

PMNCH 19th Board Meeting
Maputo, Mozambique, 26-27 October 2016



Decision & Guidance Points

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Secretariat Hosted by the World Health Organization
and Board Chaired by Mrs Graça Machel



Item 1: Opening Ceremony

- n/a

Item 2: Update from April to October 2016

- As per the Chair's suggestion, administrative issues, such as adopting the minutes from the 18th Board meeting and tracking of decisions, will be managed electronically within a month after the Board meeting.

Item 3: Prioritising engagement in countries (SOI)

- Partnership to continue to place countries at the center of its work.
- Focus on strengthening multi-stakeholder platforms at the local level, supporting and building on existing structures with in-country partners in the lead
- Strengthened in-country multi-stakeholder platforms to take accountability (SO2), advocacy (SO3) and partner engagement (SO4) activities forward – Cross SO implementation.
- Note and support pursuit of opportunities for PMNCH engagement to catalyze local collaborative action in India and Mozambique and specific requests from Malawi and Nigeria.
- In addition to pursuing opportunities for engagement in current focus countries, SOI should work flexibly by mobilizing partners to respond to specific requests from other countries as they arise.
- Secretariat and SOI Steering Group to facilitate articulation of PMNCH value add at country level, including consultations with H6 colleagues and an explanation of synergies with GFF and other relevant initiatives.

Item 4a: Driving accountability (SO2)

- PMNCH to continue the development of the UAF, including: a one-stop 'hub' of key accountability resources (cross SO web site, build on mapping in SO2 Board paper) in coordination with EWEC; harmonizing reporting through support for the IAP review and a monitoring synthesis from partners; smart communications and advocacy with SO3; and support for cross-SO work with multi-stakeholder platforms.
- Secretariat to coordinate deeper discussion with the Health Data Collaborative and other proposed Unifying Mechanisms for the UAF, including on roles and resource implications.
- Secretariat to continue its UAF mapping exercise to highlight the work of the Partnership, including linkages with other sectors, other partnerships (SUN, GPE, etc.). This mapping would include identifying the focus and value add of initiatives; prioritization of initiatives for the UAF and commitment from partners to use the proposed unifying mechanisms identified in S02 Board Paper.

Item 4b: Advocacy for change (SO3)

- Advocacy and Communications Strategy approved, subject to a few updates, noting that the Strategy lays out clear, time bound and measurable activities, based on Partnership's added value in this space. The work planning process for 2017 is an opportunity to specify the prioritised time bound and measurable activities, taking care to avoid duplication with on-going work undertaken by members or other partnerships.
- Updates to include refinement of language around the life course approach, reference links to other platforms (e.g. EWEC, FP2020), introduction of a staggered approach to implementation (to be reflected in the relevant workplan), and emphasis on coordination and amplification of Partners and collective messaging.
- Reconsider the name of the Partnership to reflect the full scope of SRMNCAH, including but not limited to the focus on maternal, newborn and child health, in line with EWEC and the Global Strategy.

Item 5: IAP Report and PMNCH Board response (IAP)

- Secretariat to facilitate the work of a time-bound 'Editorial Group' to oversee the development of a Partnership-wide response to the IAP, to be published by the end of 2016.
- Editorial Group to consult on and define the nature of the Partnership-wide response, and lead its development.

Item 6: Deepening Partnership (SO4)

- Finalize the AY Mentorship Programme and take forward noted interest from Board members/ constituencies to be mentors/ mentees.
- Entry criteria for new members to include conditionality on engagement levels for partners to stay members of PMNCH.
- Specifically focus on strengthening Partner countries, private sector, ARTs, NGOs and AY partnering and engagement at global, regional and country level, including facilitating engaging private sector and H6 at country level. This includes exploring the holding of a youth constituency/ youth forum meeting in 2017.
- Prioritize Partner Engagement Strategy in current set of focus countries.
- Strengthen cross-constituency, cross-SOs collaboration and cross-sectors/ health-enhancing sectors at global and country levels. This also includes stronger alignment with EWEC, coordination of work driven by SO Secretariat Leads and SO Steering Groups, and considerations of activating or modifying the already approved Ad-Hoc Strategy Group.
- Finalize the proposed PMNCH value proposition, including at country level, focusing on deliverables (SOs & constituencies) and distinguishing it from the mission.

Item 6: Deepening Partnership (SO4)- Cont'd

- As part of the work planning process, identify areas of focus and any practical next steps in considering how the Partnership could contribute to processes already under way in supporting South-South collaboration (with SO1).
- Provided availability of funds, organize a Partners' Forum in alignment with other global events. At the same time, the Board noted that irrespective of whether the Partners' Forum is to be held in 2017 or 2018, preparations for it should begin in 2017, and as such preparatory activities should be reflected in the 2017 workplan.

Item 7: Prioritising SRMNCAH and EWEC – PMNCH role

- SO3 co-leads, supported by the Secretariat and including EWEC colleagues, to develop a letter that will outline why the new SG should take up the Global Strategy and EWEC movement
- Letter to be developed and consulted on quickly, with an aim that it be sent from Mrs Machel to the new UN Secretary General no later than Friday, 11 November, 2016.

Item 8: Financial update

- Current Chair of the Finance Committee, Stefan Germann (WVI), to continue in his role as Chair for another full term.
- Establish the Finance Committee with an accelerated process through the Governance and Nominations Committee and first meeting taking place before the end of 2016.
- Establish a time-bound Financial Stabilization Taskforce before the end of 2016, working with the Finance Committee, to lead the Partnership's fundraising efforts with an aim to secure at least 12 to 18 months operational viability at any point in time.
- Executive Committee is responsible for the oversight of Partnership's finances and work of the Finance Committee, reporting regularly to the Board for information and strategic guidance.
- Financial update to be a regular agenda item at Board meetings, highlighting the key strategic issues that the Executive Committee would like to flag to the Board.
- Recognize and thank the Governments of India, Norway and USA for making pledges to continue supporting the Partnership with new grant resources in 2017.

Item 9: Key priorities for the Partnership's 2017 workplan

- Endorse continuing the successful Partner-centric approach to date, in which SO Steering Groups have developed initial 2017 work priorities presented by the Secretariat for Board's discussion and guidance.
- Board guidance to be fed back to SO Steering Groups for further development of the 2017 Workplan, based on the Board's prioritization of these into "Essential" and "Important" (see next two slides).
- Agreed for the draft 2017 Workplan and Budget to be developed by 15 Dec 2016, and the final documents to be completed during Q1 2017.

Item 9: Key priorities for the Partnership's 2017 workplan

- Essential priorities for 2017 Workplan:
 - In-country multistakeholder platforms (SO1).
 - Development of five functions of Unified Accountability Framework (SO2).
 - Facilitation of citizens' hearings (SO2).
 - Knowledge and advocacy workstreams within the Quality, Equity, Dignity framework (SO3).
 - Deepen partnerships related activities, including strengthening partner engagement at global, regional and country levels as well as across sectors and constituencies, and holding the Partners' Forum in 2017 if financially feasible (SO4).

Item 9: Key priorities for the Partnership's 2017 workplan

- Important priorities for 2017 Workplan:

- National advocacy and accountability processes, including knowledge curation on adolescents and humanitarian issues (cross SO).
- Hosting of the IAP, but with a revised budget to reflect a more focused range of functions (SO2).
- Development of one-stop website (cross SO).
- Constituency management and operations, and Partnership governance (SO4).
- External review to be considered for 2018, rather than 2017 (cross SOs).