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Draft Terms of Reference

PMNCH Consultative Advisory Group for the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

Proposed term of operation: January-September 2015

Purpose:

This Terms of Reference (ToR) builds upon the purpose and structure of the Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) established by The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) to advise on PMNCH-led multi-constituency consultations on the new Global Financing Facility (GFF) supporting Every Woman Every Child.

The mandate for the current CAG for the GFF runs through mid-December 2014, concluding with the submission of a report by 15 December 2014 on key findings from the PMNCH-coordinated consultations.

However, following agreement among stakeholders at the November 2014 Commission on Information and Accountability (CoIA) meeting to develop an updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, this ToR proposes that the CAG structure is renewed from January 2015 in order to facilitate Information-sharing and consensus-building among PMNCH constituency groups in the development of an updated Global Strategy in 2015. This Strategy will include the GFF as a key component of its operational plan.

As with the ToRs for the GFF consultation process, the PMNCH CAG in 2015 will play a key role on behalf of the PMNCH board in facilitating multi-constituency discussions and consensus in regard to an emerging 2015 Global Strategy. As with the GFF, this is expected to include advising and guiding PMNCH's contributions to the overall Global Strategy consultation process; acting as a platform for discussion and consensus among members; and overseeing the synthesis of reports and messages emerging from the PMNCH consultation process.

In supporting the consultation process, PMNCH will retain and expand communication channels through which its members and the wider RMNCAH community will provide views and discuss among themselves emerging issues. These channels include the digital consultation hub, www.womenchildrenpost2015.org, which was launched during the GFF consultation phase in Nov 2014.

PMNCH will collect, collate and synthesize comments received from the different communication channels into reports to be developed under the auspices of the CAG and presented initially to the PMNCH Board, for any additional comments. These reports – with frequency and format to be determined as per need – will be presented to the Steering and

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Coordination Group of the Global Strategy for its consideration through the development phase. The updated Global Strategy is expected to launch in September 2015 (add link to PPT here from hub URL).

Responsibilities:

The CAG will oversee the consultation process, and review and synthesize comments received from the PMNCH members' and the broader RMNCH+A community on the updated Global Strategy through its January to September 2015 development and consultation process. Milestones in the CAG process will be determined in coordination with the Global Strategy's own development process, to be finalized by the end of 2014.

This Group will enable its members to feed back to others on the CAG about their constituency's views and also to feed others' views back to their own constituency. In this context, its specific responsibilities are to:

- guide and support the process of engaging PMNCH constituency members and focal points;
- review consultation instruments, tools, and comment on delivery processes;
- review and provide feedback on the consultation findings; and
- review and discuss reports to be shared with the PMNCH Board and the Global Strategy's Steering and Coordination Group (in which PMNCH is expected to be represented) as per agreed timelines.

Membership:

The CAG is open to representatives from all PMNCH constituencies who are able and interested in joining the Group. Its operations will be supported by the PMNCH Secretariat and designated consultants. The proposed constitution of the CAG is as follows and subject to constituency ability to put representatives forward:

- Youth Non-Governmental Organization (1 representative + alternate)
- Non-Governmental Organizations (1 representative + alternate)
- Academic, Research and Training Institutes (1 representative + alternate)
- Donors and Foundations (1 representative + alternate)
- Health Care Professional Associations (1 representative + alternate)
- Multilateral Organizations (1 representative + alternate)
- Partner Countries (2 representatives+ 2 alternates to include individual countries or networks, unions of countries, for example the Africa Union or H4+)
- Private Sector (1 representative + alternate)
- Representative of the UN Secretary-General's Office
- Invited observers, as may be appropriate

Each constituency is able to select an alternate to their member as well, in the event that the named member is not available for any particular meeting. Alternates are invited to join the

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CAG meetings. Taking into account that other global initiatives and organizations are better placed to consult in detail with Partner Countries, PMNCH's role in interacting with this particular constituency will be limited to opportunistically engaging with country stakeholders at meetings or side events that happen to be taking place during the consultation period.

It should be noted that PMNCH members currently participating in the GFF CAG may continue to represent their constituencies on the Global Strategy CAG if they wish, assuming the agreement of their fellow constituency board representatives.

The CAG's activities are supported by the PMNCH Secretariat (including any designated consultants as overseen by the Secretariat), which is responsible for the overall coordination of the consultation process.

The first meeting of the new CAG for the Global Strategy update consultation process will be convened in mid-January 2015. Participants will be asked to select two co-chairs during the first meeting. Other meetings will be called by the Chair, as required.

The CAG is expected to complete its tasks by mid-September 2015.

Background:

PMNCH is currently managing a wide-ranging consultation on the Global Financing Facility (GFF), a financing instrument to be launched in 2015 by the World Bank and its partners to support increased domestic and international financing for women's children's and adolescents' health under the banner of Every Woman Every Child. The mandate for the GFF consultation runs through mid-December 2014, concluding with the submission of a report by 15 December 2014 on key findings from the PMNCH-coordinated consultations. However, following agreement among stakeholders at the November 2014 Commission on Information and Accountability (CoIA) meeting to develop, by September 2015, an updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, PMNCH proposes to expand its consultation process from January 2015 to provide information and multi-constituency inputs on the emerging Global Strategy and operational plan. The GFF will be a key component of the Strategy's operational plan. This concept note outlines the main components of a constituency-based consultation process on an updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (add [link here to PPT on updated GS](#)).

The decision to update the GS and expand to include explicitly the needs of adolescents follows a recommendation made by the independent Expert Review Group (iERG) in its 2014 report to:

Develop, secure wide political support for, and begin to implement a global plan during 2014-15 to end all preventable reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent mortality for the 2016-2030 period—a new, broader, and more inclusive Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.