HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

Note for the Record – Monthly HDC SRG Meeting		
Location: MS Teams (virtual)		
Date: 19 January 2023, 16:00-17:00 CET		
Meeting Chair: Tyler Porth (UNICEF)		
Co-Chairs	Tyler Porth (UNICEF), Stephen MacFeely (WHO)	
Participants:	Countries	
	Multilateral and Intergovernmental Organisations	Predrag Savic (UNSD)
	Donors	Ernesto Lembcke (GIZ)
	GHIs	Steve Ollis (CHISU) Heidi Reynolds (GAVI)
	Civil Society	
	Research, Academia and Technical Networks	Chris Murrill (CDC) Pam Dixon (World Privacy Forum) Laticha Walters (CSIR South Africa)
	Private Sector	Patricia Monthe (MEDx Care)
	Observers	Ravi Santhana (WHO) Xavier Bosch-CapBlanch (Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute) Christian Auer (Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute)
Working groups:	*Data and Digital Governance* Vikas Dwivedi *RHIS* Jean Pierre de Lamalle (RHINO) Ayub Manya *LMIS* Lisa Hedman (WHO) *Data and Digital Governance* Derrick Muneene (WHO) *CRVS* Doris Ma Fat (WHO)	
WHO secretariat:	Craig Burgess, Mwenya Kasonde, Tashi Chozom, Carolina Futuro	
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1. To update on constituency engagement
2. To review draft TORs for a proposed working group on GIS
3. To update on Leadership Event 2023 and communications

Agenda:
1. **Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)**
2. **HDC Governance (10 mins)**
   - Update on constituency engagement

- Update on HDC Evaluation
- Brainstorming on technical issue-based discussion

3. **Country Engagement Updates (10 mins)**
   - Update on Nepal CRVS and GIS mission

4. **Working Group updates (20 mins)**
   - Working Group updates, review of deliverables and plans for 2023
   - Review of draft TORs for a proposed working group on GIS
   - Updates on RHIS investment case

5. **Communications and events (10 mins)**
   - Update on Leadership event 2023
   - Update on HDC Webinars in 2023

6. **AOB (5 mins)**

7. **Next steps (chair)**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Welcome and introductions (chair) (5 mins)

UNICEF – Tyler Porth

- Work in the data and analytics section, working on the public health portfolio at UNICEF.
- Taking over for Jennifer Requejo as co-chair for the remainder of this rotation.

WHO – Ravi Santhana

- I am new to this working group. I lead WHO GIS Centre for Health.

UNSD – Predrag Savic

- Here to represent the multilateral constituency in the interim.
- Coordinate UN LIA and global CRVS group.

HDC Governance (10 mins)

Update on constituency engagement

Update on HDC Evaluation

Brainstorming on technical issue-based discussion

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Have been in touch with constituencies to gather feedback on constituency engagement and communication.
  - Most constituencies would like quarterly calls. Quarterly calls have been set up with most constituencies for the year.
- 846 members in total. Membership count moving in a positive direction with the implementation of the website, but membership list should be reviewed annually going forward.
  - Multilateral and intergovernmental organizations, and research academia and technical networks are the largest constituencies within HDC.
  - Followed by GHIs, bilateral donors/philanthropic institutions/regional funding entities, private sector, civil society and then countries.
- Open to other suggestions to improve constituency engagement.

CDC – Chris Murrill

- The suggestion of reviewing the membership list was raised at the September 2022 meeting. The purpose is not to reduce the list; it is to ensure it is up-to-date as some have retired or no longer work in this field.

      ○ Suggest sending a email to everyone on the membership list and ask them confirm/reaffirm their membership using an "opt in" function.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- In updating the list, we could also use information from members to roster skills and interests to form teams to work on projects. This will help with effectiveness.
  - Could include this as part of the sign-up process on the website.
  - The survey that was sent for review last year for this was dropped. We should pick this back up again to move this forward.
- Reviewing the list once a year may be too frequent. Suggest every two years.
- There might be complications with the opt-in option. Would need to talk about this further to make it work.

GIZ – Ernesto Lembcke

- Agree with Pam on rostering skills and knowledge.
- In the donor constituency, we have a lot of sleeping members. We are trying to actively look at working groups (WGs) to identify those from donor organizations to engage them and ask them to participate in the donor constituency.
- This is also an opportunity to win over other organizations that we have not yet reached or is not represented at HDC. Important to have diverse representation.

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Closing date for bids for the HDC evaluation was Monday. Received many applications and will review them over the next two weeks.
- Plan to announce results in February and then determine what the process will look like.
- Evaluation will reflect OECD best practices, impact of HDC using country case studies, stakeholder input, WGs and colleagues in countries.
- Received suggestions to have more brainstorming webinars within HDC on key issues to be more responsive and expand thematic areas. Would like your reflections on this.

CSIR South Africa – Laticha Walters

- In terms of brainstorming on technical issues, it would be good for countries to be able to register this on the website or all HDC platforms. Then internally, HDC should track it to ensure it is addressed.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- Great idea but would also suggest:
  - inviting countries to give webinars and present country cases; and
  - in the rostering and clean up with membership list, ask what they are looking so that we can quantify issue areas.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Agree with Pam on the country-led webinars.
- The sign-up form on the website, there is a section asking for data priorities. We can tweak this section a little to find out what members want/need.

