

CCM TF Costing and Financing Subgroup- Teleconference: November 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

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Topic	Main points	Decision, next steps
Overview of subgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background / mission: the Costing & Financing subgroup of the iCCM Taskforce provides a platform through which members are able to share and exchange information and best practices related to iCCM costing and financing. The group is responsible for synthesizing and sharing share key messages related to costing and financing to wider audiences including the iCCM community. • The group is designed to contribute to information sharing on current tools, recent studies, and implications for implementers and policy makers. Members from various organizations, including implementing partners, donors, and other agencies, will contribute to knowledge exchange. • Recently, sub-group members have shared ideas and experiences related to the costing and financing gap analyses conducted in support of Global Fund malaria concept notes under the New Funding Model. • The sub-group could serve as a greater resource for assisting in-country partners in iCCM planning and costing. 	
Individual and organizational updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futures Institute, through the MCSP project, is working on developing a tool for assessing human resources for iCCM. Pilot testing will likely occur in 2015. • Management Sciences for Health recently submitted for publication (Journal of Global Health, December issue) a multi-country analysis analyzing the costs of iCCM programs. David Collins recently presented the results of these studies at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene conference. 	
Identify short- and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage tool concept note: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom O’Connell to follow up with Mark

<p>long-term priorities for the subgroup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of countries have had their concept notes approved through the Global Fund. However, there is a sense that we do not know the costs of implementing iCCM and have difficulty matching resources for scale-up. - A simple coverage costing tool could help implementers and program planners use routine system indicators to assess resources for different coverage scenarios as well as make a case for investment in iCCM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early warning/red flag system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building upon Tom O’Connell’s concept for <i>assessing immunization financial flows and expenditures at the sub-national level</i>, there is a need to conduct real-time monitoring of iCCM programs. This <i>red flag</i> system would be designed for picking up critical financial issues related to iCCM funding and build the capacity for systematic iCCM fiscal monitoring and/or early warning systems of major financial flow issues that jeopardize iCCM targets. - What could we do to ensure rapid introduction of iCCM to achieve targets? - Pilots and scale-up are very different. Scale-up of iCCM requires integration with national systems and this can be subject to financial flow barriers. - Such a tool could be used to help map different funding streams in countries (e.g. Mozambique) with multiple donors and programs. • Comparing iCCM Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program planners and managers in-country are often limited in what they know about using existing iCCM costing tools. - A clear matrix examining different iCCM costing tools could be useful for describing the utility of each tool. This matrix should be accompanied for existing country reports and case studies. - Dissemination of the iCCM tool comparison matrix could be carried out through multiple avenues including through the Global Fund (as a resource for countries); webinar; CCM central website. 	<p>Young, Rory Nefdt, and team at UNICEF on adding country case studies to iCCM tool comparison matrix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futures Institute to include information on the One Health Tool to the iCCM tool comparison matrix. • Colin to send Rachel Sanders iCCM tool comparison matrix.
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- Proposed date for next sub-group meeting – week of December 8, 2014.
- Proposed agenda items: 1) Follow-up on iCCM tool comparison matrix 2) Advancing work on “early warning/red flag system” and “coverage tool” iCCM concept notes.