountability in the health sector, in Tunis: Core Team to provide link1.
- Next ET meeting: 27th September 2012, at 16:30

Agenda

1. Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation: update from Brenda Killen, Head of Division, Aid Quality and Architecture, OECD

Brenda Killen updated the Executive Team on the new Global Partnership, whose creation was agreed at the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan. Her presentation is attached again for reference.

- Key points on its mandate: to maintain political momentum for more effective development cooperation, not just aid; to ensure accountability for implementing Busan commitments at country level. Is being designed as a ‘light’ and open platform, with a small secretariat jointly provided by OECD and UNDP. Steering committee for the Global Partnership will be announced end July.
- Key points on the monitoring framework: there will be periodic global reporting but no more global surveys. The focus will be on country level monitoring, with country defined indicators. However, countries said some form of global reporting remains important, and the global reports will be based on 10 agreed indicators, 5 coming from the previous Paris indicators and 5 new ones. This set is seen as the best possible compromise, and focuses on behaviour changes that are expected to contribute to results. Indicators are proxies – they can’t tell the whole story, but can support dialogue and learning. Existing data will be used. Qualitative information will be important too: need to collect stories behind indicators.
- Next steps: Steering Committee to meet for first time probably in Tokyo, end 2012. Finalize indicators by end of 2012. Ministerial meeting possibly early 2013.

Key questions, comments and responses from Brenda Killen:
- Confirming scope of the partnership? Response: covers all development assistance.
- Links between IHP+ and the new partnership, especially on monitoring? Response: sees IHP+ as one of the voluntary coalitions or ‘building blocks’ taking further the commitments on aid / development effectiveness, that OECD wants to stay in contact with because it generates information needed by the Partnership. IHP+ could formalize by links writing to the new Partnership co-chairs about IHP+ lessons.
- Links of the new partnership with other global processes eg post MDG discussions, Rio etc? Response: a post MDG agenda discussion may be tabled by the co-chairs; one option would be to insert the Partnership’s principles into the post MDG framework.
- Links at country level between related monitoring processes (of development in general, or health sector specific eg COIA). Especially where countries are already trying to mainstream aid effectiveness indicators within national frameworks? Response: within a country MOH should get in touch with MOF focal points. OECD could provide names of MOF focal points to facilitate the links.
- Periodic global reporting: Busan recognised unfinished business related to Paris Declaration, so post Busan indicators include 5 from the Paris Declaration. Focus will be on using country level data: from national monitoring systems.

2. Proposed steps to decide future monitoring of progress against IHP+ Global Compact Commitments

The ET broadly agreed with the roadmap proposed.

Key comments and points discussed:

- As with the Global Partnership on Development Effectiveness, future monitoring of IHP+ should focus in future on country-based monitoring and mutual accountability processes.
- IHP+ should also align with the Global Partnership indicators and proposed process, and take account of discussions on the MDG post 2015 agenda (health specific).
- Suggestions on ways forward:
  - To include indicators in country compacts
  - Look into how compact commitments are monitored at country level
  - Increase use of existing processes such as health sector reviews as the basis for mutual accountability. Would also help to capture qualitative information.
- Comments on the utility of the IHP+Results score cards:
  - Amongst the bilateral development partners (DPs) consulted by the EC, opinions vary – some find it a useful tool, others are less convinced of their usefulness as a monitoring tool to assess progress of countries and development partners; a number of DPs recommend to further improve the quality of the IHP+ Results scorecard tool if it remains a global monitoring tool.
  - For CSOs, they are a useful tool, and their quality is improving. Need to build on that, and pay more attention on how to make sure they are used effectively at country and global level.
- Mutual accountability meeting in October:
  - On the question of timing, the Core Team noted this is the first step in reaching a decision on future monitoring. The IHP+Results report will have been out 3 weeks beforehand. The main outcome is a discussion paper on future monitoring – it is not a decision meeting. That should happen in December at the Country Teams Meeting.
  - Would be useful to expand participation beyond the old Mutual Accountability Working Group members
  - Could also have online discussion (public or limited to IHP+ signatories), to inform discussion and final decision at the country teams meeting in December.

3. Any other business - Round table of news and events from ET members:

- UNAIDS: Report back on AIDS global meeting - many sessions on country ownership, long-term responsibility, integrating AIDS response into national strategies. Ambassador Goosby signaled a transition of PEPFAR programmes to back host government over next three - four years. Move away from emergency response to long-term response and integration
- UNFPA: HHA – Tunis meeting – declaration on commitments made in finance for health, including on universal coverage. Forthcoming IHP+ country teams meeting - links with HHA, sharing of documents.
- UNICEF: Are a series of high level health initiatives and discussions going on, with a risk of renewed fragmentation and duplication. Would be useful to get some messaging via IHP networks to country level about delivering the continuum of care through integrated services / a single health system, in a more inclusive and aligned way. Ian Pett to share ideas with Core Team.
- Rwanda: JANS completed – provided useful feedback. Report will be published soon.