

International Health Partnership (IHP+)
Business Scaling-up Reference Group (SuRG) Meeting
12 February 2009, 17.00 CET

Participants included representatives of:

Gates Foundation	UNFPA
GAVI	UNICEF
Global Fund	WHO
Treatment Action Group	World Bank
UNAIDS	

Action Points

- Core Team to develop a timeline for delivery of actions in the Communiqué.
- SuRG to provide comments on the Management Review ToRs within a week.
- Core Team will Invite HHA to the next SuRG meeting to discuss support to implementation of the Ethiopia Compact.
- The Taskforce and the IHP+ will improve communication on their linked objectives.

1. Debrief on the IHP+ Ministerial Review, 4-5 February

Carissa Etienne (WHO) facilitated a roundtable feedback and discussion on the recent 4-5 February IHP+ Ministerial Review focusing on main messages coming out from the meeting and key actions that need prioritising in next 12 months.

- Key messages emphasized actions to increase focus on results and mutual accountability, to improve clarity and consistency of donor messages regarding their commitments, to improve communications across all partners with a particular attention to terminology, and to address the disconnect in understanding between headquarters and country representatives.
- [The Ministerial Communiqué](#) was the main outcome and represents an agreement by IHP+ signatories to six bold actions, progress along which will be reported at the next Ministerial Review.
- Actions will be taken forward in the IHP+ Phase II Workplan which is under development and will shortly be shared with the SuRGs for comment by the end of February.

Comments/Discussion:

- It was agreed to improve communications to:
 - Better explain the work on joint assessment, including work on the assessment process, and tool but also on the impact regarding funding commitments to assessed plans;
 - Improve clarity on the linkages between the Global Fund's NSA and the inter-agency work on joint assessment, demonstrating the added value at country level and of CSO participation; and
 - Better clarify the link between the IHP+ and the Taskforce.
- It was agreed to improve collaboration:
 - Between SuRG members and the H8 heads to ensure H8 concerns are identified and addressed and to ultimately improve ownership of and accountability to IHP+ by the H8;
 - With other processes, especially those at country-level
 - With UNCTs, including UNDAF
 - WHO will develop a joint letter to RCs
 - With OECD on monitoring and with the North-South Consortium to avoid duplication and leverage synergies
 - WHO noted the OECD has sent a formal letter expressing interest to explore concrete possibilities of joint work through the Paris Declaration monitoring process.

- The IHP+ should continue to evolve demonstrating delivery of discrete outputs and tangible results.
- The Core Team will develop a timeline for delivery of actions outlined in the Ministerial Communiqué.

2. Informal meeting of the H8, 2 February

Carissa Etienne (WHO) gave a debrief on the informal meeting of the H8's discussion on the IHP+.

- The H8 reiterated its support to the IHP+ and confirmed that it is moving in the right direction. Discussion focused on:
 - The H8 want to see a common M&E framework and joint assessment in place and operational at country level.
 - H8 concerns included some confusion on the terms and objectives of the IHP+, whether the IHP+ perpetuates donor orphans, the need to strengthen mutual accountability and that national plans and compacts are not sufficiently results-based.

Comments/Discussion:

- WHO clarified that the H8 is an informal group and reemphasised that they provide a major influence on the IHP+ process.
- It was agreed that SuRG members should keep the H8 briefed on issues and to better identify concerns and issues of the H8 heads, feeding these to the SuRG for discussion.

3. Management review of the IHP+

Bob Fryatt (WHO) introduced the ToRs to review IHP+ management structures (i.e. SuRGs, IAWGs, Core Team). This work follows a recommendation from the Short Term External Review.

- The review will be a "light" process carried out by a management consultancy group.
- The review will take stock of existing arrangements in terms of capacity, functions, links to other programmes and will relate this to expectations identified in the IHP+ Phase II Workplan to provide recommendations to the SuRG.

Comments/Discussion:

- Dan Kress (Gates) questioned the value-add of the management reviews given the recent Short-Term External Review.
 - WHO clarified that this will provide a more in-depth review of specific management structures as the Short-Term External Review found that there are varying levels of capacity/performance across structures.
- Julian Schweitzer (World Bank) commented on the need for resource implications of recommendations made by the Review.
- The SuRG is to provide any comments on the ToRs within a week.

4. Ethiopia: follow up mission

Nicole Klingen (World Bank) introduced the assessment report on the implementation of the IHP+ Country Compact in Ethiopia prepared by the HHA Technical Assessment Team.

- Two of the key recommendations are particularly pertinent to the SuRG:
 - Recommendation 1 "Scale up investment to reach the MDGs"
 - Recommendation 4 "Global-level support is essential to country-level dialogue"

Comments/Discussion:

- Sue Perez stated a new law on civil society has been introduced in January 2009. This law has implications for donor support and civil society will be looking to the SuRG for support.
- UNFPA requested clarification on HHA's role in technical assistance (recommendation 11).
- Overall, the SuRG was supportive to recommendations and agreed to engage with HHA to discuss how to move forward and to clarify its role in technical assistance.

5. High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems

Julian Schweitzer (World Bank) provided a debrief on the Taskforce Focal Points meeting on 4 February.

- Working Groups 1 & 2 gave a progress report on their work to date:
 - WG 1 is working to clarify the health system constraints in developing countries and identify a costings range for a package of benefits
 - WG 2 is analysing the range of existing innovative financing instruments

Both Working Groups have developed draft reports and will be prepare key messages in early March

- The Taskforce will have its second meeting on 13 March where the Working Group Chairs will present initial findings and messages for the Taskforce Members to discuss and to provide direction for the Working Groups.
- A series of consultations on the Taskforce is planned: CSOs on 5 March in London, UN in May/June, and France, and the Leading Group in May

Comments/Discussion:

- The need to engage with country team and with other non-signatories was agreed (e.g. the US, west-African countries).

6. Any other business

- Sue Perez updated that the Civil Society Advisory Group will put out a call for nominations by March.