



HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

Note for the Record – Monthly HDC SRG Meeting		
Location: Zoom		
Date: 20 May 2021, 16:00-17:10 CET		
Meeting Chair: Somnath Chatterji (WHO HQ)		
Co-Chairs	Helen Kiarie (MOH Kenya)	
Participants	Countries	Hillary Kipruto (WHO AFRO) Idris Sekibo (WHO Tanzania) Ritha Willilo (WHO Tanzania) Galbert Fedjo (WHO Tanzania)
	Multilateral and Intergovernmental Organisations	Elaine Borghi (WHO HQ)
	Donors	Nicola Wardrop (UKFCDO)
	GHIs	Jeff Markuns (PHCPI) Heidi Reynolds (GAVI)
	Civil Society	
	Research, Academia and Technical Networks	Carrie Eggers (CDC) Benjamin Arthur Dahl (CDC)
	Private Sector	Ruchika Singhal (Medtronic, USA) Patricia Monthe (MEDx Care, Netherlands)
	Observers	Peter Singer (WHO HQ/SDG GAP) Innocent Mugabe (WHO HQ)
Working groups:	<i>Community Data</i> Remy Mwamba (UNICEF HQ) <i>Data and Data Governance</i> Vidya Mahadevan (USAID) Marie Donaldson (CUNY) Vikas Dwivedi (Palladium) <i>RHIS</i> Jean Pierre de Lamalle (RHINO) Rifat Hossain (WHO HQ)	
WHO secretariat:	Craig Burgess, Mwenya Kasonde	
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide updates on Tanzania HDC activities 2. To provide an update on Malawi and Nepal priorities 3. To provide an update on working group activities 4. To provide an update on WHO Health Data Governance Summit 		
Agenda:		
Welcome and introduction: Chair (5 mins)		
1. Country Updates (20 mins)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanzania priorities and suggested alignment (Tanzania MoH) • Malawi and Nepal priorities (Secretariat) 		
2. Working Group Updates (10 mins)		



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3. Comms and events (15 mins)

- WHO Health Data Governance Summit

4. Next steps: Chair (5 mins)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Country Updates (20 mins)

Tanzania priorities and suggested alignment (Tanzania MoH)

Malawi and Nepal priorities (Secretariat)

WHO Tanzania – Idris Sekibo

- Overview of the Collaborative activities that the Ministry would like members and partners to support.
- The Ministry submitted a Request for Proposal to HDC stakeholders through the WHO Country Office.
- The main focus is to support the M&E country system to ensure quality data for planning and decision-making.
- Four main areas of output, including sub-activities:
 - Improve stewardship of the result-based monitoring function in the health sector.
 - Have harmonized data reporting mechanisms at all levels of the health sector, with technical assistance requested internationally or at the country level.
 - Strengthen operational research of the Monitoring & Evaluation Unit to generate lessons learned for the health sector, with technical assistance requested internationally or at the country level.
 - Enhance data sharing to improve the use of evidence for decision-making and research among the health sector stakeholders.
- Total fund request to support Tanzania M&E is \$481,623 USD.
- WHO Country Office is providing \$83,000 USD in funding for a portion of the activities.
- The remaining funds needed from HDC Global Partners is \$398,623 USD to support this year's initiatives.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Tanzania presentation based on the [Tanzania MOH M&E framework](#) for 2020-2025
- Recap of the data and digital priorities for Nepal:
 - RHIS strengthening for SDG & UHC data reporting, standardization (ICD) and medical certification of cause of death
 - Learning center establishment and capacity strengthening on RHIS



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- Strengthening HIS and M&E coordination mechanism at provincial levels
- Update on the status of Nepal priorities, meeting planned with the Ministry of Health and the Research, Academia and Technical Networks
- Overview of data and digital priorities for Malawi
 - Connect district health offices and health facilities to the Government Wide Area Network
 - Design and implement hospital wide decision support digital health solution to improve delivery of service at the point of care
 - Extend the Interoperability Framework to enable exchange of data between health systems
 - Deploy e-learning solutions to provide Continuous Professional Development Courses, and develop capacity for human resource to deploy, support and use digital health solutions at national, district and health facility levels.
- Update on recent discussions with Malawi and HDC partners including UNICEF, GIZ and WHO to align support. Received some initial support.
 - UNICEF continues to focus on Community Health Information Systems, and is working with WHO, USAID and GIZ to support country governance and coordination efforts for national e-health strategy
 - Digital Health Centre of Excellence (DICE) is a collaboration between UNICEF and WHO with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and GIZ. Potential support from this new initiative available.
 - From GIZ, there is a lot of capacity building at district level and health facility level and digital health policy development
 - WHO is doing a lot of work on the mapping program to facilitate data exchange and interoperability. This is a strong area of focus.
 - A working group has been established to set standards for common architecture for digital smart vaccination certification to support COVID-19 vaccines and other immunizations.
 - Ministry of Health in Malawi has revived a task force for CRVS and plans to develop a roadmap for CRVS. The WHO CRVS Strategic Plan has been released. CRVS for health managers manual by UNICEF and WHO is being released next month.
 - Strong focus on digital health and interoperability models by the DH&I working group.

Questions

UKFCDO – Nicola Wardrop

- Regarding the Tanzania proposal, it would be good to get an idea of the extent of discussion with HDC partners in country and the outcome of those discussions.

Community Data – Remy Mwamba

- For Tanzania, to what extent do you discuss with UNICEF the plan for civil registration since they have also been providing some support?
- Check if UNICEF and Tanzania have the budget to work together and support the work on the gap.



