

INTER-COUNTRY CONFERENCE ON MEASUREMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HEALTH (MA4HEALTH)

26 – 28 APRIL 2016 || DHAKA || BANGLADESH

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE BANGLADESH CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- **Facilitate the regional and country response to data needs**, including strengthening country capacity to monitor and review progress, enhancing existing and establishing new regional approaches, building consensus on monitoring health strategies and the SDGs, and enhancing technical collaboration.
- **Engage with development partners to improve health data systems**, including improving efficiency and alignment of investments, establishing new ways of working with development partners and sharing knowledge and tools within the region.
- **Share and strengthen country-led M&E plans**, including learning from the experience of countries in the region, highlighting innovative approaches to fill technical and financial gaps, strengthening accountability mechanisms and measuring the health-related SDGs.

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2016

8.00 – 9.00 **Breakfast**

9.00 – 9.15 **Welcome, introductions, objectives of meeting**

Session 1

Session Objectives:

- Welcome on behalf of the Health Data Collaborative (HDC) and Conference hosts
- Discuss how the Conference follows the M&A4Health Summit and the HDC
- Share the objectives of the regional conference

Speaker: Abul Kalam Azad, DGHS, Bangladesh

9.15-10.15

Session 2

The Collaborative: facilitating global monitoring, learning and accountability

Session Objectives:

- Share the vision, mission and objectives of the HDC
- Provide the global perspective of the HDC
- Elaborate on: the rationale of pursuing the Collaborative and the initiatives taken by the international organizations to promote the Collaborative

Speaker: Kathleen Handley, USAID/DC

Moderator: Binod Mahanty, GIZ

Discussants:

1. Alastair Robb, WHO – HQ

2. Sam Mills, World Bank Group
3. Shams El Arifeen, icddr,b

10:15 – 10:45 **Tea Break**

10.45 – 12.00 **The Collaborative: facilitating regional and country monitoring, learning and accountability**

Session 3

Session Objectives:

- Elaborate on the role of regional networks and initiatives to promote and support the health data collaborative objectives
- Provide an in-depth case study of the experience of Bangladesh in strengthening its monitoring, learning and accountability systems

Speakers:

1. Alvin Marcelo, AeHIN
2. Mark Landry, WHO/SEARO
3. Abul Kalam Azad, DGHS, Bangladesh

Moderator: Ashadul Islam, HEU, Bangladesh

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 14.00 **Leadership, governance and partnership**

Session 4

Session Objectives:

- Identify national and sub-national leadership mechanism that have been effective in supporting strengthening of data driven decision making and accountability
- Identify opportunities and challenges provided by partnership mechanisms and means of improving the quality of partnerships to strengthen data driven decision making and accountability

Speakers:

1. Ishtiaq Mannan, Save the Children/Bangladesh
2. Mosidi Nhlapo, Statistics South Africa
3. Debra Jackson, UNICEF – HQ
4. Representative from countries in the region

Moderator: Alastair Robb, WHO – HQ

14.00 – 14.30 **Tea Break**

14.30 – 17.30 **Learning from experience – roundtable session**

Session 5

Session Objectives:

- Countries share lessons learned in strengthening health information systems for monitoring, learning and accountability (MLA)
- Participants discuss gaps, challenges and priorities
- Participants work with their country colleagues to begin to apply information to

their action plans for strengthening their MLA systems

Speaker: Jim Thomas, MEASURE Evaluation

Facilitator: Mohammad Wahid Hossain, DG-DGFP, Bangladesh

Presenters: Representative from countries in the region

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2016

8.00 – 9.00

Breakfast

9.00 – 9.15

Review of Day 1 and Day 2 agenda

Session 6

Session Objectives:

- Welcome participants to second day of meeting
- Provide brief recap of Day 1 to set the stage for Day 2

Speakers: Siân Curtis, MEASURE Evaluation

9.15 – 10.30

Strengthening accountability and setting commitments for health

Session 7

Session Objectives:

- Discuss the rationale, parameters, and required actions for strengthening accountability for health
- Describe innovations for data use in advocacy and communications
- Define the role of and commitment from the government, donors, private (non-for-profit and for-profit) health sector, civil society and media in ensuring accountability, citizens

Speakers:

1. Hossain Zillur Rahman, PPRC, Bangladesh
2. Karar Zunaid Ahsan, PMMU, MOHFW
3. Kirthi Ramesh, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
4. Thet Thet Mu, Department of Public Health, Myanmar
5. Subhashini Chandrasekharan, USAID/DC

Moderator: Melissa Jones, Chair, DP Consortium, Bangladesh

10.30 – 11.00

Tea Break

11.00 – 12.15

Innovation – finding new ways to fill the technical gaps

Session 8

Session Objectives:

- To describe tools and options for countries in the region that will facilitate closing the technical gaps
- To identify potential partners with technical skills

Speakers:

1. Anwer Aqil, USAID/DC
2. Jaap Koot, EC Project
3. Md. Humayun Kabir, MEASURE Evaluation
4. Jorn Braa, University of Oslo
5. Shukhrat Rakhimjanov, UNICEF/Bangladesh
6. Pamela Rao, USAID/DC

Moderator: Shams El Arifeen, icddr,b

12.15 – 13.15

Lunch

13.15 – 15.15

Developing strong 5-year operational plans and roadmaps for implementation: Country Group Work (tea served during session)

Session 9

Session Objectives:

- Review information shared on Day 2 as it applies to country efforts to strengthen monitoring, learning and accountability (MLA) systems
- Develop action plans for each country to move forward in strengthening their MLA/M&E systems
- Identify priorities, gaps and next steps

Moderators: Bill Weiss, USAID and Deen MD. Noorul Huq, DG-DGHS

15.15 – 16.15

Country Roundtable: key actions from countries and donors

Session 10

Session Objectives:

- Map technical support opportunities with key actions from the previous session
- Countries share insights from the conference and plans for the future

Moderators: Jim Sherry, CUNY and Mohiuddin Osmani, JC (Planning), MOHFW

Speakers:

- Representatives from countries in the region
- Comments and commitments from donors

16.15 – 16.30

Closing session

Session 11

Session Objectives:

- Summarize common themes and next steps
- Thank participants and close meeting

Speaker: Abul Kalam Azad, DGHS, Bangladesh

18.30 – 21.00

Cultural Program and Dinner

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2016

FIELD TRIP
