

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

25th Virtual Board Meeting

Webex, 30th June 2020, 12:00-15:00 CET

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MONITORING OF DECISIONS

1. ITEM 1 – Opening remarks of the 25th PMNCH Board Meeting

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

2. 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	Board Agenda adopted, with Executive Memo noted and appreciated.	n/a	n/a
2.3	Note for the Record, 24th Board meeting, Nairobi, November 2019 approved and monitoring of decisions acknowledged.	n/a	n/a

3. ITEM 3 – Report from the Executive Director

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
3.1	Report on work undertaken in 2019 approved.	n/a	n/a
3.2	The draft 2019 Financial Report approved, subject to certification process from WHO. Secretariat to share the certified report with the Board once available.	Secretariat	PMNCH 2019 Financial Report was made available on 20 October 20 on PMNCH website.
3.3	Repurposed workplan and budget for 2020 approved.	n/a	n/a

4. ITEM 4 – Draft PMNCH 2021 to 2025 Strategy

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
4.1	The Chair of the Strategy Committee (SC) to pass on Board's appreciation to the members of this committee for their work.	Chair, Strategy Committee	<i>Done</i>
4.2	<p>Strong and inclusive process commended, with the draft PMNCH Strategy to be electronically approved, subject to further reflections from the Board, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem statement to reflect more of COVID-19 learning, including fragility of health systems • Mental health and self-care / empowerment to be given more prominence in the Strategy • Whilst noting focus on Advocacy, helpful to be explicit on how accountability activities will contribute to strengthening Advocacy messaging and action • Note that an effective digital platform will be critical to the delivery of the Strategy • More clarity on PMNCH efforts to protect rights, including SRHR, given erosion during COVID-19 	Strategy Committee	<p><i>All comments and suggestions received to date have been incorporated into the final Strategy document. These have been logged in the PMNCH Strategy Revisions Log document.</i></p>
4.3	<p>In terms of next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take account of comments from the Board meeting • Any additional written comments from the Board members to be sent to the Secretariat by 14 July 2020. • Share the Strategy electronically with the Board for approval by 07 August 2020 • Aim for September 2020 launch, potentially at UNGA, to be decided 	Strategy Committee	<p><i>Decision has been implemented, with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategy shared by email with the Board on 07 Aug 20</i> • <i>Strategy launched at PMNCH Accountability Breakfast on 29 Sep 20, introduced by a specially developed video for the event.</i> • <i>The final 2021 to 2025 Strategy was designed, edited and published on PMNCH's website</i>

5. ITEM 5 – PMNCH Governance Reform

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
5.1	The Chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee to pass on Board's appreciation to the members of this committee for their work.	Chair, GNC	<i>Done</i>
5.2	<p>Some reflections have been noted as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo option is not something that the Board would support, perhaps a hybrid of options 2 and 3, or beyond • Important to continue with meaningful engagement and considerations on governance options – process should not be rushed • Look towards a Board of Champions, maintaining high-level engagement and partner governments in particular • Need to ensure that form follows function, recognizing the centrality of advocacy in PMNCH's work and digitizing of operations becoming critical • Board meetings not to be burdened with process and operations but focus on ensuring that PMNCH achieves its strategic objectives and preserves its unique partnership characteristic, as well as act as high-level champions for WCAH, advocating on specific issues in line with the new Strategy and Calls for Action. • Executive Committee to have overall operations responsibilities of PMNCH's workplan, budget and annual report • EWEC workstreams to be folded into existing working groups and committees, and these to be simplified further 	GNC	<i>Reflections noted in the work of the GNC and the development of the subsequent paper.</i>
5.3	In terms of next steps, Board requested the GNC to continue with its important work on this issue and report back to the EC and then then Board with an update.	GNC	<i>GNC continued its work. The paper is prepared, presented to the EC on 24 Nov and the final version is made available to the Board for its meeting on 14 – 15 Dec 20.</i>

6. ITEM 6 – Covid-19: Call to Action

	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Action taken
6.1	PMNCH COVID-19 Call to Action is approved for launch at the Lives in the Balance Summit, with the comments received and with appreciation for all efforts that have gone into its development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy WG Secretariat 	PMNCH Call to Action on COVID-19 was launched at the Lives in the Balance Summit.
6.2	Board agreed to the development of a 24-month action plan to operationalize campaigns by the PMNCH Advocacy Working Group (WG), who will liaise closely with the work of the Strategy Committee, Country Engagement WG and other working groups. Appreciates that these campaigns must build upon existing PMNCH advocacy and knowledge assets on COVID-19, as well as be flexible and adaptable to country context and needs, engaging all stakeholder through Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs).	Advocacy WG	Draft 24-month Campaign Action Plan was been presented to the EC on 24 Nov 20 and is available to the Board for its meeting on 14 – 15 Dec 20.

7. ITEM 7 – AOB

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AoB 1	Board appreciated the update on the Board meeting in Mexico and looks forward to further information on viability of an in-person component for the meeting as it become available, as well as a possible link to a virtual Summit around UHC Day (12 December 2020).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of Mexico Secretariat 	Board meeting is being held virtually, to reflect the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
AoB 2	Notes the “Lives in the Balance: A COVID-10 Summit for the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents” 1-2 July, and urges all Board members and alternates to register (www.LivesInTheBalanceSummit.org).	n/a	Lives in the Balance Summit has been successfully held on 1-2 July 2020.
AoB 3	Members are asked to complete the end of Board questionnaire. Link is provided at the end of the updated Agenda document on SharePoint and is also noted here: https://forms.gle/J6dxVHbYKRNJqmED9 .	Meeting participants	15 Board members provided helpful and constructive comments, which are being implemented.