



IHP+ Intensified Action Working Group (IAWG)

Objectives and terms of reference

1 May 2015

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To agree how to move forward on the strategic directions identified for IHP+ and to stimulate and enable action by partners on the IHP+ agenda at country level.

Members

Members of the IAWG were nominated by the Steering Committee during the call on 27 March 2015. The European Commission, USAID, Global Fund, a civil society organisation representative and Senegal volunteered to participate; DFID wanted to stay engaged. Other SC members have been invited to join the Working Group.

Terms of Reference for the IAWG

Following the consultation with IHP+ partners in February 2015 and the Steering Committee teleconference on March 27 2015, there is consensus that IHP+ needs to work more intensively at country level to encourage and implement effective development cooperation. This includes monitoring and mutual accountability at country level and strengthening key aspects of health systems relevant to effective cooperation (strengthening of public financial management; monitoring, information and accountability; and procurement systems). In addition, there was agreement to consider how to broaden the partnership and how to maintain or raise IHP+'s political profile and thereby increase its influence.

The Steering Committee agreed that a small group should be established to produce a paper setting out the implications of the key points of the survey on the future of IHP+, and to develop practical proposals for how to accelerate implementation at the country level. Specifically, the working group will:

- a) Identify how to take forward the strategic directions agreed, including how to increase action on effective cooperation at country level, and the policy implications for IHP+.
- b) Identify who should take action (e.g. government, development partners, Core Team), timing, any costs and implications for the structure, staffing and hosting of the IHP+ Core Team.
- c) Catalyse work in individual countries to agree on priority areas for cooperation and how to implement these. This should lead to plans at country level for improving development cooperation on one or more of the seven behaviours. The Working Group will also identify how to follow up implementation at country level and ensure lessons learned from IHP+ work are documented and shared.

Work plan for the IAWG and rough timeline

1. Initial working paper to set out the IAWG approach and timeline and provide an outline of the paper for the SC (Core Team, by 1 May)
2. IAWG members to provide written comments on this (by 15 May).
3. Work by core team with input from WG members, mainly through consultation with stakeholders including WG members, other SC members and other IHP partners, develop draft paper on the strategic directions, implications for IHP+ and challenges (in May/June).
4. Review by WG for written comments, arrange a call/video meeting (or face to face) if there is disagreement among group members (mid- June).
5. In parallel, start to take up opportunities for working with partners at country level, based on the agreed approach, and develop practical plans for country level action on one or more of the 7 behaviours (May-September).
6. Circulate paper to Steering Committee, request feedback or no objection (by end July)
7. Depending on SC comments, may need further input to finalise the strategic directions and implications (August).
8. Continue to promote and enable work in individual countries to identify how to move forward on the IHP+ agenda, review progress and learn from experience.

Outputs

A paper on IHP+ strategic directions, as the basis for the two year IHP+ work programme for approval at the November SC meeting.

Progress on developing country specific plans on how to move forward on implementing one or more of the effective cooperation behaviours.

Working Group arrangements

The WG will be made up of members of the Steering Committee or their nominees and the IHP+ Core Team. It will nominate co-chairs. The Core Team will also provide the secretariat function.