

IHP+ Reference Group

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Note for the Record

Participants: Civil society (north and south), Sudan, EC, GAVI, Germany, Global Fund, Sweden, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, WHO, and World Bank.

Action Points: 1) Core Team to develop and circulate 2-page note summarizing the SSC and TrC Report, 2) Members to email Core Team with more recommendations, including for the dissemination of SSC Report, 3) Core Team to develop draft Country Health Teams Meeting agenda and objectives to share with Reference Group, and 4) Members to hold an hour-long call to discuss aforementioned agenda in early July (date TBC).

1. Report on south-south and triangular cooperation in health

At the IHP+ Country Health Teams Meeting in December 2012, participants called for action for more communication and better documentation of experiences in south-south cooperation (SSC). In response, IHP+ commissioned here to document the experience of SSC in health as the basis for a consultation to identify next steps for IHP+.

Reference Group members provided feedback on the report. They noted:

- The report provides a useful overview of the SSC landscape in health, but the perspective of southern partners and their future needs of SSC/TrC in health is not prominent enough.
- IHP+ should explore whether the SSC agenda can be linked to the technical assistance agenda.
- In order to stimulate conversation, the report should be circulated to key stakeholders. Suggestions included: disease specific groups who work on provision of TA, AIDS Alliance, IHP+ focal points, RMNCH Steering Committee, USAID country offices, and GAVI (as a report on the website).
- It would be useful to develop a 2-page note summarizing the issues.

The potential role of IHP+ is important and will be addressed in a separate note from the Core Team.

2. Recap of recent IHP+ events

IHP+ has been engaged in three recent events. 1) On April 16, 2014 IHP+ co-organized a focus session at the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation meeting in Mexico City titled "Turning development cooperation principles into results". Panelists from the health, education and WASH sectors shared experiences and discussed the implications of global partnerships for the post-2015 agenda. 2) On April 10, 2014 global health agency leaders met informally for the fifth time. Participants agreed on the need to significantly reduce the number of indicators at the country level and largely supported a proposed framework with a limited set of core indicators that is common to all agencies, and outlined the way forward achieving this. Finally, 3) IHP+ organized a side event on information and accountability at the recent World Health Assembly.

3. Country Health Teams Meeting Preparation

The 5th IHP+ Country Health Teams Meeting will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 3-5 December 2014. This is the first Meeting in Asia, and Cambodia is excited to host IHP+ partners. The Core Team noted that technical preparations should begin soon. Core Team proposed adopting the same preparation methodology used for the previous meeting: 1) Core Team will develop a draft agenda with objectives, and circulate to the Reference Group for input, and 2) Reference Group Members, in addition to country partners and other key stakeholders, will then actively engage in preparing for specific thematic sessions.

Reference Group members agreed with the proposed approach. They noted that it will be important to prepare an agenda that complements work ongoing by other similar initiatives/groups, and that countries should be involved in planning. Countries who are not signatories to the IHP+ global compact can also participate in the meeting, but will not send full team delegations.

Phyllida proposed to prepone the July 31 Reference Group meeting to discuss an agenda outline (date TBC).

4. Any other business

- The Second IHP+ Steering Committee Meeting will be held in Geneva on June 20, 2014.
- The FM technical working group has been formed. The group will hold its first face-to-face meeting in Geneva before the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting.
- Upcoming events/reports: Mission in Ethiopia (June 9-17), PMNCH Partners Forum in South Africa (30 June-1 July), International AIDS Conference in Melbourne (July 20-25) and GAVI commissioning work on how grant management processes and structures can be better aligned to country processes and structures, Civil Society conference in Berlin discussing post-2015 agenda incl. financing and gender equity, Germany will host the next GAVI replenishment conference (period 2016-2020).