

Nurturing Care Handbook Review Meeting

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Nurturing Care Handbook Overview - There is one handbook for each of the 5 strategic actions for the Nurturing Care Framework plus one introductory handbook called “Start Here.” Today’s meeting will cover the handbooks for Strategic Action 4: Monitor Progress and Strategic Actions 5: Scale Up and Innovate.

Strategic Action 4: Monitor Progress

- Monitoring implementation of the Nurturing care framework (p. 2 - 4)
 - No additional comments from meeting participants.
- Table 1. Logic Model (p. 3) - overall
 - No additional comments from meeting participants.
- Table 2. Indicators (p.6)
 - No additional comments from meeting participants.
- Population monitoring (p. 5 - 10)
 - Lack of pre term data from LMIC - will that data be included?
 - How are small & sick being included?
 - Answer (Bernadette Daelmans): Indicators based on SDGs, realize this is not comprehensive enough. NCF team would like to create a working group around developing additional indicators that will be meaningful at the country level. Have worked with colleagues to add two indicators on responsive caregiving and early learning, ready for validation. Will share a survey with the group.
 - Data on Childhood development usually uses MICS modules
 - Difficult to define early childhood education - does it include schools, learning centers and home-based education? Clarity on this definition will help with data collection.
 - More work to be done on measuring education pieces
 - Small & Sick Newborn Care (Lily Kak)
 - New model for us programmatically. Would be appropriate to discuss the metrics - these may not be possible to monitor through DHS/large surveys, but definitely as process indicators.
 - Need to focus on validating these measurements - pain management, positioning, etc. This is an important part of nurturing interventions for the small & sick newborn.

- Implementation monitoring (p. 11-18)
 - Surveillance of risk
 - Agree about high risk and use of risk registries used in the U.S. for invisible disability conditions; e.g., hearing loss or deafness, swallowing, vision.
- Monitoring individual children’s development (p. 19 - 26)
 - No additional comments from meeting participants.

Strategic Actions 5: Scale Up and Innovate

- Why this section is focused on scale up, innovate, private sector engagement
 - On why the title was changed and what’s here (Mark Tomlinson)
 - Initially, both strategic actions 4 and 5 included a focus on data. Through discussions, decided that the handbook offered an opportunity to make the distinction clearer between data and scaling up.
 - Wanted to get started thinking about what would be needed to implement at scale.
 - Digital Health and Private Sector Engagement
- Understanding Scale up and innovate & Scaling up (p. 2 - 8)
 - Great strides, very important resource in guiding efforts towards ensuring child survival & holistic growth. Would love to hear more about contextualization, domestication, digitization above all hear more on how this would practically sail through hard to reach contexts with no penetration of health centres, no early childhood learning centres etc, I would be very happy to input along those lines (Franco Gabala)
 - Social enterprises known for innovation (Evelyn Cherow)
 - In many instances, financial/human resources run out and can’t support scale up (Emmalita Manalac)
 - Little tweaks on “companies” vs. “organizations” is useful (Mark Tomlinson)
 - On innovation - we really need to get what we know works to start happening
 - Much innovation and especially during pandemic emanates from the Telehealth sector and is fertile opportunity for scaling (Evelyn Cherow)
 - Workforce capacity building at frontline and professional levels (especially with multiskilled for working on inclusion and families with children with or at risk with disabilities and related system design seem minimized or missing —all critical to scaling up. Regional referral systems for example. (Evelyn Cherow)
- Engaging with the private sector (p. 9 - 13)
 - Assumption made of profit motivation. The shared value movement and social enterprise accelerator trend should receive some nod here. (Evelyn Cherow)
- Using digital solutions (p. 14 - 18)
 - No additional comments from meeting participants.