

GLOBAL STRATEGY ROUND 2 CONSULTATION NOTE

Advocacy Working Group consultation call

2 June 2015

15 participants

General comments:

- The Zero Draft was **received well as a whole**, though the group felt that it was paying slightly too much attention to some issues and not enough to others (i.e. commodities and health systems strengthening).
- There was **not much mention of essential commodities**, especially those prioritised by the UN Commission. Family planning commodities are mentioned several times, but the importance of other commodities should be stated with more prominence.
- **Health systems strengthening should be included in a more prominent way**: emphasising that capable systems are required to enable other interventions to succeed.
- The Zero Draft **should bring forward unfinished business from MDG 5.b**. Unfinished business should be mainstreamed throughout the Strategy from the start.
- **Discussion of abortion is missing/** doesn't go far enough.

Section-specific comments:

| Reference | Comment | Source |
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| Section I: "Every Woman, Every Child and Adolescent, Everywhere: A Historic Journey and Opportunity" | | |
| p.5 | Commodities should be discussed here in terms of unfinished business from the MDGs. | |
| p.3, para.5 | MDG 1 should be mentioned as well as 3, 4 and 5, since 1 includes nutrition. | |
| Section II: Big returns to investing in women's, children's and adolescents' health | | |
| p.6, point 2 | The dual burden of under-nutrition should be mentioned – combining communicable diseases and NCDs. This is the future of public health. | |
| p.6, point 4 | It is right to flag up the double dividend of investing in adolescents' health. However, having this as the main point makes adolescents' health seem like an instrumental investment rather than a right which is intrinsically desirable. This point should start with the importance of adolescents' rights to health and returns to sexual education etc. and only mention demographic dividend as a second or third point. The language around risk behaviours is possibly stigmatising. [Respondent could not think of better wording, but offered to email a better wording at a later date] | |
| Section III: What is needed: Overcoming the challenges and defining clear goals | | |
| | Overall, the section is effective and nicely laid out, but it is a tonne of information to wade through. | |

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| p.10-11 | Breast-feeding and anaemia goals should be incorporated under SURVIVE/THRIVE. | |
| p.9 | Commodity availability should be included as an equity point: for instance as bullet point 4, or including “ <i>and commodities</i> ” after “health care” in paragraph I. | |
| | An indicator of the quality of the policy environment for access to commodities would be a valuable addition to any list of indicators. i.e. to capture availability of x commodity to y groups at z facilities. | |
| | Respondents felt that a health systems strengthening/data transparency box would be a valuable addition to this section. In particular, respondents noted the importance of market information to health supply manufacturers. | |
| Section IV: How to achieve the goals: Seven transformative actions | | |
| p.19, action 6, fig.10 | Figure 10 is not very helpful. Should be cut given the premium on space. | |
| | Terms such as innovation and accountability should be defined: perhaps in a lexicon at the end of the document. | |
| p.16, action 3, fig.7 | The Child column should be strengthened by including: breast-feeding; diarrhoea; pneumonia; acute malnutrition screening; introduction of vaccines. Further changes were recommended to the Pregnancy and Adolescents and Women columns to avoid stigmatising language. [Respondent offered to email these to the team at a later date] | |
| p.20, action 7 | Accountability principles deal with accountability of countries, but should also address the accountability of donors. | |
| | From the language of section IV “I don’t see how we are going to engage men”. | |
| Section V: We all have a role to play | | |
| | The Zero Draft, and this section in particular, does not convey the importance of advocacy. There is an opportunity to couple advocacy with rights and accountability themes: and could be portrayed as an action for moving things forward. | |