



# HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

<b>Note for the Record – Monthly HDC SRG Meeting</b>		
<b>Location:</b> Zoom <b>Date:</b> 20 October 2022, 16:00-17:00 CET <b>Meeting Chair:</b> Mwenya Kasonde (HDC Secretariat) <b>Meeting Recording:</b> <a href="https://who.zoom.us/rec/share/H7yh6VnlbeLitWyzFmU1ZjkicAgbkl30M03Z-jskl9ZoIsly3F-ygiDe78HLbShz.zdq7OjFr45bYpp8y">https://who.zoom.us/rec/share/H7yh6VnlbeLitWyzFmU1ZjkicAgbkl30M03Z-jskl9ZoIsly3F-ygiDe78HLbShz.zdq7OjFr45bYpp8y</a> <b>Passcode:</b> 3G4dQ#&4		
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Steve MacFeely (WHO)	
<b>Participants:</b>	Countries	
	Multilateral and Intergovernmental Organisations	Rachel Snow (UNFPA)
	Donors	Ernesto Lembcke (GIZ) Rachel Lucas (USAID)
	GHIs	
	Civil Society	Maxwell Antwi (PharmAccess Foundation)
	Research, Academia and Technical Networks	Chris Murrill (US CDC) Laticha Walters (CSIR South Africa) Pam Dixon (World Privacy Forum)
	Private Sector	Patricia Monthé (MedXCare)
	Observers	Betsy Fuller (Bloomberg Philanthropies)
<b>Working groups:</b>	<i>Data Governance</i> Vikas Dwivedi <i>CRVS</i> Debra Jackson (LSHTM) Doris Ma Fat (WHO) <i>RHIS</i> Jean Pierre de Lamalle (RHINO) Jørn Braa (UiO) <i>Community Data</i> Ana Scholl (USAID)	
<b>HDC secretariat:</b>	Craig Burgess, Mwenya Kasonde, Carolina Futuro	
<b>Objectives:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review action steps from September SRG</li> <li>2. To provide feedback and potentially approve:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation TORs</li> <li>• ToRs for regional support</li> <li>• 2022-25 work plan</li> <li>• Comms and advocacy strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. To provide feedback on website</li> <li>4. To proposed schedules for HDC webinars &amp; constituency briefs</li> </ol>		
<b>Agenda:</b>		



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- 1. Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)**
- 2. HDC Governance (25 mins)**
  - Action steps from the September SRG
  - Review and feedback (from SRG meeting) on
    - HDC Evaluations TORs
    - ToRs for regional support
    - Comms and advocacy strategy
    - 2022-25 work plan
    - Website
- 3. Country mission (5 mins)**
  - Update on Nepal and Pakistan dates
- 4. Working Group updates (10 mins)**
  - Updates from Working Groups and deliverables
- 5. Communications and events (10 mins)**
  - HDC Knowledge brokering / webinar Schedule
  - HDC constituency briefs – better communication and setting dates
- 6. Next steps: Chair (5 mins)**



## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

### Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)

None

### HDC Governance (25 mins)

#### Action steps from the September SRG

#### Review and feedback (from SRG meeting) on: HDC Evaluations TORs, ToRs for regional support, Comms and advocacy strategy, 2022-25 work plan, Website

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Proposing evaluation terms of reference for 2 consultants to sit at the regional office to bridge the gap at the global level and country level.
  - May help scale up country impact and monitor activities within each region.
- Looking for your feedback and/or approval at this meeting or the next.
- We welcome any feedback on the 2022-2025 workplan and the proposed comms and advocacy strategy to best communicate the needs of HDC to potential partners.
- Working group co-chairs to share their funding needs with the Secretariat.
- Ad hoc calls were suggested to address each action point in more detail.

UNFPA – Rachel Snow

- Evaluation ToRs looked good.
- SDG3 GAP Heat Map is useful and is one of many tools. We should not over rely on it. Some challenges associated could be its subjectiveness depending on who completes the heat map, whether done individually or as a group.
- We were not part of any discussion on funding needs, so we're not in a position to talk about that today but am happy to talk about that.
- For working groups or subgroups with GIS, would there be a mechanism to identify funding needs?

