



HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

Note for the Record – Monthly HDC SRG Meeting		
Location: Zoom		
Date: 17 November 2022, 16:00-17:00 CET		
Meeting Chair: Mwenya Kasonde (HDC/WHO)		
Co-Chairs	Dr. Onalenna Kgokgwe (Botswana MoHW)	
Participants:	Countries	Modest Gatcho (WHO Cameroon) Tebogo Madidimalo (WHO Botswana)
	Multilateral and Intergovernmental Organisations	
	Donors	
	GHIs	Heidi Reynolds (GAVI) Steve Ollis (CHISU/JSI)
	Civil Society	Maxwell Anti (PharmAccess Foundation)
	Research, Academia and Technical Networks	Kathleen Gallagher (CDC) Laticha Walters (CSIR South Africa) Pam Dixon (World Privacy Forum) Chris Murrill (CDC)
	Private Sector	Patricia Monthé (MedxCare)
	Observers	Xavier Bosch-Capblanch (Swiss TPH) Christian Auer (Swiss TPH)
Working groups:	<i>Community Data</i> Ana Djapovic Scholl <i>RHIS</i> Jørn Braa (University of Oslo) <i>CRVS</i> Debra Jackson (LSHTM)	
WHO secretariat:	Craig Burgess, Mwenya Kasonde, Tashi Chozom, Alyssa Palmquist	
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To update action steps from September SRG 2. To consider potential country mission for 2023 3. To consider a working group on GIS 4. To present progress on RHIS investment case 		
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"> • Update on action steps from the September SRG • Update on HDC Evaluation 3. Country engagement (5 mins) 		



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- Planning missions for 2023

4. Working Group updates (20 mins)

- Update on functioning of WGs
- Proposal for working group on GIS
- Update on RHIS investment case

5. Communications and events (10 mins)

- Update on Comms and Advocacy Strategy 2022-2022

6. Next steps: Chair (5 mins)



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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Overview of meeting objectives and agenda.

HDC Governance (10 mins)

Update on action steps from the September SRG

Update on HDC Evaluation

HDC Secretariat – Tashi Chozom

- HDC Evaluation TORs have been shared and finalized. Once some internal processes have been complete, it will be advertised externally.
- Hiring 2 regional consultants (one in Asia and another in Africa) to support the technical work and support regional institutes in capacity building.
- 2022-2025 work plan, including the strategic priorities, milestones, activities and metrics, was shared with members.
 - Members have until November 30 to provide feedback.
- Waiting for feedback on the white paper from colleagues in Malawi, including the Ministry of Health and the Statistics Bureau.
- Reviewed the working group deliverables. They need to be more concise and clearer.
 - Requested working groups to submit any resources required to achieve their deliverables.
- RHIS Working Group is considering having a subgroup on data analytics and use.
- Liquid Light contract has been extended to work on the Knowledge Hub and incorporate feedback from stakeholders to website
- Secretariat developed a template to map technical skills and knowledge assets.
 - Ideas, feedback, and suggestions on the template itself and on how to keep the template updated are welcome.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- For the working group on data analytics and use, I suggest that it be tied to the Data Governance Working Group.



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Question

LSHTM – Debra Jackson

- Do you want each institution in our working group to identify their expertise?
- I would also like to encourage everyone, including country colleagues and experts, to add themselves.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Tashi Chozom

- At this moment, we are thinking of all members, whatever the expertise or product, to be mapped. We are open to other ideas, including expertise at the country level.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Regarding the potential working group for data use and combining with Data Governance, I wonder if we can explore adding this as a deliverable?

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- It would be good to have this conversation with all the stakeholders.
- Data Governance Working Group has outputs or outputs on the way, they may have opinions about this. I can see deliverables that would align. There is a lot of synergies if they worked together.

UiO - Jørn Uio

- Although not exactly the same, I agree data governance and data use are linked. It's important to work together.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Will discuss more how to achieve this objective, including having a call with the co-chairs of the working group.
- Received some feedback and all are in agreement with the current TORs for the Evaluation of the HDC in 2023.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- RFP to be released in the next few weeks and work to start in January 2023. Review to cover what the HDC has done, where the gaps are, and provide suggestions/recommendations to position HDC for the 2023 agenda.
- Updates will be provided to SRG members regularly.



