

M&E Subgroup Meeting Notes

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Action Items:

- **MCSP** to complete a review of DHS & MICS questionnaires and share with subgroup membership by January 17th, if possible.
- **Kate** to have a call with Debra regarding malaria indicator work by the end of this week.
- **Felix** to hold a call with the EBC indicator group regarding the child health indicator work for CHAT by the end of next week.
- **Liliana** to check with UNICEF colleagues regarding any nutrition indicator work.
- **Kate** to share the HDC/WHO HMIS data use child health indicators with the group via Google Drive. If anyone has issues with Google Drive, soft copies can be shared as well.
- **Kate** to speak with Guillome about presenting HDC community data group's M&E and indicator work at a future subgroup meeting.
- **Kate** to resend the link to the subgroup TOR. **Subgroup members** to provide additional comments on the TOR. **Co-chairs** to finalize the TOR by the end of January.

Meeting Notes:

- Brief Overview of CHAT Meeting in November and "asks" of the M&E Subgroup
 - CHAT (WHO reference group for child health measurement) requested the M&E Subgroup provide them recommendations in terms of the DHS child health modules. The idea is to come up with a set of recommendations to provide CHAT, who will then in turn provide them to the DHS.
- Feedback for DHS 2019 Review Processes for Child Health (Illness) Modules
 - *Technical Scope and Coordination with Other Groups*
 - Subgroup members agreed that it made the most sense for the group to cover the sick child, fever, and diarrhea modules. There was discussion of nutrition as well, as there is a lot of stakeholder interest in feeding during illness.
 - CHAT will be reviewing current evidence and what other groups are doing in order to provide their recommendations. It would be useful for the M&E Subgroup to work with other groups in order to best consolidate recommendations.
 - Malaria
 - Pavani and Lauren: Colleagues at PMI are conducting an inventory of community malaria data in HMIS. This is a first step in a strategy to improve community data reported to HMIS on malaria.

- Debra: The MEASURE Evaluation Malaria Team is doing a lot of work on indicators with RBM MERG and could liaise with this group.
- Pneumonia
 - Felix: Noted that the “cough” section is actually “cough and fever.” It would be helpful to look at the recommendations from the MEASURE evaluation group to see if they align.
 - New indicators under the respiratory section were discussed. Felix raised pill boards being used for better recall for antibiotics. He also mentioned looking deeper into the breadth of population measurements regarding pulse oximetry. Based on what is found, it could be worth recommending a new indicator.
- Nutrition
 - Liliana: Will double check if there is a nutrition group at UNICEF working on this.
 - Altrena: Advancing Nutrition is a part of the M&E group and willing to assist with any nutrition overlap that may exist.
- *Potential Lead Agencies by Technical Area/Illness*
 - MCSP will complete an initial review of each module section, reaching out to UNICEF and JHU for their input as well.
 - EBC will take the lead on the respiratory section.
- *Potential Work Streams*
 - The MCSP Newborn Team completed a review of DHS & MICS questionnaires, which was shared and found useful. The MCSP Child Health Team may have the ability to do so, using a similar format that the MCSP Newborn consultant used.
- *Potential for In-Person Meeting on January 25th*
 - Capitalizing on the fact that many members may be in DC for the newborn and maternal health review meetings, subgroup members agreed that an in-person meeting for a half or full-day on January 25th was a good idea.
 - MCSP can host the meeting and will provide information as the date approaches.
- *Timeline*
 - The period of comment ends March 1st, but CHAT is requesting the M&E Subgroup’s recommendations by February 15th so they have two weeks to review and provide their recommendation by March 1.
 - A general timeline was discussed by subgroup members as follows:

Approximate Dates	Output
Jan. 10-11	Kate has call with Debra regarding malaria work.
Jan. 10-17	MCSP works on review of DHS & MICS questionnaires and shares with subgroup members.
Jan. 16-18	Felix holds initial EBC call regarding this work.
Jan. 17-21	Subgroup call to discuss initial review by MCSP.
Jan. 25	MCSP to host in-person meeting. All available members are welcome.
Feb. 6-7	Two hour subgroup call. Members to provide feedback prior to this call.

Feb. 15	Recommendations submitted to CHAT.
March 1	CHAT and/or M&E Subgroup provide recommendations to DHS.

- Review and Provide Feedback on HDC/WHO HMIS Data Use Indicators and Examples
 - The M&E Subgroup was also asked by CHAT to review and provide feedback on the HDC/WHO HMIS data use indicators and examples, which have child health indicators with it. These are currently being pilot tested, but they are asking for feedback as well.
 - This is a relatively easy ask as there are few child health indicators, however there are some semantics such as “treatment of ARI” vs. “treatment of pneumonia” that we might want to get group consensus on.
 - Kate will share the child health indicators with the group via Google Drive. If anyone has issues with Google Drive, soft copies can be shared as well.
- HDC Community Data Group - M&E Indicator Work
 - CHAT also requested the M&E Subgroup look at/contribute to/bet the child health community indicators that the HDC community data group is working on.
 - Kate suggested Guillome present this work at the next subgroup meeting once the DHS work is complete as this is less urgent. Potentially in February.
 - The iCCM indicator guide was shared with the HDC community group, but the subgroup may want to take another look at it and think through some of the indicators. It is possible that there are simpler indicators that could be recommended.
- Feedback to Date on M&E Subgroup TOR and Reminder for More Feedback
 - Kate had sent out a link to the current draft of the subgroup TOR. As it was over the holidays, she will resent the link. Members are encouraged to send any additional comments so the TOR can be finalized by the end of the month.
 - Some comments were received related to the HMIS work that MCSP has done and trying to move that forward with recommendations on indicators and/or recommending a learning agenda to CHAT. This is something that could be added to the TOR if the group agrees.