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Cover note

Background paper for plenary and group discussions

Objective

The objective of the attached paper "Background paper for plenary and group discussions", which was developed in close collaboration between PMNCH and external consultants (PWC), is to serve as an input into discussion on the development of the PMNCH post-2015 strategic framework at the PMNCH Board Retreat in Geneva, on 01 and 02 December, 2014.

Content

The background paper provides a number of strategic options for the Board's consideration and discussions, as well as a number of lenses or tools that the Board might wish to use in discussing different options. In doing so it is not suggesting that any of the options are preferred nor that these are the only options that might exist. In fact, the purpose of the short background paper is to open and feed into the discussions by the Board, both in small group sessions and the plenary.

Next steps

As noted in the background paper, the next steps for the Board will be to :

- Identify one or more strategic option(s) for the PMNCH's post-2015 strategic framework, from those presented in the paper and/ or any others that might emerge through conversations, and which could be taken forward for further analysis and development.
- Agree on the timeline for the delivery of the PMNCH strategic framework.