

MeTA Management Board (MMB) Meeting 8



9 September 2009

Attended by: Sophia Tickell – Chair IAG; Saul Walker – DFID; Andreas Seiter – World Bank; Gilles Forte – World Health Organization; Adam Smith – DFID; Clare Innes – DFID; and members of the MeTA Secretariat - Brian Elliot, Elodie Brandamir, Wilbert Bannenberg, Andrew Chetley, Deepthi Wickremasinghe.

Summary

1. Matters arising

Year 1 financial report: This and covers spending to the end of March 2009. It showed a 93 per cent spend, which was considered good.

Kyrgyzstan CSO Workplan: This was considered comprehensive and was agreed. More information about the civil society organisations within the CSO coalition was requested by MMB members.

Ghana country Workplan: This was agreed provisionally, with some concerns noted: some of the objectives are quite ambitious; one-third of the plan is dedicated to technical activities; and overheads and administration costs should be monitored for how they relate to the Workplan and to ensure there are concrete outputs. *(Secretariat will liaise with Ghana about amendments)*

Plans for 2010 international meeting: This will be a three day international meeting, with side meetings before and after. The best date is the week of 28 June. The final day will be a high level event attended by government ministers and people from the private sector. Plans assume a positive outcome to the evaluation of the pilot phase of MeTA, but will be scaled back to a technical workshop, if need be. Other relevant international events in the run up to this meeting will also be used to show case MeTA.

2. MeTA II

Priorities for the work needed to pave the way for the second phase for MeTA were set: the scope of MeTA after September 2010, the scale of it, funding, fund holding and governance.

(MMB will agree a broad analytical framework for MeTA to be discussed by the IAG;

DFID will explore different fund holding mechanisms and make a recommendation for MeTA, and

A paper about possible governance structures for MeTA II will be prepared for discussion at the next IAG meeting)

3. Priorities for next 12 months

The Secretariat will have a heavy work load over the next 12 months.

Priorities for the Secretariat and the countries will be identified to assist with planning the workstream.

(DFID will prepare the Logframe for MeTA in the new DFID format and share this with the Secretariat.

The Secretariat will prepare a short paper and a matrix that shows the key events over the next year, including data disclosure in the countries, key outputs in the Logframe and their travel plans.

Priorities for the countries will also be identified and a timeline of external events that are opportunities to reinforce MeTA with industry will be prepared.)

4. Communication

Communication work for MeTA will shift focus from a broad set of audiences to potential key supporters and new implementers for MeTA and the communication strategy will be revised to reflect these changes.

(DFID and the Secretariat will develop in more detail what will initially be an influencing strategy for MeTA and - provided the evaluation of MeTA is positive- will then become a marketing strategy.

The Secretariat will also prepare a short paper on what an open licence for Rockhopper TV's proposed documentary about corruption and inefficiencies in the medicines' market and what MeTA is doing about it will allow)

5. International and country update

Thematic, programmatic and technical updates were presented.

(The Secretariat will add a timeline of priority work for the next 12 months to the planning matrix mentioned above)

6. Baseline update

An update of progress on the three baseline components was given.

(WHO and the Secretariat will share the data collection tools with the rest of the MMB)

7. Next meetings

The dates of the next IAG and MMB meetings are to be arranged.

8. AOB

In Jordan, in January there will be a course, based on the Harvard health systems course on pharmaceuticals representatives of different stakeholders from the MeTA countries. This will be followed by a multi-stakeholder meeting. DFID has shared an outline TOR for the evaluation of the pilot phase of MeTA with HLSP. It is anticipated there will be a six-week lead in period and it will take 3.5 months to undertake the work.

Clarification was sought on the relationship between MeTA and WHO's Good Governance for Medicines programme.