IHP+ Executive Team Meeting, 1st March 2012
Note for the Record

Participants
Civil Society (Southern), European Commission, GAVI, Global Fund, Sudan, UNAIDS, UNICEF, United Kingdom, WHO, World Bank, USG (observer)

ACTIONS:
- IHP+ Core Team to circulate the draft JANS meeting report and presentations of the WGs;
- IHP+ Core Team to prepare a proposed roadmap –including WG and calendar- for implementing the meeting’s recommendations, to be discussed in the next ET meeting;
- ET bilateral and multilateral agencies to discuss possible rotation of ET members and communicate changes to the IHP+ Core Team;
- ET members to communicate dates of major events / international meetings in November /December 2012 to the IHP+ Core Team; suggestions of venues for the 4th IHP+ Country Teams Meeting welcome
- Next ET meeting: 22nd March 2012, 16:30 CET.

Agenda Items
1. Feedback from Joint Assessment of National Strategies (JANS) meeting
   - The IHP+ Core Team briefed on the JANS meeting, held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 22-4 February. The briefing focused on main outcomes and recommendations of the meeting -summarised in the slides attached to the agenda of today’s meeting- which revolve around: 1) how to improve JANS processes to better meet stakeholders needs and ensure a more systematic follow up of their outputs, 2) how to improve synergies / links between sector and disease JANSs, accommodate sub-secor and programme issues into one sector JANS and ensure better synchronisation of planning cycles within countries and among partners and 3) how to ensure support for JANS processes at global, regional and country level at short and medium-long term. The IHP+ Core Team & facilitators are drafting the meeting report.
   Key points discussed:
   - The meeting was successful in moving forward the discussion on ways for rationalising the JANS processes in relation to the needs and objectives of countries and their partners;
   - There is a broad consensus on the need for building on the momentum of the meeting and the interest and demand of countries and development partners –e.g. 9 countries have signalled an interest in conducting a JANS- to operationalise the recommendations of the Hammamet meeting, in particular in relation to conducting combined sector-disease JANSes at the request of countries, with approaches that are adequate to their needs and priorities;
   - There is room for improving support to JANS processes, in particular in the areas of communication between countries and within agencies, terminology, to minimise confusion (“semantic hygiene”) and South-South cooperation, building on the increasingly strong capacity at country level;
   - There was a request for taking the WGs’ presentations from the different sessions of the meeting into consideration in the formulation of the final recommendations of the meeting;
   - It was suggested to set up a small IHP+ working group/s to take forward the recommendations of the Hammamet meeting. It was agreed that the IHP+ Core Team will prepare, in consultation with interested agencies, a proposal of roadmap and calendar for implementing the recommendations, to be discussed in the next ET meeting on 22nd March.

2. AOB
   - The IHP+ Core Team briefly presented the Country activities matrix and highlighted activities ongoing or are in the pipeline (JANS, compacts/MoU, M&E and FM work, etc.); an updated version will be circulated,
   - Rotation of ET members: the current structure and composition of the ET were defined 2 years ago; two countries –Sudan and Sierra Leone- have recently joined the ET; bilateral and multilateral agencies are invited to discuss among themselves about whether to change ET members / pairings of agencies and communicate changes in the next ET meeting;
   - 4th IHP+ Country Teams Meeting: the last meeting took place in December 2010 and the next one is planned for late 2012; taking into account the long preparation required, the Core Team invites suggestions from partners of convenient venues and dates and requests that information on major events / meetings in November/December 2012 be shared.