

Countdown Working Group on Financing

Proposed Workplan 2009-10

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WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

(List the members, what they are expected to contribute, and whether or not they have agreed to participate)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Expected Contribution</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Berman (World Bank) - David Collins (Management Sciences for Health) - Henrik Axelson (PMNCH) - William Newbrander (BASICS) - Giulia Greco (LSHTM) - Karin Stenberg (WHO) - Ravi Rannan-Eliya (Institute for Health Policy, Sri Lanka) - Giorgio Cometto (Save the Children UK) - Jacqueline Mahon (UNFPA) - Ruth Levine (Center for Global Development, tbc) 	<p>All confirmed members have contributed to development of the workplan including definition of analyses to be carried out, and will contribute to review and interpretation of results. The group is in consensus on this proposal and on the process for future meetings and joint review of final versions of manuscripts and reports.</p> <p>Berman and Collins (tbc) will be joint focal points with Berman taking the lead role on technical support of the analytical work. Axelson will work closely with Berman and Collins on managing the working group and finalizing products.</p>	<p>Members have agreed on overall strategy and follow on phase of work on global resource flows and on new proposals for work on domestic resource flows.</p> <p>The group will continue audio conferencing every two months and has planned for two face-to-face meetings over the course of this workplan. Individual reports will be prepared based on work agreed, and the group will collaborate on Countdown products including report and country datasheets.</p>

OBJECTIVES AND PRODUCT(S)

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Product</i>
<p>Overall objectives and summary: The Working Group will generate and oversee development of updated financing information on MNCH. Data for all Countdown priority countries will be updated on external aid flows for MNCH (see 1 below and <i>Annex 1</i>). New data on domestic resources for MNCH will be generated by two new data collection efforts: one primarily for African countries will focus on government expenditure using government data sources (see 2 below and <i>Annex 2</i>); the other primarily for Asian countries will expand on ongoing national health accounts analysis to estimate both government and non-government resource flows for MNCH in those countries (see 3 below and <i>Annex 3</i>). Efforts will be made to compare and reconcile data</p>	<p>Products Overview:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated report on external aid flows, all Countdown priority countries 2. Report on domestic government resources, mainly African countries 3. Report on domestic government and non government financing for MNCH, mainly Asian countries 4. Publications based on reports 5. Working group written input to next Countdown report and Countdown publications

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and methodological differences. It will probably not be possible to estimate a single summary measure of total resource flows within countries, since separating external from domestic flows is difficult at the country level.

Using these new data, the group will work together to produce inputs to the next Countdown report and country specific datasheets.

1. External Resource Flows for MNCH. Update of analysis of global resource flows for MNCH using international databases on Official Development Assistance. Specifically:

- a) update the analysis of ODA to MNCH in priority countries for the years 2007 and 2008
- b) undertake an in-depth analysis of major donors and major recipients
- c) explore correlation of aid trends with specific interventions and coverage indicators
- d) update the financing gap analysis with more robust assumptions and a broader set of countries.

2. Domestic Resource Flows for MNCH Part 1 (Africa Focus):

- a) Methodology developed for tracking MNCH expenditures (related to the amount and when possible also to efficiency) using limited data inputs.
- b) By January 2010, quality controlled data on government MNCH expenditures in priority Countdown countries (at least from the African region).
- c) By March 2010, summary report available including description of the methodology and process, for
 - a) 2010 report of the Countdown to 2015, b) Lancet special issue and
 - c) Countdown conference in 2010.
- d) Institutionalization of expenditure monitoring and reporting for

6. Working group preparation of country-specific data sheets for Countdown report.

1. Outputs will include:

- a) A report on methods and findings from the updated resource flows analysis, that will be complemented by an in-depth study of key donors and the analysis of correlations of investments and coverage levels.
- b) A paper published in a peer-reviewed journal on the financing gap analysis
- c) A paper published in a peer-reviewed journal on the updated ODA exercise and in-depth analyses

2. This activity will produce improved methods, capacity building, databases for further analysis, and specific reports. These outputs include:

