4th round of monitoring of aid effectiveness commitments
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1 Introduction

This note is from the IHP+Results Consortium, which has been contracted to support the 4th round of IHP+ performance monitoring. It reflects the situation on June 5th.

What makes the 2014 monitoring round different from the 2012 round?

- Located at country level to promote country ownership, future sustainability and increased use
- Reduced transaction costs – fewer indicators, exploring publicly available data sources
- Data collation (existing data and existing modalities) and not new data collection; global reporting to align with country cycles
- Framework combines IHP+ and GPEDC indicators. We are working closely with OECD to build on experience in GPEDC monitoring (2013)

The experience of previous rounds is being built on.

2 24 countries currently participating in the 4th monitoring round

Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda and Vietnam.

3 Different work streams

This round of monitoring by IHP+ Results has a stronger focus on strengthening mutual accountability for results at country level. The process of collating data is part of a set of complementary activities.

3.1 Data collation / country support

- First contacts have been made with most countries in the week prior to the WHA.
- So far, based on partial information, numbers of development partners participating at country level varies between 5 (eg. Burkina Faso) up to 14 (eg. Niger, Sudan)
- Many development partner HQs have been in contact with country colleagues. The Global Fund and GAVI are being contacted to discuss central or country-based submission of information.
- Tools that have been developed include a one page Q&A; a guidance note; a set of detailed annexes; an introductory PowerPoint; one government and one Development Partner specific data collation tool. All in English, French and Portuguese; a selection in Spanish.
- Data management and presentation
  - Other databases are being consulted in order to find out how useful they are for prepopulating IHP+R data collation tools and / or for triangulation of data
  - OECD is very helpful in providing lessons learned and information from the 2013 round of GPEDC monitoring
- Challenges:
  - The timeframe initially envisaged for this exercise was tight. An extended timeline has been agreed with IHP+ core team (see next page).
  - Complexity of one of the GPEDC/OECD indicators (on results) will be assessed during this exercise; so far no major issue has been reported.
3.2 Mutual Accountability Options Paper

- The options paper will reflect on a) unpacking definitions of mutual accountability; b) reviewing evidence of what works and doesn’t work – taking into account existing mutual accountability processes at global- and country- levels; assess strengths and weaknesses of efforts to date; and c) provide guidance and materials / options on how future efforts could be strengthened, including through the use of data.
- A draft survey on meaningful engagement of CSOs has been developed and is being finalised, including through discussion with IHP+ Civil Society Consultative Group.

3.3 Toolbox

- Score cards: Scorecards to be developed, with focus on simple presentation to meet country needs.
- Webpage / website: IHP+R website up and running in 3 languages; tools can be downloaded from website.
- Plans for others components of toolbox (e.g. briefing papers to promote use) to be developed during June-July.

3.4 Focus countries

- Aim to work more intensively with 3 countries. Main emphasis will be on learning from countries, to consult stakeholders and field test / reality check on feasible strategies to make mutual accountability (and possibly other forms of accountability) work for greater development effectiveness, as well as identify mechanisms to promote sustainability of future monitoring and use of data.
- All 3 countries should start activities within next ten days

4 Issues for comment from the Steering Committee

- What ideas does it have on ways to facilitate effective dissemination of results and use of data, within countries and in agencies?
- The more country-based approach being taken this time is new. But early signs are that these are steps in the right direction, and many useful lessons are being learned for future action.

Revised timeline for IHP+ monitoring 2014

A revised timeframe has been agreed with the IHP+ core team based on the following key dates.

- mid-May to mid-July
  - Data collation (10 weeks)
- mid-July to mid-Sept
  - Data analysis & scorecards (9 weeks)
- mid-Sept to mid-Nov
  - Analysis & Report writing (9 weeks)
- early Dec
  - Findings finalised, Executive Summary translated & printed for CHT (9 weeks)