UNICEF – Tyler Porth

- When we are thinking of future areas for webinars, there is a lot of momentum around the transition from the COVID pandemic. There is a lot of interest around the lessons learned from the information and information systems on the monitoring of the pandemic, including the vaccine rollout and health information system strengthening.
    - o Opportunity for HDC to play an important role around this conversation.
- As you think of other suggestions, please communicate those to the secretariat.

Country Engagement Updates (10 mins)

Update on Nepal CRVS and GIS mission

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Joint mission to Nepal is next week (23-27 January).
- Focus of the mission is CRVS and GIS.
- Outcome of the mission is a white paper co-developed with the Government of Nepal with recommendations.
    - o May also be support for an investment case for CRVS and GIS.
- All invited to join in-person or virtually. Detailed agenda to be shared publicly.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- We have staff with considerable experience in CRVS and GIS. We are happy to share information and provide support before, during or after the meeting.

Working Group updates (20 mins)

Working Group updates, review of deliverables and plans for 2023

Review of draft TORs for a proposed working group on GIS

Updates on RHIS investment case

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- Draft TORs on the proposed WG on GIS, including objectives to strengthen national GIS systems through coordination and collaboration at global, regional and national levels, and exchange information.
- Scope of work/activities from January 2023 to December 2025 could include: capacity strengthening, case studies, supporting WHO's global health facility database, joint capacity strengthening activities on GIS, online geospatial interface/tools

WHO - Ravi Santhana

- There are other WGs by WHO and UNICEF that currently do GIS work, but there is demand and need for another WG for HDC.
- This WG initiative is not to physically collect data set. We are looking for partners to coordinate.
- Overview of Nepal mission
  - We propose combining CRVS and GIS in the mission to Nepal, because it impacts so many other health related issues. It was an opportunity for many organizations and individuals to meet in one place.
  - Plan to hear from the country and share information, have multilateral organizations present available tools, and discuss and understand needs to build a roadmap.

World Privacy Forum – Pam Dixon

- We will reach out to talk about how we can support and work with you as we have experts in this area.
- I would love to see a webinar on your landscape analysis as we don't currently have one.
- We support this new WG and are happy to see it form.

Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute – Xavier Bosch-CapBlanch

- RHIS investment case update
  - Working on work packages 1 and 2: framework syntheses and country case studies.
  - 15 studies including in the framework syntheses 36 excluded and 5 are unclear. Have requested further information from the authors.
  - 2 systematic reviews of the literature.
- Some challenges encountered in work package 1: IT issues, heterogeneity of methods and contents which makes data extraction less standardized, and further reviews.

- Nepal and Laos are the only countries outstanding for country case studies.
- Work package 2 protocol updated.
- Have received clearance from WHO; WHO has established contact with country offices.
- Finalizing data collection tools to be piloted starting next week.
- Some challenges encountered in work package 2: Nepal and Laos, paucity of data, field work delays and other issues.
  - Due to timeline constraints, we rely on available data. There is not enough time to collect data.
  - Data collection piloting to start in the last week of January and end mid- or late-February.
- No progress on work package 3 yet as it is dependent on work packages 1 and 2.

Communications and events (10 mins)

Update on Leadership event 2023

Update on HDC Webinars in 2023

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- There is a call tomorrow with HDC stakeholders and other colleagues to plan the agenda for a Leadership Event in April (date to be confirmed).
- Purpose of this to pick up issues or items from the 2021 Health Data Governance Summit to advocate for and promote:
  - Good data governance practices in countries;
  - Make the case for more investment in RHIS.
- In the process of inviting 5-6 countries as well to lead.
- Will provide updates regularly to this group.

HDC Secretariat – Carolina Futuro

- Majority of WGs are coming together to revise their work plans to set clear and achievable deliverables for 2023. Encourage all WGs to do this, if they haven't already.
- Please reach out to me or Tashi for assistance.

AOB (5 mins)

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Thank you to all the constituency representatives. Key to success is ensure representatives can communicate well with their constituency on report on what happened at these meetings and to get feedback.

- If you have ideas on how to improve the functioning of your constituency, let Mwenya and me know.

HDC Secretariat – Mwenya Kasonde

- If there is anything you would like to present, please use the webinar platform to do so.

Next steps (chair)

WHO – Stephen MacFeely

- Upcoming joint missions are the most tangible pieces for HDC.
- We have had great support and can build on the lessons from Malawi.

UNICEF – Tyler Porth

- Thanks, everyone. Look forward to updates on the Leadership Event, GIS WG, continue RHIS investment case work, the ask for ideas for 2023 webinars, interest in refining the current membership list for active members and rostering skills and knowledge.

Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Ensure membership list is up-to-date and accessible.	Secretariat	
Schedule discussion on GIS to link to the formation of the GIS WG to leverage skills and knowledge.	Secretariat	