Reporting Back on the Working Groups

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The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
Political engagement

Aim: Policy decision and allocation of resources

1. Getting the message right; to the point, based on evidence, no-action costs; Common narrative which can be ”localized”

2. The Partnership is a goldmine – use it/us!

3. PMNCH Yearly Guide on Political Engagement Opportunities
   • The nature of the opportunity
   • ”Dividing” by sharing the work across the partnership, equiping members with relevant resources

4. Specific PMNCH ”close” initiatives
   • Champions for the 6 areas of work?
   • Women leaders group
   • EWEC HLSG

5. Connect to other partnership especially beyond the health sector
   • Cities network, SUN and Food

6. Connecting to e.g. Regional groupings beyound the members of the PMNCH partnership, She Decides etc

7. Measuring success and impact – indicators
Accountability across and beyond all thematic workstreams

- Updating the concept of accountability
  A. Supporting countries Vs policies
  B. Using inequity lens (building on EWEC LACKs work, Count Down and WHO)

- Tracing EWEC commitments – Group Identifying Gaps
  A. Country commitments (Fostering innovative modules e.g., Smasha)
  B. Non-state actors commitments
Accountability across and beyond all thematic workstreams

- Health Situation Rooms – transparency of DHIS2 Data to drive to political and social accountability

- PMNCH insure tracing of RSMNCH financing within UNCH envelope.
Working with our EWEC core partners: H6 and GFF in support of countries

Guiding Questions:

- What and how can PMNCH better support and complement the work of H6/GFF to address WCA drawing upon PMNCH’s four functions of accountability, advocacy, analysis, alignment?

- How do we leverage and support PMNCH’s biggest added value, its constituency networks to enable partners to deliver more together than alone? what constituency specific deliverables could this include?

1. Catalyze constituency-building and reinforce existing partner networks to strengthen participation of under-represented stakeholder groups in national policy dialogue, planning processes, platforms and accountability on women’s, children’s and adolescent’s health (WCAH) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

   A. Secretariat to help identify gaps in constituencies and identify new partners

   B. Support community of practice with support from web-based platform

   C. Use small grant mechanism (right role for PMNCH?), disseminate tools for knowledge or capacity building
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Guiding Questions:

• What catalytic support from PMNCH is needed at country level to support improved multi-stakeholder engagement and cross-sectoral collaboration?

• Add a question in evaluation on multi-sectoral linkages
• Need for knowledge generation around multi-sectoral engagement
Strengthening Partnership and Constituencies

Key Take Aways

1. Mechanisms to engage at the country level:
   1. Support multi-stakeholder platforms @ the country level
   2. NOT directly engage, because there are mandated players to do so, but work through them

2. Mechanism to engage with partners and add value:
   1. Digital platforms like the website, twitter, list-serve etc (already in workplan)
   2. Work through constituencies to deliver joint results
   3. Report back and build on existing country coalitions who have similar impact agenda through the partners
   4. Have a two-way expectation setting partners and the partnership itself and not a one-way transactional monologue- but a real value-added engagement
   5. Strengthen multi-stakeholder platforms where they exist, and help build (through partners) where they do not.
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Key Take Aways

1. Understand who our partners are, where they are, who they reach, how they reach them and the cross-sectoral work/partners/alliances – use this to engage, leverage and utilize for the common goal

2. Build on the success stories exercises and leverage the knowledge generated from those – shortlisted and long-listed to helpful, useful tools

3. Strongly and continually build the business case for why a multi-stakeholder platform is absolutely critical to achieving MNCH outcomes
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Value - Add

1. Why PMNCH? What do partners gain from being part of this collaborative?
   1. Member – silent member, active member
   2. Board member
   3. Committee member

2. Translate the willingness to engage actively into something more meaningful

3. Identify measures of success