IHP+ Executive Team Meeting, 28 February 2013
Note for the Record

Participants
Sudan, EC, Germany, Civil Society (Northern & Southern), UNICEF, GAVI, World Bank, WHO

ACTIONS:
- An options paper based on lessons learned will be produced as a next step to the recently completed study *Joint Annual Health Sector Reviews: A Review of Experience*. Core Team and ET will reflect on ways to utilize the paper to engender real change on the ground.
- ET members to send specific recommendations regarding the IHP+ 2013 Work Plan to Finn Schleimann and Phyllida Travis
- Any partners who would like to nominate an individual to join the financial management technical working group are strongly encouraged to do so. Contact Finn Schleimann.

Agenda

1. **Joint Annual Reviews (JARs): Discussion on implications of the recent review, and next steps**
   
   The commissioned study *Joint Annual Health Sector Reviews: A Review of Experience* was recently finalized. The report concludes that JARs are relevant and recommends that they be sustained; it also notes that JARs have been country specific, and have evolved over time. ET participants reflected on two questions on next steps:

   (1) What are the main implications for Ministries of Health, agencies and others? And in that context what follow up would be useful through IHP+?

   Feedback from ET: Generally, ET members found the report to be useful for both countries and development partners, and supported the report’s recommendation to have a lessons learned paper with options for JAR and to improve South-South learning on JARs. The need to follow up the report with a view to enhance its impact was highlighted; one area could be for signatories to include JARs in internal learning processes (e.g. seminars in WHO, on-boarding in the Bank). Other issues raised were: replacing agency specific monitoring by the JAR; the finding that JARs have not increased harmonization much was questioned.

   (2) There is a suggestion that a next step should be to develop an options paper or guideline for JARs. Would that be useful? And if so, what type of guidance would be most useful?

   Generally, ET members expressed support for developing an options paper but to not give specific guidelines.

2. **Heads of agencies April/May meetings - update on focus and preparation**: The third meeting of Global Health Leaders will take place during the World Bank Spring Meetings (April 19-21). In this 1-hour long meeting, heads of agencies are expected to discuss the Nairobi recommendations, the way forward and specifically how they can make organizational changes. During the World Health Assembly (WHA) there will be a 1.5 hour special session which will also provide an opportunity for individual agencies to state their commitments to contribute to increased development effectiveness. A background note for the meetings is being prepared by
WHO and the World Bank for the global health leaders and will be shared with the ET when finalized.

3. Other business
   a. Adjustments to IHP+ work plan 2012-13: The Core Team shared an overview of adjustments to the IHP+ work plan following the Nairobi meeting. ET Feedback included highlighting the need to be proactive on outlining the possible consequences of the ongoing discussions between global health leaders for IHP+, including structure and resources, inputs from ET members would be welcome. Also mentioned were the need to further improve communication; increase country participation in the governance of IHP+; and strengthen work on having all development partners, including the many global initiatives and partnerships, follow IHP+ principles.

   b. Follow-up from Nairobi: no additional updates were presented

   c. Tentative agenda for March ET: presentation of JANS needs paper findings; status of financial management technical working group; south-south collaboration; presentation on the way forward on mutual accountability; and the Nepal 2013 JAR and current JFA issues.