

Private Sector Subgroup Meeting Notes  
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**Action Items:**

- Co-chairs to:
  - o Share updated subgroup workplan and mapping matrix.
  - o Look through notes to see who suggested certain activities and approach them to lead.
  - o Review activity matrix and pull out common themes.
- Subgroup members to identify an activity they, or their organization, will lead.
- Elizabeth to send out a meeting invite for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Cathy to share detailed description of Shops Plus gap activity with Senait.
- Cathy to ask internally at Abt Associates regarding health financing and sent to Terri.

**Meeting Notes:**

- How can the group incentivize or increase continued participation?
  - o If the group met more frequently with clearer mandates and expectations for the meeting.
    - Subgroup members agreed that meetings once a month would be ideal.
  - o Once the group starts activities, participation may be more consistent.
- Workplan
  - o The co-chairs would like to start assigning workplan activities to subgroup members or groups of members.
  - o What is the next step?
    - There are different ways to go about assigning activity leads. For example, the Nutrition Subgroup has assigned one organization to be the lead on each of their activities.
  - o Suggestion from Senait: The group should look into gaps in private sector services to child health and how the group can support local capacity/local interest.
    - Under the subgroup's learning section - part B, Shops Plus with support from USAID is working on identifying gaps in private sector programming. They will be reaching out to the Child Health Task Force at large (as it is a global activity) and hope the output will be a technical brief outlining these gaps and research questions calling on the global research community.
  - o Suggestion from Malia: The group should be thinking about what the best way to share and disseminate the activities being done or what subgroup members are interested in. Is a sharing a link enough or is the subgroup a good forum to physically be doing the sharing as well?
    - For example, with the iCCM Task Force, subgroups used the calls to have technical presentations and discussions as well.
    - Additionally, MCSP is working on developing a new website for the Child Health Task Force that will be used to disseminate information and subgroups will have their own outward- and inward-facing sections.

- Suggestion from Dyness: Look into synthesizing some of the activities in the mapping matrix to see if themes come out. Then organizations working on those grouped activities could take on a related subgroup activity together.
- Suggestion from Terri Lukas: Interested in looking into health financing issues of linking community-based services with national, regional, country, etc. Dwindling donor support for the health sector.
  - Thomas O’Connell: Agreed and the group might want to expand to a discussion on overall fiscal space (revenue raising, efficiency, public revenue redistribution from other sectors into health, and decreasing domestic spending trends). This could be addressed in the financing subgroup as well.
  - First meeting of the Resource Planning and Financing Subgroup is September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am EST.
    - This could be added as a separate activity under “Advocacy” and the co-chairs will communicate with the health financing subgroup regarding the potential for a collaborative activity.
- Mapping Matrix Activity
  - There has been a decent amount of information added to the matrix.
  - JSI has been contacted to add in their work. They are getting information from bilateral projects which is taking additional time but should be shared soon.
  - Abt plans to expand the information in the matrix to all relevant work, not just Shops Plus.
  - One more attempt to populate the matrix will be made by the co-chairs.