

Annex 1

IHP+ inter-agency Core Team Terms of Reference

The IHP+ inter-agency Core Team will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the international health agencies and the required support for the country inter-agency 'health sector' teams. Its terms of reference can be summarized as:

1. Responding to existing country needs and demands

- Ensure and facilitate access to high-quality technical support, as required, to regional and country teams for practical operations and for documenting experiences.
- Acting as a sounding board on country demand to bring bottlenecks to the right level for solving.

2. Preparing work for the Scaling-up Reference Group

- Act as secretariat to monthly meetings.
- Management and dissemination of progress, knowledge and experiences.
- Monitor performance and identifying constraints to progress.

3. Creating venues for accountability and learning to contribute to policy development and improved practices

- Seek opportunities to interact with bilateral partners, boards of global partnerships, civil society, foundations and bodies such as the OECD/DAC to facilitate a learning process so that what is learnt on the basis of country and regional experience contributes to policy development, operations and financing strategies.
- Provide an appropriate forum in which countries and partners can review progress, exchange experiences and lessons learned.
- Facilitate a learning process that contributes to applying what is learnt on the basis of country and regional experience to policy development, operations and financing strategies of development partners, global partnerships, foundations and multilaterals
- Organize regular meetings across agencies to discuss progress, technical areas, and create opportunities for discussing and bringing together different initiatives that are mutually reinforcing.

4. Develop a IHP+ communications strategy

- Develop a set of key messages that summarize and help promote the various initiatives aimed at strengthening health systems and services, and to provide a common communications platform.
- Develop a comprehensive communications strategy aimed at specific target audiences (politicians, heads of agencies, civil society, partners and national institutions central to the scaling up agenda, and the staff of the 8 international health agencies overseeing the IHP work).