LSHTM - Debra Jackson

- Agree with Rachel on the heat map.
- On regional support and last week's AeHIN meeting, we need to make sure that working groups bring updates from similar organizations back to the HDC group. HDC partners were there but not sure if there was an HDC presence there.
- Is there a GIS subgroup within Digital Health and Interoperability?

Data Governance Working Group – Vikas Dwivedi

- There is no GIS sub working group for DH&I, but this is an opportunity to think about one around GIS as it is much needed



- Alignment heat map will be good but also should look at other tools.
- It would be good to look at the specific criteria for the heat map so that we get the information we are looking for.
- Evaluation ToRs and regional support is needed. There's already a good network, but linkages with an HDC presence can be improved and strengthened.
- On funding needs, if there is a template that can be shared with activities, justification, budget required and timeline. A small table will help us to develop, finalize and share.

#### World Privacy Forum - Pam Dixon

- It's a great idea to work with AeHIN a bit more as there are topic-focused groups that could be very helpful. I'd be happy to help support what they're doing.
- The heat map is great. I like Vikas's point. We could tweak some of the parameters to make them more effective and precise.
- I would support the GIS working group and volunteer for that working group. After the Malawi Mission, there needs to be more work on GIS.
- There's a global association dedicated to GIS. It would be great if we could connect with them and maybe have them present to jump start the working group.
- Would love to see a template for the funding needs. There could be some support for rostering or mission support activities, etc.

#### HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- I propose adding discussion on a GIS working group to the agenda for next month's meeting as it has been raised twice already in past meetings.
- On the heat map, we propose having a short webinar hosted by the SDG3 GAP secretariat to address methodology and other issues and questions.
  - November 8 is the proposed date.

#### CSIR South Africa - Laticha Walters

- I concur with all the views around the heat map and agree there needs to be revision of certain elements. However, it will be important to not put more load on our countries and that when we go to them, we do so in a coordinated way. It would be good to understand from the SDG3 GAP secretariat how the heat map is being administered.
- I am happy with the Evaluation ToRs. They are straight forward and can give us good feedback on regional support.
- I am not clear how we would manage the governance and relationship between the consultants and the Secretariat, the SRG and the existing governance structure. More clarity is needed to ensure value add.
- Work plan and comms and advocacy is fine.
- Need to continue providing timeline and targets dates for the various activities. This seems to work well for everyone.



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HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- SRG report include due dates. They should be in your inbox attached to the invite for this meeting.

WHO - Doris Ma Fat

- On the heat map, we should define what alignment means. Is it financial? Technical?
- I would fully support the GIS working group. I had a presentation last week on Brazil and it will be a very powerful tool for CRVS.

PharmAccess Foundation – Maxwell Antwi

- Is it possible to add a bit of audit into the heat map so we can focus on the progress of alignment rather than how accurate it is.
- Maybe we can work with SDG to pick a few priorities.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Reviewed and provided an update on the status of action steps from September SRG.

## **Country mission (5 mins)**

### Update on Nepal and Pakistan dates

UNFPA – Rachel Snow

- Had a meeting on Monday and Tuesday this past week in New York, co-hosted with UNICEF, about civil registration and gender. Representatives from Malawi and Nepal were there.
- The head of the Malawi NRB expect to have a response on the white paper soon. They agreed with most of the recommendations within the document and are adding additional needs. Once we have that, we will share with the HDC.
- Had a good meeting with Nepal. Had 3 colleagues from UNIEF, UNFPA, Craig and Mwenya, and representatives from the government of Nepal in attendance.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Nepal mission will take place in the last week of January.
- For Pakistan, we are looking to see if that can be the week after or the week before.
- Based on the Malawi experience, there has been discussion about having this as the model moving forward in terms of coordination of partners.

UiO - Jørn Braa

- During our academia constituency meeting, we discussed expanding the Nepal mission to include RHIS and to see how we can better support that from our constituency.
- The University of Oslo have been asked by the WHO country office to support Nepal on various issues, including DHIS2.



- We are also involved in a project with Kathmandu University to help develop masters in health informatics and support PHD in health informatics.
- I would like to use this opportunity to expand the mission to include RHIS.

