



HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

Note for the Record – Monthly HDC SRG Meeting		
Location: Zoom		
Date: 15 December 2022, 16:00-17:00 CET		
Meeting Chair: Craig Burgess (HDC/WHO)		
Co-Chairs	Tyler Porth (UNICEF)	
Participants:	Countries	Mwango Mutale (Zambia MoH M&E)
	Multilateral and Intergovernmental Organisations	Rachel Snow (UNFPA)
	Donors	Rachel Lucas (USAID)
	GHIs	Steve Ollis (CHISU/JSI)
	Civil Society	Maxwell Anti (PharmAccess Foundation)
	Research, Academia and Technical Networks	Kathleen Gallagher (CDC) Laticha Walters (CSIR South Africa) Chris Murrill (CDC)
	Private Sector	
	Observers	Xavier Bosch-CapBlanch (SwissTPH) Luhua Zhao (WHO) Isadora Quick (WHO) Tracey Li (D-Tree) Nicola Wardrop (UKFCDO)
Working groups:	<i>Data and Digital Governance</i> Vikas Dwivedi <i>RHIS</i> Jean Pierre de Lamalle (RHINO) <i>CRVS</i> Debra Jackson (LSHTM) Fern Greenwell (WHO)	
WHO secretariat:	Craig Burgess, Mwenya Kasonde, Tashi Chozom, Carolina Futuro	
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To celebrate 2022 achievements and highlight 2023 priorities 2. To review Working Group planning for 2023 3. To update on specific WG activities 4. To update on leadership event 2023 		
Agenda:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins) 2. HDC Governance (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 2022 and reflections for 2023 • Update on HDC Evaluation 3. Working Group updates (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Template for WG workplans 		



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- Data Governance Country Case Studies
- 4. Communications and events (10 mins)**
 - Update on Leadership event 2023
- 5. AOB (5 mins)**
 - Presentation of WHO SCORE Evaluation Plans
- 6. Next steps (chair)**



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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Jennifer Requejo stepped down from her role in HDC and UNICEF.
- New HDC co-chair from UNICEF will be Tyler together with Steve MacFeely from WHO.
- Tyler can help bridge several programs in UNICEF on digital, CRVS, primary healthcare and data.

UNICEF – Tyler Porth

- From Jennifer's team in UNICEF and work in the data and analytics team.
- The Chief Data Officer and Chief Statistician (Marl Hereward) asked that I continue to represent UNICEF in this capacity until the next rotation.
- Happy to be a part of this group. At UNICEF, we continue to believe there is enormous potential for HDC and all stakeholders to come together to support countries around health data systems.
- Background:
 - Epidemiologist by training from Hopkins.
 - Have been at UNICEF and within the UN system for 11-12 years, primarily working in global health data and analytics, public health emergency data and analytics and administrative data systems.
 - Managed supply side data during COVID and Covax response at UNICEF.
 - Supported the executive office of the Secretary General on the implementation of the UN data strategy across the UN ecosystem.
 - Diverse experience working across health data system at the global, regional, national and local levels.

HDC Governance (10 mins)

Review of 2022 and reflections for 2023

Update on HDC Evaluation

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- 2022 achievements
 - September in-person meeting resulted in clear plans.
 - 2022-2025 work plan, with refined milestones and metrics, approved.
 - HIS investment case underway.
 - Working Group (WG) products.
 - Relaunch of HDC website.



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- Malawi mission – white paper finalized and shared.
- Renewed the communication and advocacy strategy.
- Increased Secretariat capacity – addition of Tashi and Carolina.
- 2023 priorities
 - Nepal and Pakistan missions in January and March of 2023, respectively.
 - HDC evaluation – RFP for an external entity to evaluate the HDC has been issued and extended to 16th of January.
 - Map partners and country efforts.
 - Increasing country engagements, with emphasis on fragile states and leveraging platforms in the African and Asian regions.
 - HIS investment case and leadership event.
 - Closer links to SDG3 GAP, particularly the Primary Healthcare Accelerator.
 - Linking WG expertise with country needs.
- Challenges:
 - Engagement in WGs and focus on deliverables and communities of practice.
 - Managing country resource expectations.
 - Demonstrating impact of alignment.
 - Secretariat capacity.
 - Country engagement.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- HDC evaluation will also address:
 - how well the constituency mechanism is working and how it can be strengthened; and
 - whether HDC should remain informal, collaborative or formalized in partnership.

Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute – Xavier Bosch-Capblanch

- Update on RHIS investment case and the 3 main components:
 - Framework syntheses
 - Mapping HIS framework in selected literature.
 - Literature scoping review to understand approaches and examples of HIS.
 - Country case studies
 - Have selected 8 countries from different geographical areas and economic contexts.
 - Most promising countries are Colombia, Cote D'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan and Laos.
 - Are producing data collection tools for this.
 - 3 levels approach: narrative for why, semi-quantitative data and return on investment on how the RHIS would look.
 - Main challenges include attribution of benefits to the RHIS as opposed to other components.



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Questions

USAID – Rachel Lucas

- What is the timeline for this work?
- Will there be exploration or analysis around the cost of digitizing RHIS?
- What will the final deliverable look like?

