

MeTA Management Board (MMB) Meeting 6



23 February 2009

Attended by: Saul Walker, Andreas Seiter, Sophia Tickell, Brian Elliott, Elodie Brandamir, Wilbert Bannenberg, Andrew Chetley, Marieke Devillé

Summary

1. Pilot Project Projection

- The Pilot project extension and contract amendment 2 were approved.
- The extension for WB/WHO has not yet been approved yet because of budget restrictions. There is a need to discuss the issue of making MeTA more sustainable and to bring in additional funds. (Next MMB meeting)
- DFID to send budget for cost extension and set a date to discuss (DFID)
- MeTA Secretariat to prepare a proposal on how to bring in new donors/funders.

2. Economic downturn and implications for MeTA

- DFID has taken a corporate decision is to assess the economic downturn implications on a case-by-case basis. The Secretariat should send a proposal to the procurement group to request changes which will be assessed on its merit.

3. MeTA National Workplans

- Jordan: The workplan has been approved.
- Uganda: The workplan has been approved by the MMB members present, and will be shared with WHO for approval.
- Peru: The workplan has been approved by the MMB members present, and will be shared with WHO for approval.
- Zambia: Further work is being undertaken on the workplan. An initial 6 months work is agreed by the MMB and the rest of the workplan will be reassessed later.
- Ghana: currently updating workplan, consultants are supporting finalisation.
- Kyrgyzstan: updating workplan, consultants are supporting finalisation.

Actions to be taken by the MMB and Secretariat are:

- Follow up on Peruvian Observatory request to World Bank.(World Bank, March)
- Follow up on Malaria Household Survey in Zambia (World Bank, March)
- Summarise the recommendations for Zambia and send to the MMB for approval (Wilbert Bannenberg, asap)
- Prepare expenditure/resource overview for next MMB (Secretariat, next MMB)

4. CSO National Workplans

- Uganda and Ghana have submitted workplans and Jordan a draft workplan. Zambia has submitted a basic concept note. Philippines is progressing and

scheduled to submit a workplan in early March. Kyrgyzstan needs to draft a budget along the workplan and Peru is progressing but needs more time.

- It was noted that CSO capacity building is a coalition exercise which will need substantive support. MMB would like more clarity on the different levels of engagement. Andrew Chetley to provide.
- All CSO workplans and requests for initial funding have been approved by the MMB members present.

5. Country update

- Overall, country activities are making good progress. MS is confident that all country MoUs will be signed before 31st March.
- Collaboration between WHO, World Bank and MeTA in country discussed.
- Follow up on WHO fund allocation in Jordan (WHO end Feb).

6. International Conference

- The international conference was discussed with key issues being the importance of encouraging creativity and encouraging a spirit of celebration both at national and international levels; timing; and location.
- Event is scheduled in April 2010 for budgetary reasons. MS to prepare a suggestion for discussion with DFID.
- South-south engagement is equally important and different events leading up to the international event might be feasible but should be careful with organizing events in different locations at the same time.
- Budget and implications for timing to be discussed. (Secretariat/DFID, asap)
- Proposal for capturing country learning and activities before the International meeting. (Andrew Chetley, next MMB)

7. Private sector

- A Private Sector Strategy paper to be fully developed that focuses on the engagement of private sector in the countries on the ground. (Brian Elliott, next MMB)

8. Baseline

- MOU between Secretariat and WHO to be finalized. WHO will manage the relationship with Harvard and IDS. Secretariat will send resources.

9. International Advisory Group Meeting

Prepare proposal for MIAG meeting agenda and liaise with Sophia Tickell (Chair) (Secretariat, asap)

10. Quarterly workplan

- The Quarterly workplan has briefly been reviewed and approved by Sophia Tickell and World Bank. DFID to send approval asap.

A.O.B.

- A summary of the MMB minutes to be published on the website.
- Brian Elliott to arrange a meeting with Peter Stephens from IMS.

Next MMB Meeting: 5th May