

Online meeting of the UHC2030 working group on sustainability, transition from aid, and health system strengthening

Friday
9 March 2018

Note for the Record

Agenda

1. Meeting report.
2. Country consultation paper and transition mapping.
3. Work plan for 2018
4. AOB

Meeting report

The report has been circulated for comments. Final comment to be sent by Friday and report will then be finalized and published.

Country consultation paper

During the first meeting of the WG in March, a mapping of policies and definitions on transition used by WG members was presented, countries shared their perspectives of transition from a system perspective and WHO and WB presented work on transition concepts and unit of analysis. The meeting concluded that further input from countries should be sought to better underpin the priorities of the group. A *country consultation paper* was therefore commissioned complementing the input from countries through direct membership of the group.

All in all 15 countries have given their views and suggestions, through either the country consultation paper (7) and directly through membership and participation in meetings (8), including both MOH and MOF representatives. The country consultation paper is based on desk based analysis and interviews with 5 LMIC countries and one HIC and one LIC country.

Six themes in relation to transition emerge from the findings. 1) Coverage of vulnerable populations 2) Governance of central programs 3) Domestic revenue generation 4) Private sector engagement 5) Mutual accountability 6) Donor capacity

The findings from the paper were felt to be sound and re confirm and complement the direction for the group. The six areas presented are valid and should complement other priority areas raised and presented in WG meetings to date. The report will be published on the website.

Data mapping

A data set on transition based on input from WG members was shared before the meeting. The background to the work was a request from WG members to strengthen the quantitative basis for discussions with regards to the transition trajectory and make available some broad estimates for how many countries are at the start, midway or ending transitioning from external finance. The data set covers all LIC and MIC countries and includes fiscal space and aid dependency indicators as well as data on planned transitions provided by WG members.

The data set and the accompanying recommendations were well received. Further analysis of the data would be helpful. The data set is by design very broad, and does not provide granularity that can be helpful e.g. specifics like “active” grant status, may include preparations for transition. A database that would reflect in more details the transition processes ongoing versus the country financial indicators and UHC projections would be helpful. Being quantitative, the data does not reflect the many issues that are qualitative in nature.

Participants also discussed the potential and added value to collect this type of data systematically. To be useful data would need to be collected regularly and capacity for maintenance made available ideally integrated within institutions that already work on similar (eg. DAH/ODA tracking, NHA work etc) and have capacity. Further inputs on potential added value and next steps for this work to be collected by secretariat.

Discussion on work plan

A draft work plan was shared before the meeting. As per discussion in November emphasis was on identifying activities where joint work by the WG members can add value, complemented with activities that facilitate more synergies among working members.

Draft deliverables for the UHC2030 Sustainability and Transition working group 2018

Expected Outcome	Indicator	Deliverable	Activity	Timeline	Next step
Consensus built on the sustainability objective in relation to transition from external finance – to mean sustained coverage of priority interventions for UHC with financial protection	Collaborative agenda on sustainability and transition taken forward by different stakeholders	2 knowledge sharing products/briefs/ on sustainability and transition related health system topics produced, co-authored by some WG members By 2018.	1. Sustainability and Transition-concepts and principles statement	Initial draft by Q2	Co-chairs will work on a first draft.
			2. Sustainability and Transition – the knowledge agenda- for all WG members. A short overview note.	To be drafted in Q2	Sec. chairs and host organizations to propose process
		Guidance and good practice principles for sustainability and transition from external finance and support to political	1. Mapping of transitions tools, and what they currently cover	Q2-Q3	TORs to be developed
			2. Paper on disease program	Q2-Q3	Build into next face to face

and technical influencing.	perspectives on transition	meeting and share related work WG members are working on.
	3. Two day meeting of the WG on Sustainability and Transition	Q4 Venue and time to be confirmed and communicated.
Initiation of coordinated country support for transition in 3 countries embedded in UHC country plans, under country leadership and supported by all key actors by end 2019.		2019

There was consensus on the first joint activity to involve articulating the main concepts and principles the group has been converging towards for the past year in a short 2-4 page *statement*. This is in line with the objective of the group and discussions in November. The aim is that the statement linked with advocacy and political influencing by WG member could help inform transition related coordination and processes in countries.

The second joint activity suggested is a note outlining the *joint knowledge agenda* related to transition for WG members. The content of this draws on all the work commissioned presented and discussed in the WG meetings so far and articulates the agenda to be worked upon by all WG members. The note is not meant to be an in depth paper but to state the key policy issues identified to date, and related gaps to be worked on. This could be an *annex to the statement*.

The third activity will be a *mapping of existing tools on transition*, what they currently cover and what they do not cover which approaches and frameworks are being used etc.

The fourth suggested activity was a paper with perspectives on transition from disease control programs. The discussion on sustainability and transition should have a focus on how to sustain or increase the coverage of core priority interventions within a country. Clearly disease control programs are one aspect of this, but priorities are many and diverse. The paper was meant to help facilitate a more inclusive dialogue between those working on transition in the programs and those working on this from a wider health system perspective within the WG. However it was felt the same might also be achieved by building this topic into a session in the next face to face meeting complemented by sharing related work that members of the group are working on.

The next face to face meeting is planned to be held in Q4. Efforts will be made to explore if this can be held back to back with other ongoing meetings.

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