

**STH Coalition Preschool-Age Children Workstream Teleconference
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1. Terms of Reference

Based on previous discussions of the TOR, the group decided to consider the TOR finalized.

2. Work plan

Pending issues with the work plan:

A. Absence of product description

Members of the PSAC workstream have met by phone to discuss this issue as a small group. The process of having a product description and going to a manufacturer is an arduous task. The work plan has been modified to analyze this more thoroughly to see if we can do this in a more efficacious way. It's an ongoing process.

B. Activities for workstream members who don't procure or distribute deworming medications

There are over 30 organizations represented in the PSAC workstream, and most of them don't procure or distribute medications for deworming. What contribution can be circumscribed for those who do not procure pharmaceutical drugs for deworming? How can they contribute to this group? Is an additional activity needed in the work plan?

- No ideas were presented on the call. The group will remain open to adding additional work plan activities as they are suggested.

C. Need for time frames included in the work plan

During the teleconference, the group decided on time frames for carrying out the proposed work plan activities. In this process, it was pointed out than an additional reporting activity (UNICEF reporting on drug treatments) was previously missing from the work plan; it was added to the work plan.

D. NGO Deworming Inventory

CWW has undertaken the Global NGO Deworming Inventory. As this is not meant to establish a separate reporting stream outside of WHO, but rather to identify reporting gaps and to strengthen reporting through Ministries of Health to WHO, it will be done on a periodic basis. Based on the gaps identified, this workstream, in partnership with the STH Advisory Committee, could make recommendations to WHO regarding closing the reporting gaps. The activities related to the NGO Deworming Inventory will need to be further defined after the completion of this year's inventory.

Based on the discussion during the teleconference, the work plan was agreed upon pending the changes/additions. It is noted that there will be need for amendments to this work plan prior to its end date of December 2016.