IHP+ Executive Team Meeting
26 January 2012
Note for the Record

Participants: African Development Bank, AusAID, CSO (South), DfID, EC, GAVI, Global Fund, Sierra Leone, Sudan, UNAIDS, UNICEF, World Bank, WHO

ACTION POINTS

• The next meeting of the ET will be held on March 1, 2012, due to timing of the upcoming JANS Meeting.
• The HHA meeting report will be on the agenda for the next ET Meeting (UNFPA to brief).
• The Core Team to circulate updated table of country activities before the 1 March Executive Team meeting.
• Dates of M&E workshops to be shared (see below).

AGENDA: KEY ITEMS

1) Ottawa Meeting Follow Up

• Ties Boerma (WHO) provided an update on work since the Ottawa meeting, which brought together a range of partners to discuss operationalization of the 10 recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability. A budget has been prepared totalling $88million; this is already funded at about 25% through contributions from Canada, Norway, and the UK.
• Moving forward, countries and partners will come together in small regional workshops and develop draft country roadmaps on next steps for strengthening M&E platforms, which are then developed and adapted back in country. This has already taken place with five countries in West Africa; a number of similar workshops are scheduled and being planned through mid-2012:
  o 13-15 February 2012: Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
  o Week of 19 March 2012: Cambodia, China, Laos, Mongolia, Philippines, PNG, Vietnam;
  o Mid April: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal and others.
• It is envisioned that all partners (not just WHO) provide technical assistance to countries to carry out this work.

Comments:

• Sierra Leone noted that the workshop in West Africa was useful and underlined the need to remember that countries are at different stages and, as such, may require different types of support and may have different timelines for work. Some in-country pre-workshop preparation would be useful for many countries.
• The WB emphasized the need to include all partners as early as possible in the implementation of recommendations and the M&E process of the IHP+.
• The WB also noted that the IHP+ approach to Mutual Accountability was viewed as favorable by participants in Ottawa. WHO supported this, adding that discussions between the M&E group and IHP+ Results will continue to ensure linkages with IHP+Results country and partner scorecards.

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2) JANS Meeting Update

- Finn Schleimann (Core Team) provided an update on preparations for the upcoming JANS Meeting in Hammamet, Tunisia, February 22-24, 2012 – the agenda and list of participants have been agreed, facilitators for sessions are currently being identified, and invitations have recently gone out.

Comments:
- GAVI welcomed this meeting and voiced the importance of considering the post-JANS process, suggesting the need for a process to monitor the implementation of JANS, such as a JAR, and asked if there will be space for this during the upcoming meeting. The Core Team clarified that this discussion will take place in session 3.
- Civil Society (Southern) requested clarification on the list of participants and whether there was a good ‘proportional balance’ based on areas of expertise. The Core Team noted that the list of participants was balanced between people working in ‘disease specific’ areas as well as more general health systems areas. In addition, 7 members of CS were invited. The main concern in participation was to have a large proportion of representatives from the country level – currently 35% of participants are from country level.
- UNICEF requested clarification on Session 1 regarding whether key lessons were from the perspective of countries or session organizers. The Core Team clarified that lessons will be from the country perspective.
- Sudan voiced an opinion regarding the JANS process to be considered during the meeting, namely that challenges to NGO participation remain. The Core Team noted that the issue of inclusiveness remains a tenet of the JANS process and that partners will continue also to emphasize the need for inclusiveness in the planning of the national health strategy.

3) Country Activities Matrix

- The Core Team requested feedback from the Executive Team regarding the usefulness of the Country Activities Matrix. The Matrix is meant to be a succinct summary of activities related to the IHP+ agenda in IHP+ countries. More detailed information (including sources of funding and major donors) are available elsewhere including through the Country Planning Cycle Database. 2
- UNAIDS requested posting of the Country Matrix on the IHP+ website.

4) Any Other Business

- Financial Management Harmonization Mission to Sierra Leone: A scoping mission for the joint Financial Management Arrangement (FMA) was recently carried out, with great interest from the Ministry of Finance. TORs for the next mission are being developed with the intent to move towards a JFA. The team is considering different FM systems and may consider the model used in Liberia. This discussion includes HSFP partners as well as DFID and the EU. The team hopes to finalize the FMA sometime in mid-2012.
- Health Policy Action Fund, administered by Oxfam: A new call for proposals for grants to national civil society organizations has recently been launched (http://www.healthpolicyactionfund.org/) and will be open through February, with applications in both English and French. This time grants will be for 18 months. Members of the IHP+ CSCG will be engaged in the selection process. The ET is encouraged to share the call for proposals with relevant CS networks and colleagues.
- Nepal Joint Annual Review: Partners are moving towards having a costed M&E workplan by June 2012 and is developing a joint technical assistance arrangement (building off an existing TA mapping exercise).

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2 Available online at https://creator.zoho.com/downeyc/countryplanningdb/view-perma/Country_Planning_Cycle_DB/Rh72U0n40OG7/1/H5SYVZfh2Mu0dpjSSAjsxYF9EWGR77M149hq8QHHXmvKhKXafGUWTjK7FCWAwxU0HU7u6Gd0bJPBW4DvmbgCHHd