- a) Training workshops (2 workshops April-June 2009)
- b) Database set up with country data
- c) Further refinement of the methodology over time.
- d) Technical support to data collection.
- e) Analysis of findings.
- f) Summary report produced

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- e) MNCH within MOH programs.
 - e) Institutionalization of expenditure monitoring for MNCH within WHO.
 - f) Capacity built within MOH related to monitoring financial inputs into the program cycle.
 - g) Over time, data collected from an increasing number of countries, allowing for assessment of trends.
3. Domestic Resource Flows for MNCH Part 2 (Asia Focus):
- a) To enable the regular assessment of spending patterns on MNCH across countries and time in the Asian region, focusing on an agreed set of expenditure indicators.
 - b) To strengthen existing and emerging regional and country capacities for monitoring health spending flows and to support the national and regional institutionalization of data collection related to domestic expenditures on MNCH, to provide data on an annual basis.
3. Outputs will include:
- a) Revised MNCH expenditure module to be added to the 2009-2010 regional health accounts collection round and used in 8-12 countries.
 - b) Feedback from country correspondents obtained at 2010 Regional Health Accounts Experts Meeting.
 - c) Report prepared summarizing results for the MNCH expenditure exercise.
 - d) Capacity building of counterparts/partner agencies in Asia/Pacific countries

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ACTIVITIES AND PROCESSES

The Working Group will coordinate and oversee the implementation of three projects to strengthen data and analysis on financial resources for MNCH with a strong focus on priority countries for the Countdown effort.

One of these projects will update and expand the work already done by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in previous Countdown reports on external resource flows for MNCH, based on the OECD DAC data base.

Two new projects will focus on developing new methods, capacities in country, and results on domestic resource flows. The larger of these will be based at WHO and will also help establish capacity there for ongoing work. The WHO project will focus primarily on the Africa region. A second project will be based at the Institute for Health Systems in Sri Lanka, which coordinates the Asia Pacific National Health Accounts Network (APNHAN) and will focus on the Asia/Pacific region.

The two projects will produce somewhat different results. The WHO project will focus on government expenditures and reports from Ministries of Health mainly in Africa. The IHS project will build on already developed National Health Accounts in the Asian region to estimate both government and non-government expenditures. Following the initial work, the group will review results and work with the researchers to try to achieve comparable results and methods, focusing on a set of agreed indicators of expenditure on Child, Maternal, Newborn and Reproductive Health covering both external aid flows and domestic government financing. NB: it will probably not be possible to develop a single summary measure of resource flows for countries, since separating external and domestic flows at country level is difficult. In addition, the two projects will help develop in-country methods and capacities for sustainable estimation of MNCH expenditures from domestic resources.

The Working Group proposes to have one group meeting in 2009 to review progress and preliminary results and one in early 2010 to finalize data and text for Countdown report and related products.

Based on reports from the 3 projects and databases produced, the group will produce the overview write-up for the next Countdown report, data on external and domestic resources for MNCH for the country profiles of the Countdown report, as well as papers for the Lancet special issue on the Countdown.

RESOURCES NEEDED	
<i>Description of Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Cost (US\$)</i>
1. Working Group meetings: 1 each in 2009 and 2010	1) \$ 60,000
2. LSHTM-based study on External Resource Flows	2) \$ 73,656
3. WHO-based study on Domestic Resource Flows	3) \$409,060
4. IHS-based study on Domestic Resource Flows	4) \$66,900
5. Other management expenditures of Working Group	5) \$5,000
Total estimated cost of WG activities	US\$ 614,616
DETAILED PROPOSALS OF 3 SUB-PROJECTS	
Annex 1: "Proposal for Updating Resource Tracking Exercise: Investments towards Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival from external sources: 2007-2008"	
Annex 2: "Tracking domestic expenditures for MNCH"	
Annex 3: "Proposal for Development of Mechanism to Track Domestic Resources for Maternal, Newborn and Child Survival in Asia-Pacific region"	
TIME LINE	
Annex 4.	