

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

PMNCH Board Meeting

24th Board Meeting: Nairobi, Kenya
09-11 November 2019

MONITORING OF DECISIONS

ITEM 1 – Opening remarks of the 24th PMNCH Board Meeting

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
1.1	No decision required	n/a	n/a

ITEM 2 – Conflict of interest review, agenda adoption, NfR from previous Board

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
2.1	No conflicts of interest recorded	n/a	n/a
2.2	24 th Board Meeting Agenda adopted as presented	n/a	n/a
2.3	Executive Memo noted and appreciated	n/a	n/a
2.4	Note for the Record, 23 rd Board meeting, The Hague, July 2019 was approved	n/a	n/a
2.5	Welcomed all the new Board members	n/a	n/a

ITEM 3 – Challenges/Opportunities in Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
3.1	Strategy Committee to consider further the evidence presented in the Strategy development process.	Strategy Committee	<i>Strategy Committee oversaw the development of the draft PMNCH 2021-2025 Strategy, which went through several consultation rounds, and is being presented at the 25th Board meeting for review and advice.</i>

Item 4 – PMNCH Independent External Evaluation

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4.1	Board noted the process and purpose of the evaluation, as presented.	n/a	n/a

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4.2	First draft of evaluation is expected on 13 December 2019, with findings to feed into a thought-paper for the strategy retreat (February 2020), final evaluation report due 31 January 2020. The final evaluation will be shared with the Board.	External evaluators	<p><i>External evaluation was delivered on the 31st January, shared with the Board, and published on PMNCH's website together with the Board's response and agreed speaking points.</i></p> <p><i>The Evaluation findings informed the Feb 2020 Strategy retreat, where the evaluation team leader presented the work and participated actively. The strategy development process was also organized around the evaluation findings and recommendations, which were included in the questionnaires during the consultations as well as in the electronic surveys.</i></p>

ITEM 5 – Strengthening partner alignment at country level

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
5.1	Board agreed to strengthening national multi-stakeholder engagement, including through H6 and partners.	Board; H6; Secretariat	<p><i>PMNCH has transferred the needed resources to WHO, who will then channel it to all 14 countries that have been identified to receive PMNCH's support. However, due to COVID-19 delays at country level are being experienced. The MSP approach has further been revised by the Country Engagement Working Group in their recommendation to the new Strategy</i></p>
5.2	Circulate to the Board the latest version of the concept note describing the Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs)-related work and establish an ad-hoc working group of partners to oversee and support the implementation of this work.	H6; Secretariat	<p><i>Latest version of the concept note was circulated immediately after the Nairobi Board.</i></p> <p><i>The Country Engagement Group was established in December 2019 and has been active in its work including developing a country engagement strategy to be included in the new Strategy 2021-25 .</i></p> <p><i>The Concept Note on Multistakeholder platforms is available here</i></p> <p><i>Country engagement Paper is available here</i></p> <p><i>PMNCH Country Engagement's first meeting NfR 1st available here</i></p> <p><i>NfR 2nd meeting available here</i></p> <p><i>NfR 3rd meeting available here</i></p>
5.3	Share more information on PMNCH's website about the small grants programmes run or supported by the Partnership to ensure greater transparency (including, amounts, recipients, workplans, application process, etc.)	Secretariat	<p><i>Additional information on small grants to support civil society advocacy and accountability for women's, children's and adolescents has been published on PMNCH's website: link</i></p>

ITEM 6 – Report from the PMNCH Executive Director

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6.1	ED report to be first item on future Board agendas, to focus discussion by calling attention to key achievements, ambitions and concerns (e.g. 3 key achievements and challenges).	Secretariat	<i>This has been noted and reflected in the Agenda for 25th Board meeting.</i>
6.2	Discussion papers with options and decision points to be produced – i.e. committees or working groups should in the future produce discussion papers for Board meetings, with clear options and decision points.	Committees & Working Group Chairs	<i>This has been noted.</i>

ITEM 7 – Accelerating advocacy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
7.1	Board fully endorsed proposed concept of umbrella advocacy campaign and agreed for working group to develop a more detailed and concrete proposal to be shared with the Board ahead of the February 2020 retreat.	Advocacy WG	<i>Advocacy Working Group has developed a Call for Action on COVID-19 to set agreed goals for a 24-month umbrella campaign, which has been presented to the EC at the EC Special meeting 1 June 2020 for their inputs and decision. Full action plan to be developed following 1 July launch of the Call to Action by PMNCH Board Chair Rt. Hon. Helen Clark.</i>

ITEM 8 - Reflecting on a decade of accountability for women, children and adolescents

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8.1	PMNCH Accountability Working Group to be populated as soon as possible, to guide on PMNCH accountability portfolio priorities, including relation with other EWEC core partners, including IAP	Board	<i>Accountability Working Group (AcWG) was launched on 8 April and has had its second meeting on 2 June to provide inputs to the draft PMNCH 2021 to 2025 Strategy, including guiding on relations with IAP and which priorities to focus on beyond 2020.</i>
8.2	The recommendations of the Working Group should be brought to the Board in advance of the next Board meeting so that decisions can then be taken.	Secretariat with Accountability Working Group	<i>Recommendations from the Working Group have been included in the draft PMNCH 2021 to 2025 Strategy.</i>
8.3	As part of 8.1 and 8.2, the Working Group should provide recommendations to the Executive Committee on the management, including financial, of PMNCH's hosting relationship to the IAP and on their respective accountability roles.	Secretariat with Accountability Working Group	<i>The AcWG has proposed that PMNCH discontinues hosting and funding the IAP as of 2021.</i>

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8.4	Acknowledging that it is the EOSG that establishes the mandate of the IAP, PMNCH should reach out to the EWEC Secretariat for an update on the IAPs role and function.	Board	<i>PMNCH has met with the EWEC Secretariat's new Executive Coordinator (also a member of the AcWG). Following the 2019 IAP External Evaluation, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) is assessing the remit of the future of the IAP.</i>

ITEM 9 - PMNCH Strategy 2021-2025

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9.1	Agree to the timeline as presented, with the new Strategy to be finalized in November 2020 at PMNCH's Board meeting	Strategy Committee	<i>Rich consultative process has taken place and a second draft of the Strategy will be presented at PMNCH's 25th Board (virtual) meeting in June 2020.</i>
9.2	As per the presented process, the February 2020 Strategy Retreat would be limited to members of the Executive Committee and Strategy Committee, and Chairs of the External Evaluation Group, and the three main Working Groups (Advocacy, Evidence and Knowledge, and Accountability).	Secretariat	<i>The Strategy Retreat took place on 16-18 February 2020.</i>

ITEM 10 - Governance issues

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10.1	Updated ToRs for the Strategy Committee adopted	GNC	<i>n/a</i>
10.2	By the end of 2019, dates for the 2020 virtual and in-person Board meeting to be confirmed, EC and Advocacy WG to provide feedback on optimum dates for complementary with advocacy activities	GNC	<i>This has been done by email from the Executive Director on 9th December 2019: Virtual Board set for 30 June, while board meeting in Mexico is planned for first week of December, which now will most probably will also be virtual due to COVID-19</i>

ITEM 11 - AOB

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
AoB 1	Thanked those who will be rotating off the Board before the next meeting.	n/a	<i>n/a</i>
AoB 2	Child Health Initiative announced a multi-year grant to PMNCH, through the FIA Foundation, earmarked for adolescent health and wellbeing work	n/a	<i>n/a</i>