

## Meeting Notes – DHIS2 task team of the M&E sub-group, iCCM Global Taskforce

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**Attendees:** *Serge Raharison, Tanya Guenther, Vikas Dwivedi, Nick Oliphant, Kirsten Unfried, Elizabeth Hazel, Martin Dale,*

### Agenda:

1. Quick intros
2. Mapping of current involvement/use of DHIS2 for iCCM (Individual updates on country/agency work)
3. Brainstorm on areas of work for sub-group in next 6-12 months
4. Identification of persons to lead/co-lead the DHIS2 sub-group
5. Schedule next meeting -

### Summary of main decisions and action items:

- 1. Group discussed possible areas for focused collaboration over the next 6-12 months. The following broad areas were identified as potential priorities:**
  - Collaboration on integrating iCCM indicators into DHIS2
  - Collaboration on enhancing data visualization (e.g. iCCM dashboards) in DHIS2
  - Collaboration on in-country capacity building for use of iCCM data
  - Collaboration on analysis of routine iCCM data
- 2. The group discussed a process and immediate next steps for executing the above.**
  - Quickly map potential priority countries for focused collaboration. Tanya agreed to put together a first draft of an excel matrix for the mapping exercise and circulate to the group; aim to complete over next few weeks. Nick agreed to put together available data dictionaries from minimum data sets shared by U Oslo, and to share the UNICEF/UiO partnership cooperation agreement once available.
  - Convene a face-to-face meeting in January, attached to the Inside NGO / U Oslo meeting to be held Jan 29-30<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC. The face-to-face meeting would provide an opportunity to meet with U Oslo, review progress, and plan further next steps.
  - Register for the event: <https://insidengo.org/events/eventDetail.htm?id=DCDHIS20115>
- 3. Vikas Dwivedi from MCSP/JSI and Nick Oliphant (Maria Muniz) of UNICEF agreed to co-lead the DHIS2 subgroup**

Detailed notes below:

### Mapping of current involvement/use of DHIS2 for iCCM (Individual updates on country/agency work)

- UNICEF (Nick Oliphant)
  - Setting up a PCA with Oslo to work in some countries, starting soon, started scoping in a few countries; initially looking at Zambia, malawi, and Indonesia, and some countries in west Africa

- Work spans: 1) interoperability - how to support integration of DHIS2 with other info systems (IRIS, human resource systems, or other mobile platforms (rapidpro, rapidSMS) as apps for modules in dhis2; 2) visualization to encourage data use; developing different dashboards, building in bottleneck analysis to DHIS-2; 3) general implementation support ; and 4) research and documentation of using DHIS2
- Can share draft PCA with the group
- Globally working with University of Oslo to influence DHIS2 and trying to link to iCCM task force to get a core list of iCCM indicators integrated
- JSI/MCSP (Vikas Diwedi/Serge Raharison)
  - Working with various countries, Tanzania, Uganda, Namibia, Kenya, India, mainly on HMIS, community and facility information systems; components of iCCM are coming up in community systems, but not very clear; interested to see how can improve iCCM systems within routine monitoring package
  - In Namibia, starting with MOH to roll out HEW cadre and support MOH to develop community HMIS that would include iCCM aspects as well; same in Tanzania. In India, they have the maternal child tracking system, based on continuum of care; are testing how to integrate the community platform into facility HMIS
  - Particularly interested in how to link iCCM data to facility data to see how could really track coverage; Mali and Uganda are countries of interest; in Uganda with the new global fund money, hoping to provide further support; 2 other countries starting iCCM – Namibia and Kenya
- JHU/IIP (Elizabeth Hazel)
  - Came in via the TRAction project, which was reviewing indicators, M&E systems, and data quality and use
  - Working with Jennifer Bryce on the National Evaluation Platform (NEP), trying to build multiple data streams into one system and DHIS2 is an ideal platform. Not just iCCM, but iCCM would be a big part
  - Working with HISP to bring in the survey data to link that into DHIS2; interesting implications for research; will upload individual databases so could query by district, by wealth quintile, and then look at it next to routine data
  - NEP countries - Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Mali
- ICF/RAcE (Kirsten Unfried)
  - ICF is an independent organization working with WHO on the RAcE project, coordinating M&E across 5 implementing partners; trying to better understand how DHIS2 can be used and how can support MOH to roll
- SC (Tanya Guenther)
  - Supporting use of DHIS2 for iCCM in Malawi as part of the RAcE project; have support MOH and SC staff to attend DHIS2 training; focus on improving data availability, quality and use; desperate need for improved visualization since iCCM data are included in DHIS2 but difficult to use at present

### **Brainstorming on areas of work for M&E subgroup**

- Developing recommendations around a minimum indicator set that should be part of HMIS for iCCM would be helpful; share experiences on what indicators are good for monitoring and what should be included and what can be collected well through HMIS to understand performance of the program

- Critical for countries to be fully engaged ASAP (lesson learned from iCCM indicator handbook largely developed at global level with limited country update); any indicator list will have to be tailored/adapted at the country level
- UNICEF has already started looking at preparing a list of minimum indicators; would like to start on this sooner rather than later; early in Q1 2015; countries are already starting – Malawi, Zambia,
- Areas of work: what are the indicators, mapping out where countries are in terms of their indicators; do countries have a schedule
- Country mapping; will help identify countries where partners overlap and could coordinate TA and support;
- Next steps: Tanya develop a matrix and circulate; MCSP planning a matrix to look at the actual indicators and registers; Serge/Dyness and Vikas to help identify the countries; all to help complete within the next couple of weeks
- Oslo has shared some minimal data elements; Nick can share
- In terms of data analysis - some countries could be used at case studies: Malawi; Uganda; Focus needs to be at the country level; work with country staff together to analyze and develop dashboards for managers to analyze and use the data at national and sub-national levels
- UNICEF PCA includes plans to conduct workshops and trainings on data use, visualization, and capacity at national and sub-national levels

#### **DHIS2 leads and next meeting**

- Vikas and Nick agreed to co-lead the DHIS2 group; possibly with support from Maria Muniz of UNICEF
- DHIS2 meeting organized by PSI and University of Oslo January 29-30<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC – ideal opportunity for this group to meet face-to-face. Tanya, Nick, Vikas are already going; Others can likely join as well. Need to decide whether we want to have a half day before the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>?