DH&I WG all-member call
November 16, 2017

You can access a recording of this meeting here:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-xBKRBLOtM137-gt-pv891BPikFfabPU

Participants: Lauren Wall (PATH), Richard Stanley (IntraHealth), Anina Tweed (Living Goods), Lisa Spellman(Rapid Creek Group), Donna Medeiros (IRC), Edna Soomre (SPIDER), Garrett (WHO), Dominic Haazen (World Bank), Sylvia Alford (Africa Bureau, USAID), Amanda BenDor (PATH), Jonathan Payne (Regenstrief), Adele Waugaman (USAID), Paul Biondich (Regenstrief), Patty Mechael (HealthEnabled), Supo Oyedepo (African Alliance), Greg Maly (DAI), Vikas (JSI), Manish Kumar (MEASURE Evaluation), Kyle Duarte (PSM), Gordon Cressman (RTI), Sam Wambugu (MEASURE), Roshan Hewapathirana (HISSL), Xen Santas (CDC), Valdimir Choi (?), Soraiya Verjee (Every1Mobile), Sherri Haas (MSH), Andrea Long-Wagar (USAID), Christina Villella (MEASURE), Maki Kajiwara (WHO), Carl Leitner (PATH).

Agenda

- Discussion of agenda items for December in-person meeting (please register) (20 minutes)
    - This will be 3rd face-to-face meeting of the working group
        - Last year we saw presentations from MoHs to understand their needs regarding interoperability.
        - Last year we decided on the Maturity Model and Pitch Deck
    - We will review objectives and collective activities. The following emerged as survey findings as interests for 2018:
        - Continuing work on Maturity Model (expanding in breadth and depth)
        - Endorsement of global goods
        - Pitch deck
        - Interoperability standards (endorsement, catalogue)
    - Paul opened to the floor for discussion:
        - Manish (MEASURE): Focusing on the strengthening overall HIS capabilities and guiding progress
        - Donna (IRC): It would be beneficial to know what are the other working groups in the HDC are working on. (Lauren will follow up with Olive from HDC)

- ■ Patty (HealthEnabled): The prototype of the GDHI will be launched on December 6. This group could help facilitate the next phase of the Index (thinking and rollout). (Lauren to follow up with facilitators to see if we can make room in agenda to give visibility to the group of where the GDHI is going.
  - ■ Gordon (RTI): Proposes focusing on application of the maturity model.
  - ■ Supo (African Alliance): Proposes focusing on material for stakeholders working in this domain for people to understand interoperability.
    - ● 3-5 page non technical explanations
    - ● Dominic (World Bank): agrees
      - ○ What does it mean in different use cases (e.g., PHC, hospitals, etc.)
      - ○ In the process of developing their own system
  - ■ Xen Santas (CDC): What is the status of the value proposition, and the pitch deck?
    - ● Garrett: The pitch deck is intended for MOHs to understand why to invest in digital health and to do so in a way that leverages mature tools, and builds common enterprise needs at country-level.
    - ● Supo: This should be able to arm specific people from MOH with the understanding to be able to direct and advocate for investment.
    - ● Roshan (HISSL): tools rolled out to the country, new ground, and technical
    - ● Sam (MEASURE): We need to training package for top cadre of HIS leadership at the MOH.
- ● Report on the African Alliance of Digital Health Networks (15 minutes, Supo Oyedepo)
  - ○ You can review the slides here.
- ● Report on Wilton Park conference, Digital Health in Africa: Leadership and Governance (25 minutes, Magnus Conteh)
  - ○ High level representation from African governments, WHO, other international development organizations, and donors.
  - ○ Political good-will and buy-in was expressed.
  - ○ Highlighted efforts of Digital Health Roadmaps, such as Digital REACH (East Africa Digital Health Roadmap). This highlighted the work that was previously done in West Africa.

- ○ Also emphasized systems thinking approach for the development of the sector across the continent, and the needed donor support to use this approach. Bringing their support on board cannot be underestimated. Without their alignment, we cannot achieve this.
- ○ Donors, bilaterals, philanthropies, etc, should all come together to recognize the vision laid out in this meeting.
- ○ Likewise, the role of the private sector cannot be underestimated, though we must understand the different drivers of private sector investment. There are different value propositions within the private sector.
- ○ We also saw highlighted the untapped potential of Community Health Workers - particularly underscored by the participation of Last Mile Health and their launch of the Community Health Worker Academy, which they plan to roll out across the continent.
- ○ Finally, as already established by Supo, this meeting saw the launch of the African Alliance of Digital Health Networks.
- ○ Magnus reiterates the privilege it was to participate.
- ○ Comments from other participants? Questions?
  - ■ Edna (SPIDER): Edna agrees the Wilton Park meeting was very dynamic. It was great to hear what was happening across Africa and have Asian participants as well. Next steps: Donor community develop criteria for investment in digital health. Work that has already been developed regionally in Africa - looking at the WAfrica context and determining how to take the eHealth strategy forward.
  - ■ Dominic (World Bank): Are the presentations available?
    - ● Per Wilton Park rules they are not available - and for the most part presentations were not used. Lauren can reach out to the individual presenters and ask (and make available). Furthermore, a report will be issued from Wilton Park in the next ~month, which will be shared with this group.
- ● Closing
  - ○ Remind your government counterparts to register for the DH&I WG meeting. please register with the link and let the PATH Secretariat know if they need invitation letters (email lwall@path.org).
  - ○ Member updates - please send member and meeting updates to lwall@path.org for inclusion in the November digest.
  - ○ If you plan to join us, please register for the in-person DH&I WG meeting December 7 and 8 in Washington, DC, following the Global Digital Health Forum.