

STH Coalition: SAC Working Group meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 8:30am (EDT)

Agenda:

1. Review of country snapshot development process and current status
2. Discussion of next steps to obtain sign-off on snapshots and begin wider circulation
3. Review of SAC workstream workplan and alignment on priorities

Emerging action items

- Members' **feedback is requested** on the first three high-burden country snapshots ([via this form](#)) by Friday October 2nd
- The chairperson will convene a **small group of working group members who are interested in developing a dissemination plan** for the snapshots
- Feedback is welcomed on the workstream workplan; it will be adjusted such that the snapshot dissemination plan is a separate deliverable, and further filled with dates as applicable, between now and the STH Coalition's first Steering Committee meeting on December 2nd

Chair:

Grace Hollister - Evidence Action

Participants:

Akudo Anyanwu – Children Without Worms
Lauren Abrams – Children Without Worms
Mark Bradley – GlaxoSmithKline
Katherine Williams - Evidence Action
Andy Tembon - World Bank

Emily Schulman – Williamsworks
Joe Turcotte – Williamsworks
Sonia Pelletreau – Children's Investment Fund
Foundation

Proceedings:

1. Review of country snapshot development process and current status

The Williamsworks consulting team described the process they have undertaken to produce first three high-burden country snapshots. The first three country snapshots- Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Indonesia- were circulated prior to the call along with a feedback form (also linked at the top of this document).

The process included developing a framework, collecting data (via secondary desk research and stakeholder interviews), drafting the documents, conducting follow-up interviews and further research, and revision.

- Data sources included Ministry websites, published country policies / plans / reports, WHO's PCT databank, GAHI, the World Bank, UNICEF, UNESCO, NGO / funder websites and reports, and academic journals
- Stakeholders included academics, MoH personnel, ClIFF, CWW, Evidence Action, Fit for School, FPSU, GNNTD, HKI, PCD, RTI, Save the Children, SCI, The Carter Center, The END Fund, UNICEF, and the World Food Programme

The next steps include feedback from the working group, sign-off by country representatives (further discussed later), finalization, and dissemination according to a plan that the working group will develop (further discussed later). The current workplan indicates anticipated timelines for the remaining four snapshots to be shared.

- Joe Turcotte clarified that the issues of drug supply chain and logistics (one of the common barriers identified across countries) are occurring within countries, rather than during the 'first mile' of getting drugs from manufacturer to recipient country.
- Members discussed the potential target audience, noting that certain audiences may require different formats of the documents. For instance, policymakers would not be likely to spend the time poring over several pages and would benefit from a much briefer version.

2. Discussion of next steps to obtain sign-off on snapshots and begin wider circulation

Working group members should provide feedback by the end of this week (by October 2nd).

There is consensus that next steps should include approval from country representatives before circulating the documents more widely. The documents need to be anticipated, understood, and supported by country leadership in order to avoid any controversial or antagonistic perceptions and to ensure that they spur collaboration and action, as is our goal.

After working group feedback is received and incorporated as much as possible, next steps will include two main pieces:

- Feedback from WHO
 - Grace will liaise with Denise to incorporate
- Feedback from in-country heads of STH and/or NTD programs, as applicable to the focus countries
 - (working group members may be requested to facilitate this process, based on existing relationships in the focus countries)

In parallel to these pieces, the working group will develop a dissemination plan. Interested members will be invited to lead this task. The dissemination plan may be multi-faceted (i.e., Mark Bradley mentioned the two approaches of distributing widely as an "FYI" vs. pointed and tailored sharing with individuals or institutions, accompanied by a specific call to action). Members also noted that the documents and their dissemination would be aimed at answering questions about how to use available resources most effectively.

3. Review of SAC workstream workplan and alignment on priorities

The workplan was circulated prior to this call. Note that the case studies have been placed on hold in favor of producing more in-depth snapshot documents, and as such no timeline is assigned as yet.

Akudo Anyanwu noted that this workplan is part of the overall STH Coalition's workplan. Between now and the first Steering Committee meeting in early December in Atlanta, the workplan will be further reviewed and refined with specific dates and objectives as needed. STH Coalition leaders have provided very positive feedback on the working group's progress and the workplan as it stands, and noted its strong contribution to the overall Coalition workplan.

Moving forward, the dissemination plan for the snapshots will be pulled out as a standalone deliverable in the workplan, and members who are interested in working to develop the specifics of this plan will be welcome to join a small group to focus on this task.