

## Note for the Record PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) Meeting 7 May, 2013

Present: Flavia Bustreo (co-Chair); Ruth Lawson (DFID) .... [xxx]

PMNCH Secretariat: Carole Presern, Abir Shady, Nebojsa Novcic

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### AGENDA

Chair: Flavia Bustreo

1. Review of the NfR of the EC 7 May call
2. Board Meeting revised agenda, list of participants and organizational issues
3. Advisory Group on RMNCH Financing: revised TORs and new membership
4. Working Group on Post-2015 Development Agenda: revised TORs and membership
5. First draft of PMNCH 2013 commitments report
6. Update on PMNCH advocacy activities, including website development
7. Governance and Funding issues:
  - 7.1 Partners Advisory Group (PAG): PMNCH suggestion not to establish this group.
  - 7.2 PMNCH evaluation: revised TORs and management of the process
8. AOB

The Chair welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda.

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| <b>1. Review of the NfR of the EC 7 May call</b> |
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The note for the record from May 07, 2013, meeting was approved.

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| <b>2. Board Meeting revised agenda, list of participants and organizational issues</b> |
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The draft (and still under development) agenda for the Board meeting was discussed:

- **Post 2015 strategy: Unfinished Agenda.** It was noted that this is an important item on the Agenda, and that it is necessary to wait until these discussions have taken place to proceed into the discussions about the membership of the new partners advisory group that will coordinate the work of PMNCH in this regard.
- **Financing for RMNCH – update.** Documents related to this item will provide an update to the Board on the main RMNCH related financing developments since the last Board meeting in Abuja, and also invite the Board to discuss the ToRs and membership of the newly formed PMNCH Financing Harmonization Group for RMNCH Initiatives.
- **PMNCH Executive Director's Report.** It was noted that this will be an opportunity for the Executive Director to provide further information to the Board on the Partnership's activities, and that it will be accompanied by the PMNCH 2012 Progress Report (which is currently in the final stages of development).
- **Every Newborn.** There will be a discussion on this new multi-partner effort supporting the Global Strategy and EWEC, and the support for a common monitoring framework.

- **Global Investment Framework.** Summary paper on the process will be presented to the Board, to inform discussions and enable the Board to provide strategic guidance on the level of effort and resources that PMNCH should invest in taking forward the global investment framework for women's and children's health.
- **Implementation of essential interventions – multistakeholder action in Uttar Pradesh, India.** The Board will be updated on the work that has taken place to date on this important initiative.
- **Accountability for commitments.** A paper will present the work undertaken to date on the issues related to accountability, and seek Board's guidance on the level of effort and resources that PMNCH should invest in taking forward accountability in the short to medium term, including the possible approach to continued PMNCH engagement on monitoring the commitments to the Global Strategy.
- **Report of the Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee will present the Financial Reports it discussed for recommendation to the Board.
- **Governance issues.** In this item, it is expected that the Board will discuss the approach that it would like to adopt in undertaking the five year evaluation for the Partnership, as well as the issue of Board terms moving to calendar year basis.

### 3. **Advisory Group on RMNCH Financing: revised TORs and new membership**

- Next meeting of this group will be held on 25 June 2013, day before the Board meeting in Johannesburg.
- In terms of membership, the EC stressed the importance of a diverse membership, and agreed with the proposed composition for the group, to include: 3 to 4 countries; 3 donors; 3 multilaterals; 3 NGOs; 1 ART; 1 HCPA; 1 Private Sector.
- It was noted that the Terms of Reference for this group are now much clearer, but also that the task ahead is considerable. It will be important to have the discussion at the Board meeting to ensure buy in for the ToRs, and to get a steer from the Board on the level of engagement that is expected and necessary to take this work forward.

### 4. **Working Group on Post-2015 Development Agenda: revised TORs and membership**

- It was noted that health played a much more prominent role in the HLP report than was expected. The EC noted that the work of the Partnership in this area was well directed and is likely to have strengthened the arguments for health achieving this prominence.
- It will be important now to shape the ToRs for the relevant partner coordinating group so that it most appropriately reflects the need going forward. This will be discussed
- The EC welcomes the forthcoming discussion at the Board on this issue, including an update from the new Board Chair (Mrs Graça Machel).
- Carole noted that the WHO Bulletin has agreed to print an editorial reflecting the Partnership's work to date, under the title "Placing populations' health at the heart of the post-2015 agenda".

#### **5. First draft of PMNCH 2013 commitments report**

- The EC congratulated the Secretariat in managing the work for this complex report, and for preparing a first draft for submission to the iERG.
- It was noted that it will be important for there to be an appendix with a clear explanation of the methodology used in estimating the analysis on financial commitments. Carole confirmed that this is being done by the consultants, as part of the next phase of work.
- The EC also agreed that it would be good to discuss at the Board how this aspect of the accountability work will be taken forward next year, given the lessons learned over the last few years of the Partnership producing these annual reports on commitments tracking.

#### **6. Update on PMNCH advocacy activities, including website development**

- Carole updated the EC that work on updating the new PMNCH website is being finalised, with the expectation that the new website will be launched towards the middle/ end of July.

#### **7. Governance and Funding issues**

- The EC agreed that the current modality of partner engagement in the work of the Partnership through thematic or issue specific working groups is working well. In that context, the EC agreed that there did not appear to be a need at this stage to establish another Partner Advisory Group that would span the entire workplan.
- It was noted that one of the items on the Board agenda will be related to the PMNCH five-year evaluation, including the revised TORs and management of the process. The EC agreed with the proposed ToR for the evaluation, and suggested that these should be discussed further at the Board.

#### **8. AOB**

No AOB was recorded.