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Country engagement (5 mins)

Planning missions for 2023

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Malawi white paper is being reviewed by the government of Malawi. There was a meeting with government stakeholders to discuss the document and agree on a way forward.
- Still proceeding with the missions to Nepal and Pakistan next year.
- Potential mission to Botswana and Cameroon.
- National Health Data Conference planned in Cameroon for 2023.
- Open to country engagement and country mission suggestions from colleagues.

WHO Cameroon – Dr. Modesto Gatcho

- HDC Cameroon is preparing for the National Health data Conference in April 2023 to engage all data producers and users in the improvement of data for universal health coverage and decision-making.
- Target audience of this conference are colleagues of the National Public Health Observatory in other countries within Africa.
- In-country target audience is the ministry of health, departments of statistics, civil registration, and public health, and civil society.

Question

LSHTM – Debra Jackson

- Why is Pakistan not in the active group? I thought we were planning to go there, and Azza and her team had been before.
- I strongly support that missions have to come from requests, and missions don't have to be HDC-led. If someone is attending based on their job and are a member of HDC, they can let the rest of us know what is going on.

In response

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- There was a Pakistan mission in March, but it was a WHO EMRO effort. Another joint mission is planned for next year, but further activities are to be determined.
- HDC also made a presentation to the government of Pakistan, and there was positive feedback, but we have not received concrete response from the government of Pakistan on whether they want to actively engage with HDC.



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Botswana MOHW – Dr. Onalenna Kgokgwe

- We suggested support in the area of Community Monitoring, including the HIS used at community level.

UiO - Jørn Uio

- RHIS WG suggested including a broader view on the scope of missions and include RHIS more generally in Nepal and other coming missions.

Working Group updates (20 mins)

Update on functioning of WGs

Proposal for working group on GIS

Update on RHIS investment case

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Digital Health and Interoperability WG is planning an in-person meeting, the Global Digital Forum, in December in Virginia, USA. Please reach out for more information.
- Most working groups have been functioning well. Most are independent with minimal support from the secretariat.
- PHI Working Group has been challenged as there is a gap in leadership with Carrie from CDC being called away to other activities.
- Opportunity to discuss how we can support working groups to ensure they are functioning efficiently.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- Is there a way to keep each working group distinct but organize them in a way that allows them to collaborate easily?
- I think a working group on GIS mapping would be a great idea as there are a lot of governance issues with that. It warrants discussion.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- An important part of the working groups is to ensure deliverables are as concise as possible within a timeframe of 6-12 months.
- Strong leadership is also key – maintaining relationships within the working group and with HDC, monitoring the workplan, and responding to country requests.
- Exploring a monthly call with working group co-chairs to exchange ideas, provide updates on activities and explore joint collaboration opportunities.



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- Also looking at what technical areas of the working groups that countries can draw upon – this may encourage more collaboration between working groups.

Swiss TPH - Xavier Bosch-Capblanch

- Update on RHIS investment case:
 - Searching in electronic databases.
 - Retrieving documents from colleagues.
 - Collected 1,052 studies from electronic and manual searches. 102 studies are relevant and will be assessed to extract data.
 - October 31 was the deadline for the scoping for inclusion and exclusion. Country case studies were also sent to WHO.
 - In the process of selecting countries – teams in countries are engaged and are either ready or close to being ready.
 - Work packages #3 and #4 will come after Christmas and in 2023.

Communications and events (10 mins)

Update on Comms and Advocacy Strategy 2022-2025

HDC Secretariat - Alyssa Palmquist

- Updated communications strategy can now start to focus on target audience to conduct stakeholder mapping and architecture, key messages and methodological approach. (Timeframe: now to the end of December)
- Need volunteers for communications task force to think through the draft strategy, including metrics for success.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Anyone interested in presenting their work through an HDC webinar, please come forward. There is an opportunity to present every month.
- Next year, we plan to have a calendar created for webinars.

Next steps: Chair (5 mins)

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Will follow up on action points, including drafting TORS for the GIS WG, continuing to follow up on September action points and others.
- Many thanks to all.



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Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Set up a call with Botswana MOH as Community Data Working Group co-chairs.	Community Data WG	
Follow up with Botswana MOH community monitoring and HIS at community level.	Community Data WG	
Draft TORS for a GIS Working Group and circulate for comments.	Secretariat	