

Countdown Working Group on Coverage

Co-chairs: Tessa Wardlaw and Jennifer Bryce

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Expected Contribution</i>	<i>Invited/Agreed?</i>
1 Tessa Wardlaw	Co-chair, technical input on all indicators and their measurement; focal point for links to UN interagency monitoring groups, MICS and DHS; technical tasks listed below.	Yes
2 Jennifer Bryce	Co-chair, technical input on all indicators their measurement, focal point for links to academic institutions and CHERG; technical tasks listed below.	Yes
3 Kate Kerber (newborn health)	<u>All:</u> Technical input on estimates, methodological issues, data analyses related to their sector; provide technical input to Countdown report and related documents; main liaison between Countdown Coverage Working Group and monitoring groups, experts and other sector specialists in their field of expertise.	No
4 Ann Starrs (maternal/reproductive health)		No
Sandi Cairncross/ Clarissa Brocklehurst (water & sanitation)		No
Werner Schultink (nutrition)		No
7 Holly Newby		Technical support, data base management and statistical analysis
8 Jennifer Requejo		Yes

OBJECTIVES AND PRODUCT(S)

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Product</i>
1 Identify the coverage data required for the profiles and other Countdown data projects.	1. List of coverage data needed for next Countdown report.
2 Identify the best sources for coverage data (ideally through existing data groups) and link with these groups to provide data in the appropriate format	2. Data source for each coverage indicator.
3 Identify key gaps in coverage data needed for the Countdown, and promote new work (by other groups) to fill these gaps	3. List of priority gaps in needed coverage data.
4 Lead and coordinate the synthesis and additional analyses of Countdown coverage data.	4. Rolling work plan of priority analysis and synthesis projects, and status of work.
5 Prepare the coverage data, analyses and interpretations for the Countdown Report and other publications.	5. Content on coverage for the Countdown reports, including tables, graphs and text.

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ACTIVITIES AND PROCESSES

Objective 1: Identify coverage data required for the profiles and other Countdown data projects.

Activities:

- 1.1 Interact on a regular basis with relevant interagency/monitoring/technical data groups to assess progress in implementing evidence-based interventions and indicator development and validation. A preliminary list of groups working in areas related to the Coverage Working Group is available in Annex A.
- 1.2 Recommend technical improvements in Countdown coverage reporting to other data groups and Countdown Steering Committee.

Objective 2: Identify the best sources for coverage data (ideally through existing data groups) and linking with these groups to provide data in the appropriate format.

Activities:

- 2.1 Interact regularly with other data groups to identify and assess potential sources for coverage data.
- 2.2 Review available coverage data and provide feedback to data groups leading to improved completeness and/or quality of coverage estimates for the 68 priority countries.

Objective 3: Identify key gaps in coverage data needed for the Countdown, and promote new work (by other groups) to fill these gaps

Activities:

- 3.1 Review and update Countdown coverage data bases for the 68 countries in two-year cycles; liaise with other technical groups to promote improvements in data quality and completeness.
- 3.2 Incorporate technical advances by other groups into coverage reporting by Countdown.

Objective 4: Lead and coordinate the synthesis and additional analyses of Countdown coverage data

Activities:

In collaboration with other Countdown Technical Working Groups and other data groups:

- 4.1 Define priority questions that can be addressed through secondary analyses of the Countdown coverage data;
- 4.2 Participate in secondary analyses of coverage data, including analyses that draw on multiple Countdown data sets.
- 4.3 Review and coordinate proposals for secondary analyses drawing on the Countdown coverage data; review results/reports for accuracy; guide consultative process with other groups.
- 4.4 Respond to requests for access to or reports from the Countdown coverage data set.

Objective 5: Prepare the coverage data, analyses and interpretation for the Countdown Report and other publications

Activities:

- 5.1 Maintain Countdown coverage data bases, and work with UNICEF DPP to obtain all coverage data for the Countdown report; conduct data review; develop analytic plan; conduct data analyses; prepare draft tables and text for review by the Technical Subcommittee; revise as needed.

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5.2 Develop presentations and publications reporting on the coverage results, and work with other Working Groups within the Technical Subcommittee to fully analyze, interpret and disseminate the Countdown results at two-year intervals.

