

Expansion of the Child Health Package Subgroup Meeting
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Agenda:

- Introduction
- Background: common understanding of expansion of the package
- Role of the subgroup and members' expectations
- Next steps

Meeting Notes:

- Dyness Kasungami introduced the chairs of the subgroup:
 - o Serge Raharison, Senior Child Health Advisor with MCSP/JSI
 - o Karen Waltensperger, Senior Advisor for Community and Child for Save the Children
- Dyness gave a background into the creation of the expanding packages subgroup:
 - o The subgroup came from feedback given in a survey that was sent to the iCCM TF members last year.
 - o The agenda of this group will be contributing to the effectiveness of packages through expanding packages of care through programs that are led by the government, as well as ensuring the new packages that are added are part of the health system and aiming for high coverage to achieve impact.
 - o The chairs of the subgroup imagine a strong link to the Implementation Science subgroup.
- Chairs and members discussed members' interests in the subgroup:
 - o Deepak Timsen, UNICEF: Working on child health and pneumonia. Would like to contribute regarding developing policy/strategy/guidelines of the TF.
 - o Karen Waltensperger, Save the Children: Link child health with ECD/early child education.
 - o Anne Detjen, UNICEF: How are we collaborating/linking with WHO's efforts on the child health re-design? Additionally, down the line we can input some experiences from TB and HIV integration with iCCM and lessons around acceptability and feasibility of expanding packages.
 - o Kate Strong, WHO: Would like to see how we can collaborate.
 - o Nureyan Zunong, Emergency Health Advisor from SCUS: Interested in how we can integrate the expanded child health package in humanitarian situations.

- Ochi Ibe, MCSP/ICF: Joining the subgroup to understand more how to integrate and work across the child health continuum of life and how the packages would be reflected at the community level.
- Mariam Kone, Health Advisor from Canadian Red Cross: Interests include adolescent health, school-based health programs and especially linking with communities/community based initiatives.
- Mary Thompsen, Health Advisor from Canadian Red Cross: Interested in looking at program interventions that can cross from the under-five group to adolescents, as well as examples of effective adolescent health programming.
- Sarah Zizzo, USAID Africa Bureau: Interested in understanding how countries are working across the continuum of care, evidence based examples of integration, and how to better leverage the school platform for health services.
- Comments on the role of the subgroup:
 - Are there resources to generate the needed evidence?
 - Not at this moment, but the hope is that the TF and the subgroup can be a channel for countries to identify those resources. Many of the TF members represent implementing organization or funders.
 - Besides expansion, can we think about quality? WHO Pediatric QoC standards are for facilities. How can we address quality at community level?
 - Participants agreed that bringing in speakers for meetings would be helpful to present packages as well as implementation experience.
 - What is the relationship with an expanded package with the actual structure of the health system?
 - Worth considering the need on the ground, feasibility, and sustainability of CHWs programs (ownership of MOH) while considering adding on components and expanding the package.
 - Subgroup members expressed that children aged 5-10 are usually left out as they don't fall into the 0-5 "young child" or adolescence.
 - It would be useful to get updates on various initiatives and see some of the plans or materials as they are produced. Also could think about a literature review for expanding packages, integrating, and adding components.
- Overview of major points:
 - Need to link with the global level and the child health re-design being led by WHO, and how we can contribute.
 - Note from Dyness on linking with WHO: WHO is a part of the Steering Committee and Wilson Were sees this group as leading and generating the evidence on "how-to" and provide leading real-life experiences on how to add packages so that when the redesign process is completed and countries are required to tweak or reshape their programs, the agenda of this subgroup will be important.
 - Linking with the other subgroups, specifically the Implementation Science group.
 - Focus on integration of packages at the community level.
- Meeting schedule:
 - A TOR and some activities need to be developed. Members agreed that meetings should happen monthly at the beginning to be organized, and then once the activities are more clear the frequency could be revisited.
- Next Steps:
 - Chairs to develop TOR and activities and share with subgroup members.

- Notes and meeting recording to be shared.
- Next meeting to be scheduled for one month.