



**IHP+ Reference group meeting
21 January 2015
Note for the record**

Participants : EC, GAVI Alliance, Germany, Global Fund, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNICEF, USAID, CSO South, CSO North, World Bank, WHO
Apologies: DFID, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Sudan

Next Reference Group meeting: Thursday 26 March 2015, 10:30 Washington DC/16:30 Geneva time

Action points:

- EC to advise core team on how to get IHP+ and CHTM messages to the forthcoming G7 summit, e.g. finding a “champion”, how IHP+ could be involved at the event
- Core Team to circulate CHTM report to Reference Group once finalised.
- Core Team to feedback on prospects for a multi-agency fund for southern CSO support at next Reference Group meeting.
- Next Reference Group to hear from someone involved in developing the Global Financing Facility.

Key issues discussed

1. 5th Country Health Teams Meeting

- **General feedback:** positive feedback relayed from colleagues who attended meeting; impressed with enthusiasm of countries; must continue work on the agenda, UNFPA would like more focus on incentives for DPs.
- **Meeting Report:** currently in draft form and will be ready for circulation in the coming weeks.

2. 2014 IHP+ Results Monitoring

- **Update:** data collection is now complete and report will be circulated electronically end of February with printed copies available late March.
- **Suggestions for stimulating discussion:** use the results in agencies to review policies, procedures and processes; IHP+ core team to collect written feedback on how the results were received and used from agencies; discussion of scorecards at country level with countries taking the lead and inviting their partners; should also think about agencies who do not have a country presence (GAVI and GF) and how they can be involved in discussions (e.g. via link with EC in some countries).

3. 3rd Steering Committee Meeting, 12 December 2014

- **Multi-agency fund for support to southern CSOs:** the 3 organizations suggested in the Dalberg report have been reviewed further and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Accountability (GPSA) seems to be most appropriate, decision to be made on way forward shortly.
- **Defining role of IHP+ post 2015:** core team to conduct an online survey in February with some focussed telephone interviews as well. The results of exercise and

implications for IHP to be presented to the Steering Committee during a teleconference scheduled for 27 March.

- **Technical Assistance:** several agencies have expressed interest in being involved with upcoming TA work, also assessing interest from countries, currently considering: Myanmar, Ethiopia and Guinea.

4. AOB

- CSO small grants programme:* the Steering Committee agreed on 1 more round of grants. Oxfam was contracted as the grant manager. 103 applications were received and narrowed down to 36 after a screening process. 8 x 18-month grants will be awarded by the project technical committee.
- Financial management:* the 3rd Financial management (FM) technical working group meeting took place in January and agreed that this year there is a focus on action. A joint FM assessment was conducted in **Burundi** last year, report being translated into French ahead of in-country workshop. WB to draft a paper by end of January describing the current situation in **DR Congo**, as a basis for looking at harmonisation, with interest from GF, GAVI, EC and UNFPA. GF plans to discuss joint arrangements with WB and USAID in **Senegal** in February. In **Nigeria**, several agencies (GF, GAVI, EC, BMGF & USAID) interested in working with WB on harmonised interim FM arrangements and system strengthening. In **Myanmar** GAVI is working with WB based on existing FM assessment. **Cambodia** expressed interest in joint FM assessment.
- Core team staff changes:* Finn Schleimann will be retiring at the end of February, his replacement to lead the IHP+ Core Team in WB is expected to be decided by end of January. Phyllida Travis is moving to be the Director of Health Systems, SEARO and Veronica Walford is taking over leadership of IHP+ Core Team in WHO in the interim as the position will be advertised.
- Round table of upcoming meetings and events:*
 - 41st G7 Summit, in Germany in June.
 - GF has started their new strategy 2017-2012 process that will be approved early 2016. e-consultations will be conducted in Q2 and 3 partnership forums will be invited to contribute to the strategy in Africa in May and 2 other locations in Q3.
 - GAVI is also engaged in new strategy consultation, dates to be provided. Germany will host the GAVI replenishment on 27th January in Berlin.
 - EC is arranging a ministerial level conference on Ebola and post Ebola rebuilding.
 - Measurement summit, co-sponsored by USAID, WHO, WB – date will change again (was moved from March to June), to be advised.
 - Next FM Working Group meeting to be held in March. A team drawn from WB Health and Governance teams will be conducting studies on benefits for health of strengthening FM and improving harmonisation and alignment of FM in the health sector; this work will involve the FM TWG as well as other partners, and be partly funded by IHP+.