

**STH Coalition Call  
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**1. STH Coalition Bylaws**

The final draft of the STH Coalition bylaws was shared. We have a flexible structure that will serve the Coalition in the near-term and can evolve as the Coalition evolves. There are two governing bodies: an action group that includes representatives from workstreams, endemic countries, and donors and a steering committee, comprised of representatives from the three donors that support the operations of the Coalition (GSK, J&J and CIFF).

**If there are any comments or suggestions for change please email [sthcoalition@taskforce.org](mailto:sthcoalition@taskforce.org) by COB Monday, April 25.**

**2. STH Coalition work plan for 2016**

The 2016 STH Coalition Work Plan was developed by the workstreams over the last 6-8 months. The workstream-specific plans of work were presented at the Action Group meeting in December 2015. The Action Group identified synergies and gaps, and the resulting document includes Coalition activities that are not specific to individual workstreams. The work plan describes how the Coalition activities align with and support the WHO milestones for 2020 (Table 1). It also includes activities that aren't included in the WHO milestones (Table 2), and specifies objectives, indicators, and responsible organizations and/or workstreams for each of the major areas of work (Table 3). The appendix is a compilation of the individual workstream work plans.

The WASH workstream co-chairs are in the process of revising the WASH workstream work plan, which will be reflected in the final version of the work plan. The role that has emerged for the WASH workstream is one of providing technical

support to other workstreams and helping to reflect WASH within the priorities of other workstreams. Coalition members are encouraged to avail themselves of this support.

The 2015 [WHO Global Strategy on WASH and NTDs](#) will be specifically mentioned in the STH Coalition work plan final version.

The workstreams were established to identify gaps and to develop focused activities to address those gaps. In the next couple years, some workstreams may finish their work and disband, while new workstreams may be formed. Workstreams are intended to help drive the program forward and address specific gaps. The Action Group will start in the next several months to plan for 2017 and beyond. WHO is developing a revised STH control strategy for 2017-2020. Next year's Coalition work plan will be developed in alignment with that strategy.

- **If there are any comments or suggestions for change please email [sthcoalition@taskforce.org](mailto:sthcoalition@taskforce.org) by COB Monday, April 25.**
- **Please review the work plan and find opportunities for your organization within the context of the work plan. If you're working on something not under a workstream, [contact us](#) or the workstream chairs and we will find ways to engage you.**

### **3. Campbell Collaboration review of STH**

In response to the Cochrane Collaboration's report and two publications that re-analyzed seminal studies by Miguel and Kremer, media frenzy erupted which seeded doubts about the evidence base for STH control, commonly known as last summer's "worm wars." The STH Coalition was very much engaged in the response to those publications. There is another group – the Campbell Collaboration – that conducts meta-analyses similar to the Cochrane group. A meeting convened by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in February brought together the authors of a new Campbell Collaboration review on STH with experts in the field of STH and a multidisciplinary advisory group. The conclusions of the Campbell Collaboration review, which included many of the same studies as the Cochrane review, do not appear to be substantially different from those of the Cochrane Review. The Campbell manuscript has been submitted for publication. CWW, Evidence Action, and the Fenton Group are planning and developing communications materials in advance of release of the Campbell report, which could trigger another episode of media interest.

### **4. STH Coalition meeting – Brasilia**

The STH Coalition is planning a meeting October 21-22 in Brasilia. This meeting will be combined with the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Global Alliance for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF), October 19-20. The second day of the GAELF and first day of STH Coalition meeting (Oct 20-21) will focus on crucial issues related to the potential gap in drug treatment as LF programs close. We will look at how to ensure deworming continues in the at-risk groups.

- We will be getting some draft materials out for your input to make this a robust agenda for the STH Coalition.

### **5. NTD Partners Map update**

The past few months have seen an increase in the number of organizations and projects showcased on the Partners Map. The map shows who is doing what, where in NTDs. CWW wants to make the data submission process easy.

- **Contact Jed Snyder, [jsnyder@taskforce.org](mailto:jsnyder@taskforce.org), or visit [partnersmap.org](http://partnersmap.org) to start the data sharing process.**

The platform is active now. It will be continually augmented as people join and submit data. It will show past, future, and current projects to provide a complete picture of NTD projects.

### **6. Other announcements**

- Dr. Neeraj Mistry will be leaving his position at GNNTD. The NTD community will deeply miss his enthusiasm, energy, and strong advocacy for NTDs.
- The STH Coalition will likely receive a “green” rating (the highest) in the upcoming ‘scorecard’ of Uniting to Combat NTDs / London Declaration, scheduled for release in May 2016. Thank you to all who participated in the development of the indicators and milestones for this year’s scorecard.
- PAHO is organizing a second regional STH control meeting in Peru in August. More details will follow when the meeting is confirmed.