

SG Decisions in June and December 2015 - follow-up

Contributions to the Network

- **Decision 06/2015:** The SG tasked the Co-ordination Desk to map the various cash and in kind contributions of partners to Network activities and make the information available to SG members for discussion at next SG meeting
- Done (see separate table, background paper 2)

P4H Mandate

- **Decision 06/2015:** The SG decides that “Health Financing for Universal Health Coverage” constitutes P4H’s core mandate.
- This clarification is an important pre-condition for a possible transition towards the Global Technical Network for Health Financing and Social Health Protection under the umbrella of the proposed UHC 2030 Alliance.

Networking and collaboration

- **Decisions 06/2015:** On the basis of a proposal from Switzerland and Germany, SG members have tasked the Coordination Desk with the drawing-up of a process and guidelines to plan and manage the Network’s expansion.
The CD is to provide all current network partners with:
 - 1) A list of potential new partners: countries, especially emerging economies and new donors, bilateral or multilateral organizations, foundations, NGOs and other networks with an existing global policy on global health issues and whose goals align with the Network’s goals.
Illustrative potential candidates include the EU, Mexico, Turkey and Thailand.
 - 2) A rationale accompanying each possible candidate, pros and cons for membership, taking into account resources and governance implications for the P4H network, as well as possible implications on the mandate.
 - 3) A proposal for different formats of collaboration: SG membership, observer status, other collaboration options, e.g. with global funding mechanisms.
 - 4) A concept for collaboration with other networks.
- Done and presented during virtual SG meeting in December 2015, see decisions quoted below. (Point 4 was still under development and later put on hold due to a new global discussion about the networking and partnership landscape in the context of the SDGs).

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- 1) Members unanimously agree that the P4H network strives to adapt to its new environment and is therefore open and inclusive in nature.
- Used as important input for decision points in the commented general P4H TOR (background paper 5) proposed for SG meeting 2016 regarding a possible transition towards the Global Technical Network for Health Financing under the umbrella of the proposed UHC 2030 Alliance.
- 2) Members agree on the proposed criteria and priorities for P4H expansion with the following amendments:
 - Assessment criteria will be rethought and column distribution redesigned with a view to offer more granular breakdown of evaluation criteria as well as avoid sensitive formulations ;

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- Members will contribute technical inputs to the revised version so as to strengthen a robust set of criteria and a more analytical membership assessment model.
- A new version of the analytical framework will be finalized and circulated by P4H CD, incorporating comments in writing such as the ones delivered by the ILO.

3) Members agree on the proposed expansion approach (section 4 of the document) and in particular on the following priorities:

- Japan will be invited to join the network, and contacts in Japan prior informed by P4H CD about France and Germany reaching out to the higher political level at the December conference; WHO will also include P4H membership in the dialogue with Japan.
- P4H CD awaits members' support to reach out to appropriate contact in Brazil ;

(Point 2 and 3 were put on hold due to a new global discussion about the networking and partnership landscape in the context of the SDGs).

4) Members agree to report to other SG members during the next P4H SG meeting in 2016.

Increasing demand for P4H Country Focal Points

▪ **Decisions 06/2015:** The SG agreed on changing the name of P4H country co-ordinators/advisors to P4H Country Focal Points (CFP) or Regional Focal Points" (if responsible for several countries).

The SG members tasked the Co-ordination Desk with defining the functions of P4H CFPs taking into account the P4H approach, networking principles, links to global financing mechanisms and other networks, as well as coming up with criteria for accountability towards the Network. This document shall guide members' joint decision on the deployment of CFPs, e.g. the development of ToR, time allocations, role definitions etc.. This decision will be taken at the next SG meeting.

The SG members tasked the Co-ordination Desk with identifying concrete countries where P4H CFPs would add value, where synergies already exist and where a formal request from the countries can be expected, also taking into account future GFF engagement.

- Done, and presented in virtual SG meeting in December 2015. Furthermore, links to GFF have for instance been established in Tanzania and Cameroon.

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1) Members agree on the content of the proposed ToR with the following amendments: P4H CD will outline a framework profile with related qualifications; explicitly state that the recruiting agency's own rules and regulations need to be observed; and that the recruiting organization is responsible for the recruitment process in consultation with local and regional networks.

2) Members agree that a person is designated P4H CFP based on P4H consensus

3) Members agree on 2 categories of lines of reporting:

- The P4H CFP towards the CFP's own employer, then the P4H CD and finally to the local network
- The group of the CFP, the P4H CD and the local network towards the national counterpart

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4) Members agree that the identification of additional P4H CFP will be the outcome of a collective process at P4H technical level. P4H members and P4H CD will carry out scoping visits and assessments looking for opportunities to expand the network of regional and country focal points.

- **Done. Now routinely included in all CD missions.**

5) Members will provide funding for P4H CFP or add the ToR to existing/future job description (where applicable).

Leadership for UHC program

▪ **Decision 06/2015:** The SG recognized the strategic value of the Leadership for UHC programme and supported its roll-out in Asia and other areas.

The Steering Group encouraged the organizers and supporting members to ensure a more gender- balanced participation in the future implementation of the programme.

- **Asial roll-out has started in May 2015. 12 out of 33 participants in the ongoing program are female.**

P4H HFS M&E and Learning Tool

▪ **Decision 06/2015:** A P4H working group will be identified, which will concentrate on developing a proposal for a P4H M&E Framework in line with the approaches carried out in SPIAC-B/ISPA guidelines and accompanying learning tools, which can in turn be discussed and formally adopted at the next SG Meeting .

- **A working group has been formed in line with ISPA tool requirements; a first draft tool has been developed and is being tested on four country HFS; the results of these case studies will be presented in the P4H TCG on 20 June 2016; revision of tool after discussion in TCG and working group.**

P4H Annual Report

▪ **Decision 06/2015:** The SG agreed to make this a public report after revision by members. Process: After the internal revision of the draft by the WBG, the CD will circulate it to all members for a final round of comments. After incorporating them, the Coordination Desk will send out the final draft and publish it after the usual two week objection period has expired.

- **Done. Annual report 2015/2016 follows new format as suggested in P4H TCG.**

Next SG meeting

▪ **Decision 06/2015:** The SG members tasked the Co-ordination Desk with exploring options for a meeting in a shorter time period than previously planned, possibly in October or November 2015.

- **Done (virtual SG meeting organized in December 2015)**