UNFPA – Rachel Snow

- This is a week where all of the resident coordinators of all UN country teams are in New York. There were sessions provided on data. The Office of the Secretary General shared a slide the results of a survey that they've been running.
  - 123 UN country teams are providing support to national statistical capacity, but only 54% of those are having work done through an interagency effort.
- Mentioned the HDC in the health sector of data
- The efforts being made in the HDC are being called on and there is support for us to do these joint missions.

### **Working Group updates (10 mins)**

#### Updates from Working Groups and deliverables

Data Governance Working Group – Vikas Dwivedi

- The Health Data Governance Principles were endorsed by the group at a previous meeting.
- Transform Health is maintaining an independent website for the principles, including documenting and capturing organizations that endorse it.
- The next step is to complete the document with HDC's logo. The request is for HDC to sign an endorsement letter so that it can be added to the website. The endorsement means that the logo will go on the website and it confirms it has gone through the HDC process.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- HDC approved endorsing the principles, but it does not mean that UNICEF, UNFPA or other logos get used.

WHO – Steve MacFeely

- Broadly we are supportive of a global health data governance framework. From an institutional point of view, we won't be doing anything as we are also involved in a wider UN/multilateral process as are UNICEF, UNFPA and other agencies.
- Will see how that takes shape before deciding what to do. On an institutional level, we have our own principles and they may be amended or adopted to take on the wider UN initiatives.

Question

LSHTM - Debra Jackson



- There are things (documents and global goods) that have gone up on the HDC website that have the logo of whoever created it but not necessarily the HDC logo. Should we start to consider what global goods should have the HDC logo, and can the HDC logo be used without the WHO logo?

In response

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- In a previous call, we agreed that if the HDC formally agree at a formal SRG meeting to ratify or endorsed something, then the HDC logo can used.
- Separately, each agency can be asked for their respective logo as well.

### **Communications and events (10 mins)**

HDC Knowledge brokering / webinar Schedule

HDC constituency briefs – better communication and setting dates

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Proposed a webinar hosted by the SDG3 GAP secretariat on the heat map which is in the progress report of the SDG3 GAP and is available on their website.
  - 1 hour webinar on November 8 at 4 p.m. Geneva.
- Opportunity for all to host a webinar on the HDC platform. Please confirm and get in touch with the secretariat on any of the work you want to share with the broader HDC.
- Carolina has been coordinating the scheduling for the webinar.
- We are working on the scheduling for 2023.
- Also, a request to consider our constituency mechanisms and if there is a better way to communicate among different constituencies. Need to make sure the information shared here is shared with the constituency.
- For academia, we have set up quarterly meetings and monthly meetings between the representatives and the secretariat. It has been working well and could be applied to others.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- This was a request from many to ensure there is communication with group members. This provides an opportunity for you to brief constituents on what happened at the last SRG meeting and prepare yourselves to represent your constituency as effectively as possible in SRG meetings.

### **Next steps: Chair (5 mins)**

WHO – Steve MacFeely

- As closing remarks, the slide from Rachel is telling. Coordination is a great challenge, and we get criticisms from countries all the time despite our best efforts.
- We're starting to enjoy a new paradigm where we take our discussions and make them tangible.
- Thank you for your open-mindedness, participation and willingness to collaborate.



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## Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Timeframe
<b>Follow up with Alvin Marcelo about an HDC presence at AeHIN.</b>	HDC Secretariat	
<b>Recirculate a template for working group to communicate their funding needs.</b>	HDC Secretariat	
<b>Add discussion for a GIS working group on the agenda for the next HDC SRG meeting.</b>	HDC Secretariat	
<b>Send a calendar invite for the November 8 heat map webinar hosted by SDG3 GAP.</b>	HDC Secretariat	
<b>Provide a link to the Brazil presentation/report to Pam Dixon.</b>	Doris Ma Fat	
<b>Share slide from the Office of the Secretary General.</b>	Rachel Snow	
<b>Circulated working group updates.</b>	HDC Secretariat	
<b>Contact HDC secretariat if interested in hosting a webinar</b>	HDC members	
<b>Reach out to HDC members about improving communication and coordination among HDC and constituencies.</b>	HDC Secretariat	