In response

Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute – Xavier Bosch-Capblanch

- We started in September and are aiming for a high level at the meeting in April.
- The focus is on RHIS. There have been some costing exercises on digital health systems, but we are not estimating the cost of moving to digital in a particular area.
- In Nepal, we are looking at a subsystem that handles the health insurance scheme in the country, because:
 - We have strong context in this area; and
 - It could facilitate more robust data on benefits and investments.
- The final deliverable will be the 3 work packages and a report of findings. We expect to produce user-friendly work and communication materials.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Purpose of the leadership event in April is to build on the Health Data Governance Summit last year in making the case for data as global public good.
- Will do this by:
 - Identifying good governance practices (this is beyond Xavier’s project scope).
 - Making the case for investing in RHIS.
- Hope to bring in other groups to set the agenda. A large part of Xavier’s work will be on the agenda.

Working Group updates (20 mins)

Template for WG workplans

Data Governance Country Case Studies

HDC Secretariat – Tashi Chozom

- Current work plan format does not provide a clear pathway of activities leading to WG deliverables and the expected results.
- Reformatted template includes:
 - a new column for “lead member” for certain deliverable – to foster ownership and create momentum in WGs.



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- A section to show the set of tasks to be completed to contribute to the overall deliverable and result.
- WGs need to have a clear work plan with specific deliverables to help the Secretariat.
- Community Data WG and RHIS WGs are discussing their work plan and are in different stages.
- Options for next steps:
 - Option 1: meeting between co-chairs and HDC Secretariat to work on the draft work plan for 2023, share with WG members for input with a deadline, and then finalize work plan in 2023.
 - Option 2: share the template with WGs for input with a deadline, meeting to finalize between co-chairs and HDC Secretariat, and finalize work plan in 2023.
- Reviewed monthly cadence of meetings, including meeting times. Current meeting times work best for most.
- Reminder for WGs to populate the template to map skills and knowledge assets, as presented at the September SRG.

Question

UNFPA – Rachel Snow

- Will the CRVS WG be absorbed within the SDG3 GAP data digital CRVS team or vice versa?
- As last discussed at Geneva, will we create a GIS WG?

CSIR South Africa – Laticha Walters

- What is role of the “lead member” versus the existing co-chairs?
- For tracking, consider using traffic lights (green, yellow, red) to indicate status for visual effect and include a column to add comments.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Ravi and John at WHO are aware of the request for a GIS WG. They are engaged with a lot of partners on GIS and are considering and discussing it.
- We will meet with them again in the new year to discuss the value add of having an HDC GIS WG.

LSHTM – Debra Jackson

- Hoping Rachel can send a list of individuals who would be interested in participating so that we can add them to the list and put it together.
- If there are regular meetings among SDG3 GAP, we can discuss combining or having representatives attending each other’s meetings.
- We could also plan for a joint meeting in the new year.



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HDC Secretariat – Tashi Chozom

- Co-chairs lead the WG, but it would be nice to have members within the WG to lead a particular activity/deliverable. This would help with accountability and ensure all members are involved and engaged.
- We will try to incorporate the suggestion regarding the traffic light visual.
- The first option for the template work plan is recommended.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Will move forward with Option 1 for the template work plan. If it does not work, we will revise next year.

Data and Digital Health Governance Working Group – Vikas

- The Secretariat connected our WG with a study/learning visit happening between Kenya and Zanzibar on improving data governance, which is organized by the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and D Tree.
 - Purpose is to learn what challenges countries are facing, how they are being addressed and identify solutions.
- If you are aware of other learning exchanges happening, please let us know.
- The idea of bringing these case studies is to identify issues, challenges, initiatives or innovations of countries in the area of health data governance and share this with other countries.
- Early next year, we will review the activities within the work plan with the WG and the Secretariat to finalize and move forward in 2023.

Communications and events (10 mins)

Update on Leadership event 2023

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Hope to finalize the communications and advocacy strategy by January. Lead by Alyssa.
- Leadership event planned for the third week of April.
 - Will reconvene in January to set the agenda.

AOB (5 mins)

Presentation of WHO SCORE Evaluation Plans

WHO – Luhua Zhao

- Statistician by training and focal point for WHO's SCORE initiative.
- SCORE is a WHO initiative to assess the performance of HIS, identify gaps in HIS, and assist countries in improving their HIS.



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- Planning a review of the SCORE program to determine what is/isn't working and how it can be improved to inform the next round of SCORE assessment, which will likely occur in 2024-2025.
- Assessing:
 - Current state of SCORE usage.
 - Factors contributing to high/low uptake of SCORE by member states, WHO and partners.
 - How to increase uptake.
 - Possible areas of collaboration with other international organizations.
- Plan to complete the review by April 2023.
- All are invited to participate in the review. A survey will be sent out to provide feedback.
 - Would be great to have 3-6 individuals from each subgroup within HDC to respond.
- Criteria to participate in the survey: must have some knowledge of SCORE and have some interest in working with SCORE.

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- Suggest the HDC help Luhua by circulating the survey to each of the HDC members and co-chairs of the constituencies and WGs.
- Survey is linked to HDC as it will help engage government with partner responses in country.

Next steps

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Thank you, everyone, for your help in 2022. Look forward to working with everyone in 2023.

Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Remind WGs to complete the mapping of skills and knowledge assets.	Secretariat	
Plan a joint CRVS meeting between SDG3 GAP and the CRVS WG in 2023.	Debra Jackson/Rachel Snow	
Revise template to include a column for traffic light visual to show status and add a column for comments.	Secretariat	
Send SCORE survey to HDC members, and co-chairs of constituencies and WG for completion.	Secretariat	