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In response

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- No meeting with Tanzania HDC yet.

WHO Tanzania – Idris Sekibo

- MOH colleague was unable to connect.
- Will ask MOH colleague to provide an update on the progress of discussions.

WHO Tanzania - Galbert Fedjo

- We have started the process of developing the health sector strategy plan. All agency partners are involved.
- Next week, we will have consultation with different stakeholders for the development and cost of the implementation framework as well as the monitoring and evaluation part.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Secretariat will summarize MOH requests for six countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Nepal, Botswana, and possibly Uganda) in priorities for data and digital with budget figures.
- The summary will be circulated in approximately the next four weeks so that all partners are aware.
- We have had discussions with colleagues in countries on this and will share best practices. It is our responsibility to ensure that we are in strong active dialogue with our country colleagues in the relevant offices.

WHO – Somnath Chatterji

- It is important that we, as representatives of different stakeholders, take requests back to your respective constituencies to mobilize and see how they can align efforts, with the HDC serving as the coordinating mechanism for that.

Working Group Updates (10 mins)

RHIS – Jean Pierre de Lamalle

- Setting up formal subgroup on global goods.
- The subgroup agreed on categories and to start assessing the different documents that exist on different platforms.
- Used categories of the curriculum developed in 2016 with the support of Measure Evaluation and participation from universities from around the world.
- WHO RHIS strategy is under development with consultation from this WG.
- We started discussing surveys and the need to gather data (samples and non-real time data) on a regular basis. We will gather information and put together a paper on the scope of the routine gathering of data and information.



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Community Data – Remy Mwamba

- We launched the guidance on community information system and are planning a number of webinars
- Still work to do to finalize the concept note to engage more people from other organizations and groups
- Given our deliverable for the coming year, we are trying to get a consultant within the group.
- Had a great discussion with RHIS, and shared and discussed our work.
- We have been invited to join the group working on modern newborn information for tracking outcomes. We are working with them since they are also willing to do research on harmonization of measurement for maternal newborn indicators.

Data and Data Governance – Vidya Mahadevan

- We continued to work with Transform Health on principles
- Have a small group working aside to start developing the governance framework.
- Met with the small group and are reviewing the scope and the methodology for what we want the framework deliverable to look like.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- There are seven constituencies in HDC. From a secretary point of view, what support do you need to strengthen your constituencies in terms of increasing membership, increasing diversity and increasing engagement in the working groups or country level activities?
- Received ideas by email but also want to open the discussion and received verbal suggestions.

Ruchika Singhal

- To try to connect with the private sector constituency, I would like an overview of the HDC's charter and formally request time with that group to present the objectives, and working groups.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- We can also help convene a call with your constituency.
- We will forward the documents.

UKFCDO – Nicola Wardrop

- We find engagement of the donor constituency difficult due to a combination of things
- Lead time for the agenda for Stakeholder Reference Group meetings and the associated papers is too short for us to digest and have a meeting
- Suggest an agreement on the timing to release information, such as one week before the meeting, so that we can set up constituency meetings a day or two before the meeting to discuss.
- In terms of follow up, it would help to have minutes of the meeting a week or so after the meeting



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- Would be helpful to know who within the various constituencies are members of each of the different technical working group

CDC - Carrie Eggers

- I agree with Nicola Wardrop's suggestions.
- Would like help on the advocacy for increasing and diversifying member.
- It would be helpful to have more representation from all the regions so that we could break into subgroups or subregional groups.
- This would help us to schedule smaller meetings more regularly, possibly monthly, and then have less frequent meetings as a larger constituency, such as quarterly meetings.
- We received some work from Mwenya Kasonde on Nepal. We can bring it to the group and have a specific topic to present to our group.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Your points are well taken.
- We are in the process, together with Jennifer from UNICEF, of recruiting two regionally-based consultants for the next SRG.

Comms and events (15 mins)

WHO Health Data Governance Summit

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Overview of the data governance summit, planned for two half-days. Dates are still to be confirmed.
- June session objectives:
 - Review of the current landscape of global health data
 - Identify and share good practices in governing health data, with a large focus on coordination sharing and data sharing and storage
- Q3/September objectives:
 - Encourage consensus for health data being a Global Public Good, and identify the good practices for health data governance
 - Identify solutions for specific themes, such as issues regarding sharing data, governing data for research, GIS, digital personal identifiers, fragile contexts, and legal and equity aspects.
- Open Data Institute were successful in the bid. They are helping to undertake the review of the health data landscape on the best practices and health to governance, which will be presented at the first half-day session.



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- Participants will be engaged in different ways. For example, through open invitations, interactive panels and interventions, balance global thoughts leaders and voices of the countries and sub-national entities.
- Planning to open registration next week
- Will gather questions from registrants to guide the panel sessions
- Trying to pre-record as many interventions as possible from various groups
- We will be asking the Digital and Data Governance working group for input
- We are working with multiple other divisions across the organization.

WHO – Somnath Chatterji

- Share the concept note for the governance summit to the group so that they can provide feedback on the concept and how to engage their different constituencies.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Concept note is being finalized. We would be in a position to share it on Monday.

Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Timeframe
MOH_Tanzania <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide responses to questions regarding the status and outcome of discussions on request	WHO Tanzania CO	1 month
Circulate summary of what the ministries of health for six countries have prioritized for data and digital with budget figures	Secretariat	1 month
Forward HDC charter and consolidation information sheet to Ruchika Singhal	Secretariat	2 weeks
Connect of Ruchika Singhal to set up a call to present to private sector constituency	Secretariat	2 weeks
Share Governance Summit Concept Note	Secretariat	Monday