

Costing and Financing Task Force Subgroup

4/6/2015, 9-10am EST

1) Individual and organizational updates

- a. Comments or questions about MDG Health Alliance presentation last time: team is working on their communications plan – making investment cases for the benefits of financing the integration of iCCM and malaria
 - i. Daniel mentioned sending around a 2-page briefer. It is attached with the minutes.
- b. Uzaib Saya: the USAID African Strategies for Health project is doing research on financial and non-financial incentives for CHWs in Madagascar and Malawi
 - i. Trying to gather more cost data to investigate the incentives. Conducted as a more qualitative study to determine advantages and disadvantages of different incentive schemes
 - 1. What is the cost of reporting, supervision, and other incentives? – will put together in a form of best practices
 - 2. Retention rates, perceived quality (measured by talking to village health communities)
 - ii. There were inconsistencies with data related to attrition/ drop-out rate (reported attrition rate varied between 0 and 10% in Madagascar)
 - 1. Trying to determine how much would it cost to re-train a CHW and re-equip a CHW, even though they are volunteers.
- c. Ivy at 1MCHWs: South-South cooperation workshop in Ghana
 - i. Trying to keep it regional: trying to make sure it's in sync with other events and health financing
 - ii. Invitations have gone out a week and a half ago, are responding soon
 - iii. Focus will be on costing and financing of CHW programs. Only pick countries that they have worked with before, whose CHW programs work well
- d. MCSP – updates via Dyness:
 - i. CORE Group conference: CCM TF meeting will be next Tuesday (concurrency session is 90 minutes) – design of session changed and doesn't allow us time to discuss the costing and financing subgroup unfortunately

1. However, we will discuss the issue of financing a national program
 - ii. Thursday CCM TF meeting: will have a roundtable session to meet in person and have a conversation around topics of interest
 - iii. Talking about status of countries – which ones are still financing by policy and which ones are fully implementing CHW programs
 - iv. Financing of iCCM programs and how it is affecting child health as a whole: fragmentation of services creates a gap in mobilizing resources
 - v. Thinking about overall effectiveness of CCM Task Force. Should think about how to strengthen services at country level
- e. Upcoming work: David Collins and Colin Gilmartin will be traveling to Zambia to do a costing study on scaling-up family planning. Costing these interventions to ensure that they are sustained by the MoH. The methodology will be very similar to iCCM costing and financing exercises.

2) Exploring opportunities to support Phase 2 Global Fund recipient countries in costing operational plans. We are struggling to get a structured process for supporting operational planning. If you have any specific ideas, please share.

- a. Within the context of the Financing task team, the way we have approached support to countries to leverage GF money to support iCCM (under Gates grant to UNICEF) has been under a Phase 1 and Phase 2 approach
 - i. Phase 1: supported through gap analysis, making sure that iCCM is included in concept note. Support involves consultants mostly supporting iCCM programs and financial gap analysis and writing of concept note
 - ii. Phase 2: those countries that succeed – supporting operational planning and moving on to implementation
 1. This is the part we are trying to understand better
 2. There are 2 consultants in Mali supporting the concept note now
 3. In some countries, the GF has been very specific, asking for scale-up plan which becomes part of operational planning
 4. Not as much money available as was available for Phase 1 funding
- b. Thursday we have the TF teleconference: want answers from organizations about how different countries have gone through this process

- c. Zambia: hoping that once we see the GF money, maybe some can be available for microplanning (by the time they see the money, they are supposed to start implementing)
- d. Outcomes: process and actual planning – doesn't include actual process to scaling-up, and that is one thing that we want to discuss
 - i. How to find available funding sources
- e. Module for CHW planning: make available on CCMCentral?

3) Verbal input on iCCM Costing and Financing subgroup moving forward. What is working well? What needs improvement?

- a. Subgroup has been a great venue to share information or solicit feedback
 - i. Good source for finding out the quality of work that is being done on costing and financing
- b. Frequency: move from once every month to once every other month; important to keep organizational updates coming
- c. Suggestion to increase the financing discussions, not just focus on the costing discussions

4) AOB