



Note for the Record

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

Audio conference 7th July 2017 14:00–15:00 CET

Participants: USAID: Amelia Peltz (Co-Chair); WHO: Finn Schleimann, Dirk Horemans, Denis Porignon; GFATM: Olga Bornemisza; Independent: Enrico Pavignani; Canada/IDRC: Montasser Kamal; MSF: Mit Philips; GIZ: Holger Thies; Japan: Noriko Fujita; CORDAID: Maarten Oranje; Afghanistan: Abdul Qadir (?); REPAOC: Guy Benissan (?); World Bank: Tekabe Belay; ITM: Remco van de Pas
Regrets: WHO: Andre Griekspoor; HSG/KIT: Egbert Sondorp; GAVI: Judith Kallenberg;),; BRAC: Kaosar Afsana (Co-Chair); EC: Ian van Engelgem;
Absent: OECD: Rachel Scott; IFRC: Julie Hall; Liberia: Benedict Harris; France: Taraneh Shojaei; UNF: Kristina Yarrow; USAID: Amy Kay; Japan: Satoko Horii;

Decisions on agenda items

1. Give an update on the Literature Review

Finn briefed about the selection process for the literature review resulting in contracting Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM) to do it.

The draft Technical Inception Report from ITM had been circulated in advance. ITM (Remco) briefed about the work so far.

Two members (GIZ & CORDAID) had submitted written comments to the Inception Report, others made comments in the meeting, many pointing out the complexity of this big task, and the need – and suggestions - to focus. The ITM team will incorporate to the extent possible given the agreed TOR and contract. As many members had not realised the deadline for comments, this was extended until Friday 14th July COB.

2. Discuss the Working Groups interaction with the Literature Review Team (from ITM, Antwerpen)

The small sub-group would continue to have ongoing dialogue with the ITM team throughout the literature review. The involvement of the whole WG was discussed, and ITM's suggestion was agreed (see under follow-up).

3. Discuss time and content of Face-to-Face meeting

Following the finalisation of the literature review, it was proposed – and no one objected - to have a 2-days face-to-face meeting to discuss the way forward for developing the guidance (re the Working Group’s TOR). The Doodle poll shows almost equal number of people being able to attend middle of the week of 6th and 13th November. A slightly broader range of persons than the WG members would be invited, particularly persons from “fragile countries” and major humanitarian organisations not currently on the WG.

Suggested points to discuss at the November face-to-face meeting:

- What can broadly be concluded from the Literature review in terms of guidance on appropriate service delivery and HSS interventions and coordination.
- Are there major gaps in our knowledge that needs to be addressed (eg by thematic studies, country studies)
- Discussion of the scope, structure and process for developing a guidance document.

4. AOB

Finn informed about a meeting this week where WHO, WB, UNICEF & WFP discussed developing an enhanced Operational Framework to guide collaboration in fragile, conflict and vulnerable settings (“FCV Collaboration”)

Follow up

- Comments to the ITM Technical Inception Report can be given until Friday 14th July COB - *All*
- The final Technical Inception Report circulated to the WG (for information) – *Finn with ITM*
- The whole WG will be involved at the following points during the literature review process:
 - Inception Report (happening now) - *All*
 - When peer reviewed literature and grey literature lists are ready – *All (Finn coordinate)*
 - Draft report – *All (Finn coordinate)*This may be done as written comments, conference call or a combination TBD.
- Suggested agenda for the November face-to-face meeting to be circulated (by end July) for comments – *Finn*
- Dates for the 2 days face-to-face meeting to be decided and communicated (by end of July) – *Finn with UHC2030 Core Team*

Actions remaining from previous meeting: None