

Background

The biannual Health Data Collaborative (HDC) Global Partners Meeting will take place on March 24th, 2021. The meeting will consider the changing context of the HDC, as it relates to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and other related initiatives such as the *Access to COVID Tools Accelerator (ACT-A)*, *SDG Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (SDG GAP)* and the broader *UHC2030 Related Initiatives*.

Ongoing effects of the COVID 19 pandemic on the HDC: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has brought about the development of several global health initiatives such as the Access to COVID Tools Accelerator (ACT-A). ACT-A is a collaboration of governments, multilateral organizations, global health initiatives, private sector entities and civil society which aims to accelerate equitable access to COVID-10 tests, treatments and vaccines. The HDC aligns itself with the concept of partnership to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, which has been negatively impacted by the pandemic. As such, HDC partners are invited to gain information and insight into the ACT-A initiative during the Meeting.

Aligning partners around country priorities: In collaboration with the SDG GAP, the HDC has identified four priority countries which overlap as focus countries for both initiatives. These four countries (Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Nepal) have been engaged in a series of consultations with country partner offices as well as ministries of health to identify key data gaps in alignment with national health, M&E, data and digital health strategies. The Global Partners Meeting provides an opportunity for HDC partners to align and commit technical and financial support for country priorities. This in accordance with the added value offered by each of the 7 HDC constituencies.

Working Groups: The HDC now has 6 functional working groups (Routine Health Information Systems, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, Logistics Management Information Systems, Digital Health and Interoperability, Community Data, Data and Digital Governance) with interest in reviving the dormant Epidemic Intelligence working group. As we align outputs and deliverables from each of the working groups with the HDC Workplan 2020-2023, the HDC invites each constituency, particularly the countries, to contribute technical expertise and review progress on the work of these groups.

Meeting Objectives:

1. To present the context in which the HDC is developing, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic
2. To present country data and digital priorities which HDC partners can align themselves around based on each constituency's added value
3. To update the HDC on the outputs of each of the seven working groups and seek input on these outputs from HDC partners

Preparation for meeting

Coordination: Initial draft agenda shared for inputs with 3 HDC co-chairs 11th March. Agenda finalized by co-chairs & secretariat with documents and sent to HDC 17th March (1 week before meeting).

Country preparation: Four HDC priority countries intensive coordination to identify 2-3 data priorities aligned with national development plans that HDC partners can commit to.

Constituency preparation: The secretariat will support each constituency to identify their added value and be able to present potential support for each country priority and working group outputs.

Working Group preparation: The secretariat will support for each working group to present an update on their outputs and deliverables as outlined in the specific working group terms of reference.

Documents:

Background and Overview

1. Agenda
2. 'One pager' HDC - summary of HDC governance
3. Membership: HDC members names, SRG names, WG names and co-chairs / affiliations

Session 1 Materials

4. Slide deck for HDC ecosystem including UHC2030, SDG GAP, ACT-A

Session 2 Materials

5. HDC 2021 milestones / tracker
6. Slide deck for HDC status update – Dec event and follow up, work plan tracker and key issues / challenges achievement of milestones (and actions from September and March), planning ahead for regional meetings in Sept / Oct
7. 3 slides for each country – priorities (long + short term), partners, any efforts alignment

Session 3 Materials

8. WG – deliverables and status
9. Epidemic Intelligence TORs

Target audience and invitees:

Stakeholder	Description
HDC Stakeholder Representative Group (SRG)	12 representatives from the 7 HDC constituencies
8 country teams	MoH and partner representation from HDC partners from Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Cameroon, Botswana, Uganda, Zambia and Nepal
HDC Global Partner Group (GPG)	At least 1 representative per partner
HDC working group co-chairs:	Seven WGs, at least 1 representative per WG
HDC secretariat	2

Agenda Wednesday 24th March

Overall chair – Helen Kiarie (Kenya)	
13.00 – 13.05 Welcome Samira Asma, Assistant Director General, WHO	
13.05 – 13.20 Co-chair Reflections Reflection on HDC since September and key issues for 2021 and beyond Kenya (Helen Kiarie), UNICEF (Jennifer Requejo) and WHO (Somnath Chatterji)	
13.20-13.30 Introductions, objectives and overview of agenda Craig Burgess and Mwenya Kasonde, HDC Secretariat	
Outputs: Clarity on meeting objectives and outcomes	Overview of agenda

13.30 – 14.15 Session 1: For information and inputs - The current context of HDC	
Session facilitators: Nicola Wardrop (UK FCDO), Tessa Lennemann (GIZ)	
Output: Overview of SDG GAP Output: Overview of UHC 2030 Output: Overview of ACT A-HSS partnership and technical mechanisms to support country needs.	Presentation of SDG GAP accelerators Presentation of UHC2030 related initiatives Presentation of ACT-A Overview of HDC ecosystem and linkages with COVID related initiatives with focus on equity Discussion on strengthening links with HDC
14.15 – 15.45 Session 2: For information and decision - HDC status update (September - March), Update and review of 2021 Milestones, HDC country and member alignment	
Session facilitator: Patricia Monthe (MEDx Care), Heidi Reynolds (GAVI)	
Output: Provide status update of HDC workplan, action points since September including SRG monthly calls Output: 4 countries (Nepal, Kenya, Malawi, Botswana) presentation of key gaps and data and digital priorities for 2021-2023 Output: Identify partners comparative advantages, focus of aligned support for identified country priorities	Presentation: action tracker status (by secretariat with inputs from each constituency) Presentation: HDC workplan progress and activities in 2021 Presentation: by 4 countries outlining key priorities identified by Govt for alignment amongst HDC partners Constituency focal points: reflections on added value and aligning support for country needs. Decision points: 1. Focus priorities for 4 HDC countries 2. Identified potential alignment of technical and financial support from partners 3. Mechanism for coordination of partner support
15.45-16.00 Coffee break	
16.00 – 17.30 Session 3: For information and decision: Working Groups	
Session facilitator: Remy Mwamba (UNICEF), Debra Jackson (LSTHM)	
Output: Provided update on six WG ToRs actions and plans for 2021-2022 Output: Review and approve ToRs for EI WG	Presentation outlining six WG ToRs and 2021 actions EI ToRs for review and approval Discussion on integrating links between WGs and increasing diversity in WGs Decision points: 1. Epidemic Intelligence WG ToRs considered & approved
17.30 – 17.40 Action points and responsibilities	
HDC secretariat: Craig Burgess and Mwenya Kasonde	
17.40-17.55 Co-chair reflections and actions in 2021	
Kenya (Helen Kiarie), UNICEF (Jennifer Requejo) and WHO (Somnath Chatterji)	
17.55 - 18.00 Closing reflections:	
Samira Asma, Assistant Director General, WHO	

Virtual Platform Logistics

Topic: Health Data Collaborative Global Partners Meeting
Time: Mar 24, 2021 01:00 PM Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna

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