PSE Sub-group Working Streams

Working Stream #1: Private Sector Case Management (PSCM) Literature Review Technical Brief COMPLETED

- Background: There is a strong evidence base for the private sector as an important source of care seeking for childhood illnesses. A CHTF member is conducting a desk review of peer-reviewed literature on private sector models and their effectiveness in improving integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI) in low- and middle-income countries. Initial results revealed a paucity of peer-reviewed literature on evaluations of integrated private sector models that included multiple illnesses, such as diarrhea, malaria and pneumonia. In response to this gap, the literature review was expanded to include grey literature. https://shopsplusproject.org/resource-center/shops-plus-pilot-private-sector-pharmacies-reporting-dhis-2-final-report

Working stream #2: Private Sector IMCI CHNRI process: Call to action: Participate in a collaborative and iterative process to identify priority child health research questions related to the private sector; participation will be low-effort and high-impact IN PROCESS

- Background: Three CHTF members are leading a global consultative process to identify priority research questions to address the evidence gaps highlighted in the above PSCM Literature Review. The methodology that will be used to conduct this consultative process is the widely vetted process developed by the Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative (CHNRI).   The PSCM Literature Review will be used as a resource to inform the private sector PS IMCI CHNRI process, which will produce a set of priority research questions for the child health community to address. Child health community experts at the global and country levels will be key resources in developing a prioritized research agenda through this broad-based consultative process. The finalized priority research agenda will be disseminated through a peer-reviewed journal article and global webinar.

Working stream #3:   "How to Engage the Private Sector" Technical Brief: Call to action: Co-author a technical brief outlining the process for private sector engagement at the country level IN PROCESS

- Background: The CHTF PS sub-group aims to increase the number of countries and partners that recognize and integrate the private sector as a delivery channel for equitable and quality child health services. This technical brief would help local stakeholders and development partners devise strategies, make decisions, and design programs that will maximize private sector contributions to health.
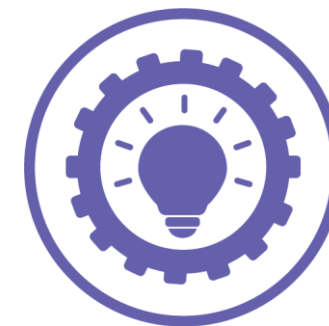
Potential overlap with other subgroups

Expansion of the Child Health Package Subgroup

- Developed a common understanding of the needs, gaps, challenges, and opportunities in expanding the current packages and/or in using integrated platforms for delivery

- Defined a research agenda, identify and recommend research to develop evidence-based approaches to expand the package(s) of child health interventions

- Increased the number of programs implemented by governments with support from CHTF member organizations in PHC settings and at community level that apply evidence-based program approaches beyond the management of sick children under-5 and that are documented, evaluated, and shared through the CH TF communication channel

Implementation Science Subgroup

- Strengthen the capacity of target country child health program managers and stakeholders to conduct, as part of program implementation, implementation research, document iterative learning, and use findings for program adaptations when warranted.

- Facilitate evidence generation by other child health subgroups (e.g. private sector, nutrition, etc.)

Financing and Resource Planning Subgroup

- Collaborate with the Task Force Implementation Science subgroup to identify knowledge gaps and develop a research agenda on financing and resource planning for child health

- Collaborate with the Task Force Private Sector Engagement subgroup to identify and disseminate approaches to mobilizing non-public sector or non-traditional resources for child health programming

Institutionalizing iCCM Subgroup

- Work with implementation science sub-group to identify research knowledge gaps (including those identified in the iCCM CHNRI exercise), and propose research questions to generate evidence for informing and influencing iCCM programming.

- Facilitate sharing of best practices from countries to address identified implementation challenges

Innovations and Digital Health Subgroup

- Effectively advocate for appropriate use of innovations and digital health tools in child health programs