



HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

HDC SRG Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 29, 2020

16:00-17:00 Central European Time

Location: Virtual Zoom

Meeting Objectives:

To consider and approve

- Workplan 2020-2023
- RHIS Working Group ToRs
- Data Governance Working Group ToRs

Meeting Chair: Helen Kiarie (Kenya)

1. Welcome and introduction: (Helen) 5 mins

- Welcome need to continue collaboration through these calls and to discuss harmonization and alignment of data and M&E in HDC focus countries
- Especially important during COVID-19 pandemic to ensure resources are available and efficiently used to inform decisions in countries
- In many countries, it has been difficult to get real time information on cases of COVID-19, especially mortality due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 related issues
- The main objectives of the meeting today are to discuss and possibly approved the HDC workplan
- We have the working group on a routine health information system, which we have discussed for about six months. In the data governance working group, we hope that we can also go through those and approve them today

2. Constituency updates (for information) 10 mins

Private Sector Constituency introduction

WHO - Mwenya Kasonde

- Introduction to members of the new private sector constituency.

MedX Care (Netherlands) - Patricia Monthe

- Company focuses on technology for universe health coverage, big focus on emerging countries. Helping governments with processes and realignment of what's currently existing in terms of health systems.

Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (Kenya) - Daniella Munene

- Agency representing private retail pharmacies in Kenya

Helium Health (Nigeria) - Shona Olalere

- Company offering digital health solution across Africa - currently in West Africa, North Africa and East Africa.
- Interested in interoperability and particularly interested in digital health and governance

3. **Governance and admin (for approval): 15 mins (final draft presented by secretariat)**

HDC work plan 2020 – 2023

Discussion:

Kenya - Helen Kiarie

- HDC workplan has been discussed in detail during the partner's meeting in September
- Final opportunity to address pending issues

HDC secretariat - Craig Burgess

- Workplan based on priorities identified between November 2019 and March 2020, including stakeholder feedback. It is focused on the three HDC objectives.
- Quarterly review is suggested to ensure milestones are met
- Feedback received to increase the profile and importance of CRVS, through SCORE and other mechanisms
- There are recurring challenging questions that needed to be answered: 1) managing resources expectations, as we highlight that HDC is not a funding entity, and 2) measuring the attribution
- For the leadership coming up in December, looking for aligning support for the initial milestones for the first year
- Country and regional best practices can be incorporated into HDC country and partner efforts and stronger sustainable health information systems
- For country engagement, feedback from different colleagues that the country engagement could possibly use the SCORE framework that is being suggested as a framework for health information system strengthening, as launched in August 2020
- Although every country is welcome to join the HDC number being looked at are 12 next year, 16 in 2022 and 20 countries in 2023
- Some conflicting issues around the metrics because of challenging questions as highlighted

GIZ - Tessa Lennemann

- How was input from partners incorporated into the process?

HDC secretariat - Craig in response:

- A lot of the feedback received and was around measuring HDC impact versus partner impact
- CRVS feedback was incorporated
- Other feedback was much more country focus and what does it really mean to work with the countries in an aligned way
- That's where we come out with some suggestions were, what does mapping mean what does the coordination mean and come forward you and make available the feedback that we were received to get where we are today.

GIZ - Tessa Lennemann

- Concerns were expressed from Donor Constituency over scaling up new countries vs focusing on few countries for impact
- Still would like to seek clarification on process of incorporating feedback

HDC secretariat - Craig in response:

- Mixed feedback on encouraging as many countries as possible to join the HDC and also on need to demonstrate added value and proof of concept

- The numbers of countries (12, 16 and 20) were suggested as a middle ground, as suggested in the summer and during the September call

4. Update from working groups (for approval): 20 mins

DH&I Map & Match for COVID-19-19 (5 mins for information)

GIZ - Tessa Lennemann

- Initiative looking at digital pandemic preparedness and response with USAID and GIZ
- Digital Health ecosystems have been established in countries and can be used towards pandemic control and tools should not be limited due to COVID-19, but they should actually go beyond that epidemic and strengthen part of the health system that are relevant for pandemic preparedness and response
- USAID and Digital Square started their Map & Match activity during phase one and which was completed in mid-September 2020
- The next phase is in December 2020 to January 2021. This will be using country briefs for basis of implementation
- Hoping that that HDC could play a role in this process, especially in Phase three
- This will be looking at how can these tools be used in countries and at regional level
- Feedback can be sent via email

RHIS (10 mins)

