



HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

HDC SRG Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 19, 2020

16:00-17:00 Central European Time

Location: Virtual Zoom

Meeting Chair: Somnath Chatterjee (WHO)

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on country HDC activities
2. To agree on practical implementation of HDC Workplan 2020-2023
3. To agree RHIS / Governance Working Groups call for members and nominations for co-chairs
4. To provide an update on CRVS working Group
5. To provide update on leadership advocacy meeting 16th December

1. Welcome and introduction: 5 mins

2. ACT Accelerator update (for information): 10 mins

3. Governance and admin (for information): 10 mins

- HDC work plan 2020 – 2023 overview

4. Update from working groups (for approval): 20 mins

- RHIS and Data Governance; membership and co-chair nomination
- CRVS

5. Communication, events and advocacy (for decision): 10 mins

- Update on December 16th meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting opened by chair.

2. ACT Accelerator update (for information): 10 mins

UKFCO-Nicola

- The data centre of ACT Accelerator is involved in monitoring indirect impact of COVID-19 on health systems and health services
- Ongoing concerns about coordination between different organizations doing similar things and requesting similar types of data from the same country
- Potential for HDC to support coordination and alignment
- Suggestion to try and establish a more formal link between HDC and ACT-A

UNICEF-Jennifer Requejo

- Discussions yesterday around defining the “big ask” for the ACT Accelerator group
- Focus on equity and data disaggregation
- ACT A has five priority countries and we have nine focus countries
- Looking at the two lists and seeing where ACT A is aiming to focus and how many of those are HDC countries would be another step
- It seems that we could work together jointly on achieving that ask

HDC Secretariat-Craig Burgess

- Nicola is referring to is the ACT A, which is COVID specific
- You may be referring to SDG GAP, which was the call yesterday
- That still will remain an important area which will mentioned and has similarities

UNICEF-Jennifer Requejo:

- Activities with the ACT around COVAX
- Then another group led by Kathy O'Neill to coordinate partners around monitoring being done in countries on service disruptions
- Pilot countries include Kenya and Malawi
- HDC could also explore that and see if countries are willing to pilot all of the different tools that have been developed through the community, the health facility assessment and other associated tools



WHO-Azza Badr

- What is our involvement in the ACT?

UKFCO-Nicola

- We can share with you a presentation that was made by Bruce on this and the plans going forward

HDC Secretariat-Craig Burgess

- Reluctant to set up something separate within the HDC
- Many different entities and people are engaged with ACT A
- We could just provide regular briefing in terms of a pre read for SRG calls so that members are aware of what's happening in the ACT
- That would help demonstrate the sharing of information between ACT A and HDC partners

UKFCO-Nicola

- That's the minimum
- Same partners in country
- I didn't envisage there being a new group in the HDC
- But regular briefing to provide a more formal link so that we're updated and we can better understand how we can work together is important
- The comments on the GAP are relevant
- We've never been clear about how we align with it

3. Governance and admin (for information): 10 mins

- HDC work plan 2020 – 2023 overview

HDC Secretariat- Craig burgess

- Update on the milestones and focus on work plan that was approved in the September meeting
- Reminder of 4 objectives of workplan; HIS strengthening in country, alignment, adaptation of global goods, functioning secretariat
- Overview of priorities and activities
- ToC or a tool like SCORE or others can be used to align partner investments in the next 6 months
- Other priorities include increasing diversification in the working groups and also the upcoming leadership event
- Some specific activities will have to be contracted out and this can be reviewed early next year



- Also emphasising the need for alignment with the SDG GAP: of which the Data and Digital Health Accelerators are chaired by Benoit from UNFPA and Samira from WHO
- SDG GAP will focus potentially on disaggregated data, stronger accounting identifying monitoring and strengthening services for the communities left behind
- Three possible options that we look at either an equity based approach, which looks at the indicators and strengthening the indicators, for example, GAVI focused on zero dose children or looking at a PHC related indicators such as pneumonia or blood pressure
- Principles of the SDG GAP will be meeting on 8th December so there is an opportunity there to make needs known

UNICEF-Jennifer

- Given overlap between PHC and UHC
- Need for the selection of indicators around an equity premise and which particular ones are focused on as tracers. How would we decide upon that?

In response

HDC Secretariat-Craig Burgess

- A decision for the principles with consultation from Sherpas
- Important to decipher real health impact of better monitoring

UNAIDS-Peter Ghys

- Important that the concept of equity and striving towards more equality is established through data disaggregation
- Current UHC indicators do not speak to inequalities

GAVI-Heidi

- Support the concept of data disaggregation
- Would like to hear more about the alignment between the HDC and SDG GAP
- GAVI looking closely at equity-based indicators in the zero dose question
- Efforts aimed toward being able to get data for indicators that we cannot currently measure well because of weak systems
- Is this a question of different data collection methods or strengthening of current methods
- Do we carry out special data collection to get this information versus the data strengthening piece of it or the Health Information Systems training piece of it
- Also want to hear more about the indicators and finally whether we're also interested in looking deeper into some of the barriers related to equity of access to services

In response

HDC Secretariat-Craig Burgess

- SDG GAP is not going to change the fundamentals of the HDC but there is so much overlap in terms of the individuals, the institutions and countries
- We're trying to reduce fragmentation specifically a country level
- SDG GAP also has access to Principles with a lot more potential political capital

4. Update from working groups (for approval): 20 mins

HDC Secretariat-Mwenya Kasonde

- Nominations for membership received for two new working groups; RHIS and Data Governance
- Call for nominations remains open to encourage diversity from geography, constituencies and gender balance
- Both groups will have their first meeting next month

WHO- Azza Badr

- Advanced in the revitalisation of the CRVS working group
- TORs are available for comment on the HDC website private working space
- UNICEF, UNLIA and other members of the global CRVS community have been invited to join
- Looking forward particularly to implementation of the work in the 10 countries
- To comment on the issue of disaggregated data, most of the CRVS data we are seeing is aggregated
- Countries may not understand what it means and why it is important so there is also need for capacity building for countries to be able to measure equity in a simplified way
- We will soon look for nominations and hope the group can be functional early January

5. Communication, events and advocacy (for decision): 10 mins

HDC Secretariat - Craig Burgess

- Feedback that we had from you all, was to strengthen the relationship with between the technical groups that work in HDC and political leadership
- Moving ahead with planned event on the 16th of December at leadership level to look at advocacy
- Three main objectives; promote data as a public good, commit to stronger coordination and fill gaps through partnership
- Suggested agenda has been made public
- We have a moderator and confirmation from country level leadership
- Registration page is also open



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- Would like participation from your leadership, this may also be via video messages

CDC_Chris Murrill

- Seeking more material to share with leadership

UNAIDS-Peter Ghys

- 16th December is UNAIDS Board Meeting so leadership is unlikely to attend but video option may be possible
- The inequality discussion will resonate highly with leadership as board will be looking at strategy for the next 5 years so I think it's a great opportunity

In response

HDC Secretariat-Craig Burgess

- Can follow up with individuals specifically on video options

6. AOB

CDC- Carrie Eggers

- A question about the epidemic intelligence working group

HDC Secretariat – Craig Burgess

- Some questions have arisen about Data Governance WG and if it should still be governed by DH&I WG. Leave this open for feedback.

Meeting closed by chair

Action Points

- Liaise with ACT A focal points for regular updates
- Further circulate CRVS WG TORs
- Liaise and follow up with leadership of agencies for potential video participation in event.