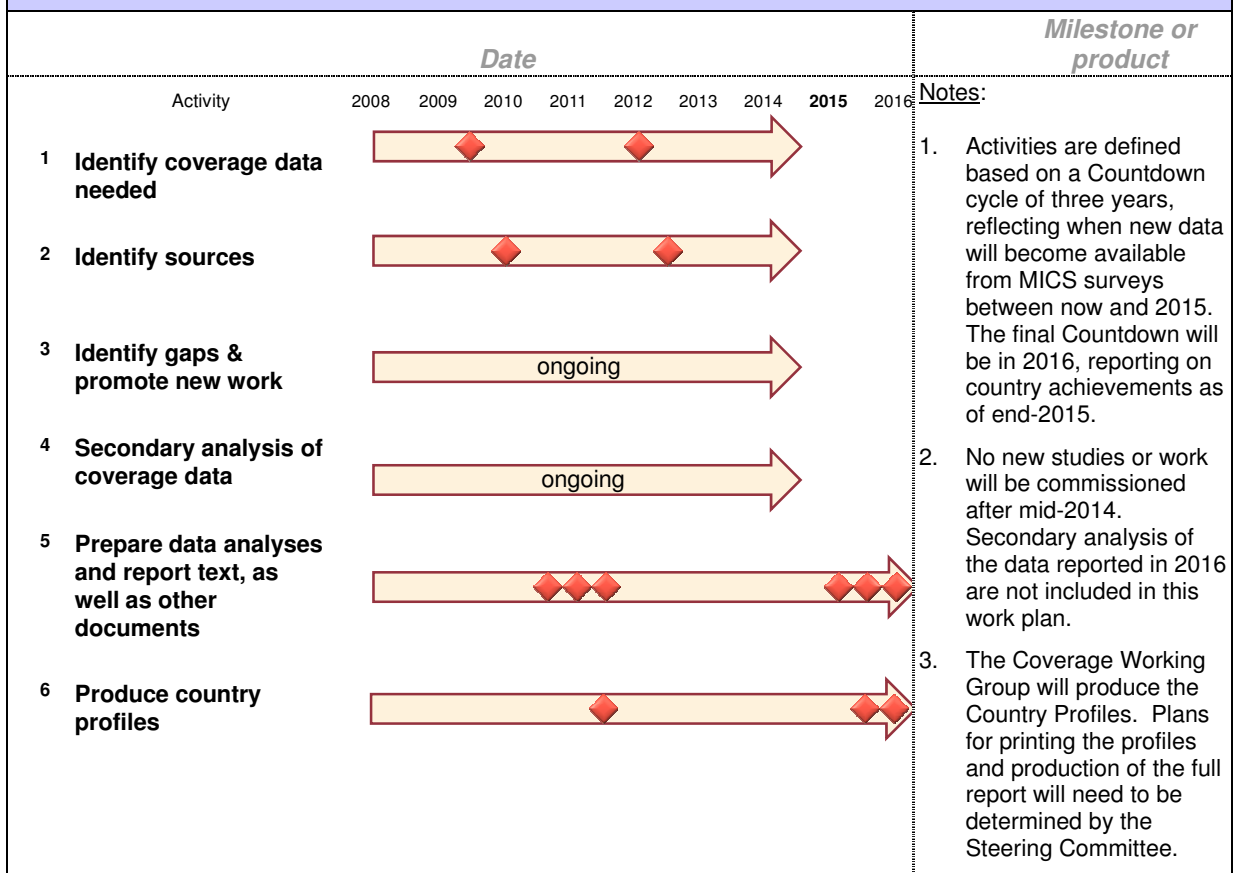
5.3. Production of the country profiles. Note that responsibility for the production of the full report will need to be determined by the Steering Committee.

RESOURCES NEEDED PER YEAR

<i>Description of Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Cost (US\$)</i>
Personnel	
Co-chair T Wardlaw, contribution by UNICEF	(TBD)
Co-chair J Bryce, ≈.25FTE	55,000
WG members (TBD based on individual sources of support)	(TBD)
Data analyst @ .5 FTE x 3	150,000
Project manager/administrative support @ .5 FTE	40,000
Technical consultants (equivalent of 1.5 FTE)	200,000
Preparation of coverage databases and documentation for public access	40,000
Subcontracts for secondary analysis of Countdown coverage data (estimated at 3 analysis projects/year x 50,000/project)	150,000
Support for working sessions/meetings of Working Group (2 meetings/year, travel and per diem of 10 WG members and technical consultants @ an average of 2,500/trip, plus 2,000 for venue and meeting costs.	54,000
Travel (participation of WG representatives in technical countdown meetings, estimated as 2 trips/year x 5 individuals @ 7,000/trip)	70,000
Communications and equipment	20,000
Automated production of profiles (does not include printing)	50,000
Subtotal	829,000
Indirect costs (18.8%)	156,000
Total estimated annual cost of WG activities	985,000

*Estimated based on JHU rate; the Co-Chairs have not yet made a decision about who will administer the funds.

TIME LINE



CONCERNS OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED FROM COUNTDOWN CORE GROUP

We believe that the Countdown group should reconsider the periodicity of reporting. If the next meeting is held in 2010, there will be few new data points as the next round of MICS surveys will not be completed and data will not be ready for use until end-2010. A second round of MICS will begin in 2013, ending in 2014.