RHINO - Theo Lippeveld

- The TOR is in its final draft and participants need to decide on adopting it
- RHIS continues to be a popular request from countries
- The terminology had been put into question of the RHIS (Routine Health Information Systems)
- The scope of work at global level is to support identification of gaps and prioritization of global goods for RHIS
- At country and district level it is focusing on use of information for decision making
- The WG will also Identify and review protocols and standards for linking this with other topics such as disease surveillance, public health, humanitarian emergencies and health resources
- To build a network of support at country level, we need to map, prioritize and contextualize protocols and standards of RHIS and align them with government RHIS plan and the investments already made by the HDC constituencies
- The deliverables for 2021 will focus on review of facility based RHIS
- It will have two co-chairs and meet regularly. The Working Group will maintain and promote as well as explicitly use a software agnostic approach
- The working group will draft a more detailed work plan with a clear timeline for 2021.

Feedback:

Adele Waugaman

- We have already had a detailed conversation and I don't want to derail the agenda
- I just want to flag that I don't feel like that feedback from DH&I has been resolved
- I want to formally register that comment as part of this discussion

GIZ - Tessa Lennemann

- How will mapping of activities, especially in country be made available?
- And the second question; how are you going to involve countries especially at sub national level?

JSI - Theo Lippeveld in response:

- On the issue of the country involvement, it's extremely important that we have very close contact with the Ministries of Health
- The WG will have a lot of contact with Ministries of Health and local partner country offices. With our RHINO group the routine health information working group has many Ministry of Health officials as members.
- We hope to establish relationships that Ministries of Health asking about their specific RHIS plans
- On sharing of information; it is something that we must further examine. Outcome of discussions will be shared with all the working groups of HDC and with the stakeholders of HDC
- We also propose an annual report on the situation of RHIS in HDC focus countries

Kenya - Helen Kiarie

- Raising an issue on behalf of countries. I don't know the composition of the current a team, but I wonder if countries are represented at what extent we have contributed to these items in the workplan, a clarification maybe

HDC secretariat – Mwenya in response:

- The countries were consulted throughout this process as was everybody else in the HDC
- There is a strong recognition that we need to involve the countries as part of members of this working group also other stakeholders, such as civil society, etc.

Outcome:

- Do we agree we adopt the TOR as they are, or can we consider the TOR adopted?
- If there's no any objections, we consider the TOR approved and adopted.

Data Governance (5 mins)

WHO – Marie Donaldson

- Proposing a Data and Digital Governance (DG) working group was identified at the December 2019 digital health and interoperability annual meeting
- We convened a small working group within the Digital working group to discuss potential outputs of this group
- This as a joint endeavour between HDC and the digital health and interoperability working group and we hope that this reflects the shared interest of all the HDC members
- The data and digital governance issues are cross cutting
- We propose an advisory group that would have representatives from each HDC working group as well as the constituencies

- The objective of this proposed digital and digital governance working group is to support the advancement of health data and digital health governance priority areas
- It involves data protection and privacy and captures best practice guidance to governments for decision making
- Three sub objectives – a) the first is to develop best practice principles frameworks and toolkits for digital and data governance b) a focus on accountability by global actors to governments and beneficiary communities and c) to support knowledge sharing platforms
- In terms of approach to country work, we really would like to identify country priorities and needs to develop these tools recognising the importance of involving the end user

Kenya - Helen

- I think this is an important activity and scope of work. It raises some good priorities in terms of accountability, sharing data for decision making and the leveraging on best practices to make sure that we're not duplicating what has already been done.

5. Communication, events and advocacy (for information): 10 mins

Update on November Meeting

WHO - Nicole Schiegg /Mwenya Kasonde

- The partners meeting into the high-level meeting will be push into December 2020, either on the 9th or 16th.
- A doodle poll was sent to see what would best suit people, either the 9th or 16th Dec. 2020. The responses have been 50/50
- Meeting objectives have been revised and the concept note has been updated
- Collecting contact information is the biggest task right now for the group. We will get in touch with our representatives to see how best to get in touch with the relevant heads of agencies.

Introduction to website working space

HDC secretariat -Mwenya

- The website has a new feature.
- Expect an email from Mwenya for the individual login details for the SRG.

Closing remarks (Helen)

- It is good that we have adopted the work plan and the RHIS working group
- If there's any feedback on the governance TOR, please let us know. But otherwise we'll consider the three documents we put forward approved.
- We recognise some pending issues which can be further discussed as the groups are operationalised and activities start.
- Will put them in the minutes and hoping that some of those issues can be resolved.
- Also welcome to the private sector.