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- Katrin Verclas, Evidence Action
- David Addiss, Children Without Worms
- Ellen Agler, End Fund
- Akudo Anyanwu, Children Without Worms
- Marcia de Souza Lima, Global Network
- Alan Fenwick, Schistosomiasis Control Initiative
- Jodi Keyserling, Children Without Worms
- Lauren Labovitz, Children Without Worms
- Francesca Laursen, INMED
- Selma Melkich, Global Network
- Neeraj Mistry, Global Network
- Karen Palacio, End Fund
- Yael Velleman, WaterAid

Meeting notes:

A. Causes for celebration:

- Launch of national deworming day in India. On the heels of the LF launch which happened in September. Shows that countries like India are taking on NTDs in a comprehensive way.
- Akudo Anyanwu and Meg DeRonghe joining the cause.

B. [Dropbox](#) of advocacy materials

- PAHO has not released the STH guidelines. Karen has put the notes from the Columbia deworming workshop in the dropbox; there is reference to the STH guidelines in the notes.
- Children Without Worms, as part of its knowledge management strategy, will organize STH documents, guidelines, and print resources, which will include advocacy messaging, for Coalition partners' easy use.
- These advocacy materials must be responsive to needs at the country level, and thus should be articulated by those working at the country level.

Action Items:

- **Please review the data points document in the dropbox.** We need to be consistent about the data.
- **Please give feedback whether this dropbox is worthwhile and how it can be made better for partners to use it.**

C. Update on the STH Coalition

There are three major themes around the STH Coalition moving forward:

1. Further consolidation of the STH Coalition

- Workstream leads should meet in the 2nd quarter of 2015 to be aligned moving forward.
- The STH Coalition is looking at different models of governance.
 - We've been talking with other alliances and coalitions to see what will be most appropriate.
 - We want to be clear about the structure, which will likely be built around the workstream model.

2. Country level engagement
 - The recent momentum in Ethiopia and India should be replicated in other countries.
 - The national and state governments took charge of the launch of deworming in India, but many partners of the STH Coalition helped create the conditions for this.
 - The current effort in Ethiopia is a great example of bringing coalition partner resources together at the country level.
3. Coordination with other alliances
 - The STH Coalition and the Global Schistosomiasis Alliance should operate as one in schisto-endemic countries. There needs to be greater coordination and facilitation among the coalitions. WHO expressed support for this role of the Alliances during the December NTD Partners meeting in Addis Ababa and in subsequent conversations.

D. Co-investing and country-level engagement

- Ethiopia
 - End Fund, CIFF, SCI, and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health have been working together to determine how to best coordinate donors working together in Ethiopia. There is agreement that timelines, reporting templates, site visits, etc., should be coordinated and integrated as much as possible.
 - With the huge investments in Ethiopia, how do we integrate advocacy materials that will incentivize Ethiopian regional governments to invest in deworming?
- World Food Programme
 - When the drug programs integrated and drugs were donated directly to Ministries of Health, the World Food Programme had challenges accessing deworming drugs, which they had been receiving directly. WFP used to deworm 20 million children per year; now they're deworming relatively few.
 - They have a budgeted deworming for 24 countries and noted where there are gaps in funding, usually between \$10,000-100,000 per country.
 - They would like to get all 20mil kids dewormed. Donors could provide catalytic funding for a year or two to get WFP's deworming back on board.
 - Such an effort could represent a potential tangible success of the STH Coalition and the Advocacy workstream in demonstrating a partnership that wouldn't have happened if not for the Coalition.
 - GNNTD and WFP have discussed NTD representation within the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) organization. SUN representatives are inter-ministerial and sit within the office of the president. NTD representation on this panel would elevate STH on the national level and make the link with nutrition.
- India
 - Those working on the deworming launch in India are documenting and will be publishing the process by which it has happened. This will provide success stories and lessons learned that will help as coalition partners engage in similar undertakings.

Action items:

- Ellen will upload to the Dropbox a document from WFP that lists each country, how many children are at risk of STH, and the gap in the budget for deworming.

E. Role of Advocacy WS in advancing the work

Within the co-investor model, the Advocacy Workstream has identified that **the most effective advocacy strategy will be to advocate for priority countries in order to channel efforts.**

- Prioritize resource mobilization for high-burden countries
 - Financial as well as nonfinancial resources make up this particular model of a unique development approach. It includes technical assistance and partnership.
 - We are promoting a very blended model of contributions to reach more children. Advocacy messages will be designed around the impact of the cross-cutting multiply effect.
 - Opportunities for resource mobilization will vary by country.
- Questions for consideration
 - How do we decide the process by which support happens? Especially in Nigeria, DRC, other high-burden countries.
 - How do we advocate for STH integration into other programs, e.g., immunization weeks?
 - How do we harmonize with the supply chain and distribution for other NTDs.

Next steps

- Circulate notes from this call. Workstream participants should then feedback into the report.
- Create a list of potential priority countries and begin to narrow.
- Provide feedback on the [Dropbox](#).
 - Review the data points so that we are consistent about data.
- Participate in the next STH Coalition Quarterly call on March 3.
 - The Advocacy workstream will provide an update.
 - Please email sthcoalition@taskforce.org if you did not receive the meeting invitation.

Please also note the following advocacy material, an animated cartoon developed to improve hygiene practices of school-age children. It focuses on STH. [Koko et les lunettes magiques](#)