Note for the Record

UHC2030 Working Group on Support to Countries with Fragile or Challenging Operating Environment

Audio conference 23rd January 2017 13:30–14:30 CET

Participants: USAID: Amelia Peltz, Amy Kay; BRAC: Kaosar Afsana; WHO: Finn Schleimann, Andre Griekspoor, Dirk Horemans; GFATM: Olga Bornemisza; CORDAID: Maarten Oranje; UNF: Kristina Yarrow; GIZ: Holger Thies; OECD: Rachel Scott; Independent: Enrico Pavignani; GAVI: Judith Kallenberg; Canada/IDRC: Montasser Kamal; Japan: Satoko Horii

Regrets: WHO: Denis Porignon; World Bank: Tekabe Belay; HSG/KIT: Egbert Sondorp

Absent: IFRC: Julie Hall; Japan: Noriko Fujita; Afghanistan: Abdul Qadir; Liberia: Benedict Harris; EC: Ian van Engelgem; REPOA: Guy Benissan; EC: Cornelius Oepen;

Decisions on agenda items

1. Confirmation of Co-Chairs
The proposed Co-chairs, Kaosar Afsana, HNP Director, BRAC & Amelia Peltz, Senior Gender Advisor & Acting Team Lead, Gender and Sexual Diversity, Bureau for Global Health, USAID, were unanimously accepted. They had agreed that Amelia would chair this meeting.

2. Decision on how to proceed with literature review and case studies
It was decided to form a small sub-group that would develop TOR for a literature review, and that the TOR would subsequently be approved by the full group, before the UHC2030 Core Team contracted consultants to carry it out. The TOR would comprise both issues relating to coordination as well as issues pertaining to which health systems interventions, including service delivery, would be most appropriate in those settings. The sub-group members were agreed: Egbert Sondorp, Andre Griekspoer, Enrico Pavignani and Finn Schleimann, with Kristina Yarrow contributing when needed. This small group will also look at TOR for case studies, if it is decided to do any. During the discussion it was also agreed that the wording used in our TOR on category B countries should be modified when used externally, to appear less judgemental, the small group would identify appropriate language.

3. Next Steps
It was decided to do a work plan, which will prioritise the TOR’s Scope of Work and identify deliverables and develop a timeline. A small group was established to draft the work plan, and submit to the Working Group for comments and eventually approval. Members of the small group will be: Amelia Peltz, Amie Kay, Kaosar Afsana, & Finn Schleimann. A first draft plan should be ready for the next call.

4. AOB
Finn suggested carrying out a study of the experience regarding the 3 Ebola countries already now. It was decided to start with synthesising the literature (including grey) regarding the 3 countries’ experience and that how to do this would be discussed in the small working group on literature review.
Follow up

- NfR drafted, and after commenting by co-chairs, circulated to the working group - Finn
- Small group on literature review convened – Finn
- Small group on work plan convened – Finn
- Next audio conference in February (date will be based on Doodle) – Finn & co-chairs
- The two small groups (litt. review and work plan) report back to Working Group, incl draft TOR for the litt. review and a draft work plan – small groups

Actions remaining from previous meeting:

- Identify additional working group members from countries - Finn
- Final TOR approved by Core Team Leads and circulate to Steering Committee – Max Dapaah & Marjolaine Nicod