

RH Supplies Coalition
Membership Meeting April 2007
Strategic Plan:
Working Group Reports on their Break-out Sessions
Saturday, April 28

Assignment: The three Working Groups were asked to consider the focus areas stated under the three Coalition Goals in the Strategic Plan and report back to the Plenary session on the following:

- The focus areas they consider relevant to their WG
- The objectives and indicators: are they appropriate? realistic? are there feasible sources for data? any changes recommended?
- The activities through which the WG will help achieve the goals and objectives
- Changes needed in the WG workplan
- How the WG will coordinate with others
- Support the WG will need from the Secretariat

The numbers below refer to the table in the Strategic Plan, titled *Detailed Strategic Framework*

MDA Working Group: Mike Hall

- 1.1.2 The group felt that the Objective and indicators are valid although we may need to work on the language somewhat at a later stage.
- 1.2.2 Conceptually, this objective falls within the remit of the MDAWG but at this time we aren't ready to move on it due to a lack of baseline data. Therefore, the indicators must be held back at this time and the objective may need restructuring according to the baseline data which the group will now begin to gather.
- 2.1.3 The group felt that the objective needs expanding to cover not only the prequalification of products and suppliers but also specific factories and locations to counter potential problems with suppliers with multiple manufacturing sites providing supposedly prequalified product from other sites.

The group has an objective to expand the list of prequalified products and to facilitate the market entry of generic products.

- 2.1.5 Change wording to: "Countries where there is broader use of commercial logistics and supplies systems." As we hear of those, we would work with the SSWG to have it become part of the Best Practices.

RMA Working Group: Tanvi Pandit

Overall comments of the group: We need clarity on

- baselines for indicators
- information on how to select countries

- what “resources” means
- what the new funding gap is

Objectives:

- 1.1.1 RMA, along with SSWG and MDA will have roles in achieving this objective
 RE: 10 countries: it should be noted that Project RMA will work in 6 countries; the RMA WG will check with the other WGs and partners regarding the remaining 4 countries (Haiti is a potential one)
 All 4 indicators apply to RMA’s work; we need to determine the baselines.
- 1.1.2 RMA will contribute to this objective through the advocacy toolkit being developed by Constella/Futures
- 1.2.1 RMA WG is responsible for advocating use of these mechanisms for RH supplies.
 Add: “ by 2010 increased and /or more predictable resources at global/regional levels for RH supplies....”
 1st indicator: “Funding for RH supplies from new sources.” This first needs to specify Yes or No; then see how much funding, and the continuity/sustainability of the funding.
 2nd indicator: “# of new sources of funding....” Suggest this be changed to be descriptive, i.e., list the sources
 3rd indicator: SSWG is working on this
- 1.2.2: RMA WG has a supportive role. Indicators: same comment as for 1.2.1
- 1.3.1: Project RMA will host a meeting of the Global Partnerships at the RHSC Secretariat, so the RMA WG will be working on this objective.
 Need to know what the global need is, before assessing global shortfall.
 SSWG also has a role in the supply chain as they collaborate at the systems level.
 A 3-5 year indicator should be relationships with other partnerships developed.
- 1.4.1 Wording should be “...direct grants or in-kind donations...”
 The easiest thing to measure is funding , but that is not the only type of support
 Indicator: use “including” instead of “above and beyond”

SSWG Working Group: Susan Rich

The group discussed goal 2, Strengthen capacity of health systems to deliver RHS supplies in a sustainable manner. They looked at goal 1, noted that SSWG shared that goal with RMA WG , but did not have time to discuss. Further discussion is needed between SSWG and RMA WG on the cross-cutting activities and roles of each WG.

- 2.1 Change focus area wording to: Strengthen capacity of low- and middle-income countries to manage global supply chains for RH supplies.
- 2.1.1 Revised wording: By 2010 increased application of consensus-driven tools to address

assessment, costing, forecasting and procurement. (insert scaleup)
Indicator: number of countries and organizations using consensus-driven tools, e.g., SPARCHS, RHInterchange, Interagency List of Essential Medicines

2.1.2 No change to the objective.

Indicators:

Number of countries with effective RH commodity working groups

Number of countries implementing plans for RH supplies strengthening

2.1.3 Shorten the objective: By 2010 countries procuring prequalified RH supplies increased

Objective: same change as above

2.1.4 Delete

2.1.5 Delete. Put in parking lot until concerns/questions regarding use of the Essential Medicines List are resolved.

Note: the 2.2 focus area is relevant to places where supply chain systems exist; the 2.3 focus area relates to areas where no supply chain systems exist.

2.2 Revised wording for focus area: Provide coordinated response to emergency shortfalls in RH supplies.

Objective: By 2010 stock-outs in countries at risk averted

Indicator: Number of situations solved as percent of situations reported (since there is no baseline)

2.1.5 Support a coordinated response to provide RH supplies to people in countries suffering from conflict, natural disasters and displacement

Indicator: TBD

General discussion

- Question regarding the number of countries in which activities will take place: there have been several numbers used—10 countries, 10 *additional* countries, etc. What number do we want to use? Response: What is important is not the number of countries per se, but that we start counting.
- RMA Action item: The RMA WG will list their sub-objectives (i.e., additional related activities that can be listed under the framework's objectives) and send that to the Secretariat in the next two weeks.

Summing up: Margaret Neuse

All of the participants gained from thinking about how to accomplish the Coalition's strategic goals and objectives. Although we do not yet have a final plan, we now have a road map. And some of the outputs of the WG discussions will be integrated into a M&E plan. Some things have been put in a parking lot, to be addressed as we finalize the Strategic Plan. Some outstanding questions:

- We need to identify denominators, targets, sources of data
- Countries where we will work
- Timeframe: for the short-term we arbitrarily chose 2010, but we need to also look at the longer term
- Where are there global and/or regional implications?
- Funding gap: we need to identify a common definition
- Sub-objectives: additional activities that will ultimately help achieve the Coalition's goals and objectives; these will be referenced in the next version of the Strategic Plan.
- Cross-WG activities: we have a better idea of what they will be, but we need to determine how they will be facilitated
- Currently there are 43 indicators in the Detailed Strategic Framework. All of them are valid, but in the short run we need to select some of them to focus on.

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