

Technical Advisory Meeting of the Mother and Newborn Information for Tracking Outcomes and Results (MONITOR) Group

**Meeting Report
8-9 November 2016**

Geneva



Proposed Workplan

Harmonization and capacity building

For year 1:

1. **Develop classification framework to harmonize work on measures/indicators** across the various stakeholders to capture progress on:
 - a. Definition and Relevance
 - b. Validation
 - c. Collection Feasibility
 - d. Cross-health sector integration
 - e. Defining system and capacity pre-requisites
 - f. Country level adoption
 - g. Country and Global Review and Act
2. **Mapping/inventory** of who is working in MCH measurement, what they are doing in relation to above framework
 - a. Both within and beyond the extended MONITOR
 - b. Link mapping/inventory with other health programs
3. **Identify the gaps** of measurement and make recommendations on harmonized measures
 - a. Priorities of what should be done next (e.g.: Continued research, implementation of measure/indicator as is, etc.)

Medium Term years 2 to 3

1. Review progress of items in inventory and recommend next steps
2. Review identified gaps and provide feedback on the work being done
3. Ensure that Thrive and Transform does not get lost
4. Focus on Guidance to achieve full continuum:
 - Identify characteristics of capacity and implementation best practices at country level adoption and use
 - Provide guidance to WHO on a process to gather country level best practices to get “Review and Act” implemented

Measurement group

Year 1:

1. **Map and consolidate** maternal and newborn indicators into one document (in first 6 months)
2. **Develop classification framework to harmonize work on measures/indicators** across the various stakeholders to capture progress on:
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 - Validation
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 - Defining system and capacity pre-requisites
 - Country level adoption
 - Country and Global Review and Act
Data sources and systems
 - Level of measurement
 - Methods (now, medium term and long term)
 - Data collection and frequency of assessment
 - Stratification variables
 - Value and use of indicator (i.e. test, keep, drop, defer) to different audiences/actors
3. **Prioritize existing measures/indicators** in need of improvement, specifically on impact indicators (Outcomes)
 - i. Describe what is not working in the current systems
 - i. e.g. HMIS, Surveys, etc.
 - ii. Define appropriate fixes/corrections
 - i. Addressing definitional/measurement challenges
 - ii. Addressing implementation challenges
 1. *Request:* Have representatives from measurement professionals to get their input at next meeting (DHIS2, Survey, MICS, etc.)
4. **Identify definitional, implementation, systems gaps** on indicators/measures (not part of bullet 2 above)
5. **Provide guidance** on how to move recommended indicators/measures into the current data collection systems and which part of the system should measure the indicator

Years 2 to 3

1. Define a minimum set of measures across coverage, quality and health outcomes (early rollout) (i.e. Data/Methods are available now)?
2. Develop/Review definitions and provide guidance on new indicators (beyond existing measures):
 - Definitional challenges: Indicators that need consensus on measurement (e.g. Stillbirth rate, cause of death, quality & content of care)
 - Implementation challenges: Implementation of improved indicators (e.g. NMR, gestational age, Weight, cause of death)
3. Expand and prioritize minimum set to next level of MNH indicators; this will be context specific.
4. Review and update/expand the classification framework and provide guidance on:

- Definition and Relevance
- Validation
- Collection Feasibility
- Cross-health sector integration
- Defining system and capacity pre-requisites
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 - Preventive care:
 - Community / Primary care
 - Facility based care
 - Care in the community (at home)
 - Mother / Delivery
 - Essential neonatal care
 - Facility based care
 - Mother / Delivery
 - Essential neonatal care

Some overlap was noted within the 2 groups but there were clear suggestions on how to move forward.

SUMMARY: Items to be developed YEAR 1 for discussion with MONITOR

(1) A mapping of existing indicators currently proposed and/or used to monitor the health of mothers and newborn babies, including the groups or institutions that are proposing /using the corresponding indicators;

(2) A framework for the collection and measurement of these indicators, including the metadata, source, method and frequency of measurement, domain of the M&E framework (input, output, outcome or health status indicators), and an assessment of the quality of the indicator

Action items:

1. The report would be shared with the group prior to the end of the year.
2. To choose co-chairs, separate discussion with 3 members will take place and a selection of co-chairs will be made prior to the webinar.
3. A webinar will be organized in approximately 3 months time to present the progress of the group to interested parties.

4. The next meeting of the group is set for approximately 6 months ahead, in the spring/summer of 2017. Potential dates will be circulated in 2017.