

**Quarterly STH Coalition Call
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1. Update on the STH Coalition

Workstream Updates

School-age children (SAC)

Jessica Harrison (Evidence Action) gave an update for the SAC Working Group, chaired by Grace Hollister (Evidence Action). The SAC group held a teleconference on May 28 during which participants reviewed the outputs that the group is working toward. The first output is to develop country snapshots, which is a shared framework for analyzing seven countries with large populations of at-risk SAC. The second output is two case studies aimed at helping people within the community replicate best practices for scaling up deworming of SAC. The case studies are on demonstrated approaches to treating SAC at scale and cross-sector policy approaches.

The SAC working group has also been providing support for the Summit Session on SAC Deworming, which will take place at the end of the month in London.

Preschool-age children (PSAC)

Clayton Ajello (Vitamin Angels) gave an update for the PSAC workstream, chaired by himself and Carol Wylie (World Vision). The primary objective for the PSAC workstream over the past two months has been to address the issue of quality drug supply coordination and delivery. Nearly all the product deployed by the members of the workstream has to be procured. There have been some impediments

with regard to quality assurance and accessing a supply from quality vendors. There was a meeting in Geneva last week, WHO opened up to quality issues for half of the day; a lot was clarified around the albendazole monograph in the international pharmacopeia. Another topic that came up at the meeting in Geneva was the need for discussing and monitoring of progress by NGOs, how that gets to governmental reporting, and how that gets reported up to WHO. That's what the PSAC workstream will focus on during its next call.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

David Addiss (CWW) gave an update for the M&E workstream, chaired by Jun Belizario (University of the Philippines). The major piece of work of the M&E workstream was to develop indicators and milestones for assessing progress of the STH Coalition for the London Declaration scorecard. Previously there were no indicators and milestones to track our progress as a community. We have interim milestones for this year, which were considered by the stakeholder working group of Uniting to Combat NTDs. The report will launch in London next week. The STH community has improved from yellow to green.

Operational Research (OR)

David Addiss (CWW) gave an update for the OR workstream, chaired by Charles Mwandawiro (KEMRI). . The committee is charged with tracking progress on those OR questions. The OR workstream has met to follow up on OR questions that arose from STH Advisory Committee meeting last October. Please refer to the [notes](#) from the OR workstream meeting for a progress report.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Lisa Schechtman (WaterAid), chair of the WASH workstream, gave an update. The workstream is working to finalize a matrix, which includes input from workstream members but still needs input from some key members. The matrix lays out WASH/STH and WASH NTD activities that are currently underway at the national, regional, and global levels. From there, the workstream will look more deeply at what specific priorities it will take forward.

Advocacy

Marcia de Souza Lima (GNNTD), gave an update on the advocacy workstream, chaired by Neeraj Mistry (GNNTD). The workstream started by pulling together advocacy materials and getting aligned on the messaging, but then stumbled on bigger issues on the workstream work. Will it amplify through its members respective orgs, or will it have a work plan, with individual members acting on behalf of workstream? Neeraj has been having conversations with Akudo and David on the best way forward. Neeraj has also held calls with each of the workstream chairs to discuss their specific advocacy needs.

Discussion point: Is the coalition looking at the situation of the SDGs at all?

- GNNTD has been working quite a lot on that by advocating for NTDs. If there are opportunities to engage the group on that they will.

- Marcia will bring this back the individual at GNNTD engaged on this to determine the best way to leverage the STH Coalition.

Workstream Terms of Reference and work plans

CWW recently held a call with the workstream chairs where we discussed TORs and workplans for the workstreams. During this call it was decided that we should formalize the workstreams: each workstream should have a TOR and work plan that spells out key outcomes, targets, milestones, and timing. CWW be working very closely with each workstream to provide templates and help them develop TOR and work plans for those workstreams that do not yet have them.

2. Governance of the STH Coalition

On the last call we mentioned we were embarking on a process to engage key stakeholders to look at the governance structure. The STH Coalition is over a year old is moving toward action, meeting deliverables, setting and approaching targets; in order to accomplish this we need accountability.

Current structure: CWW holds bi-weekly phone calls with the coordination group, comprised of CIFF, J&J, GSK, and Gates.

Proposed new structure: The STH Coalition should move toward a broader, more inclusive structure. CWW contracted Jodi Keyserling to do a governance analysis. She asked key governance questions to donors, workstream chairs, key partners, and developed a governance analysis. Since receiving Jodi's final report, CWW has gotten feedback from the coordination group and workstream chairs, particularly around the points of divergence.

Areas of General Consensus

1. Membership is open to all organizations that demonstrate a commitment to STH control.
2. Membership involves a simple 3-step application process and approval by Secretariat.
3. WHO should be an observer in the coalition steering committee.
4. Workstreams should exist for carrying out the work of the coalition.
5. These workstreams should have Terms of reference and work plans.
6. CWW should be the secretariat of the Coalition and facilitate the coalition activities.

Areas of differing views

1. Should the workstream chairs be on the steering committee?
 - Based on discussions with the coordination group workstream chairs, we are now moving toward consensus that the workstream chairs should be on the steering committee.
2. How should the chair of the STH Coalition be decided?
 - It's now been decided that there should be an appointment of an interim chair and within a year we should move to a nomination and election process.

3. How should country governments be involved in the STH Coalition?
 - It is becoming clear we must find a way to include some level of implementation-representation by way of countries on steering committee.
4. When and how should a strategic plan be developed?
 - The strategic plan is that urgent and we should move forward with it. This is all still a conversation that's ongoing. The next step is that CWW will present a draft charter and will share with coordination group and workstream chairs to get their input by conference call. There was some suggestion by the workstream chairs to have a face-to-face, but that might delay the strategic plan development, so we will develop a plan via conference call and email and then ratify it in a face-to-face before the end of the year.

Discussion points

- The steering committee should be representative of more than just the donors. The governance analysis recommends the steering committee be comprised of the initial donor group plus a representative from each workstream, to bring in the NGO voice, as well as WHO as an observer. We are still exploring how to bring in the country-level voice and make sure it's strong as well.
- How should countries be engaged in the overall Coalition? The country voice needs to be strong, present, and heard. How to do that is not entirely clear. There is overwhelming support for having a strong country voice within the leadership level and coalition overall.

Next steps

1. CWW will come back with a proposal to move forward on governance.
2. CWW will come forward with proposals for workplans and TORs.