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Overview of country planning: Progress and Challenges

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Outline

- Overview of progress in the development of country plans
- Challenges and how TMG is planning to address them

Progress at a glance: Then... (end of 2016)

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Country Planning Dashboard as of Dec 8, 2016

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Are we measuring what matters?

Quality of the process

- Is the plan fully owned by the Government?
- Are all stakeholders fully engaged in the planning process, providing input (MoH, MoF, development partners) ?

Quality of the plans

- Is the plan **aligned with national health priorities** and processes?
- Does the plan have a **realistic and sustainable financing strategy**, including domestic resources, and with a detailed budget for specific activities?
- Does the plan entail elements for **national capacity building**, with a gradual transfer of responsibilities to the Government?
- Is there a plan for ensuring **sustainable implementation of the polio essential functions**, mainstreaming into existing structures (e.g., broader disease surveillance and outbreak response mechanisms)?

Draft country plans at a glance

- **8** countries have draft transition plans
- **4** include details on how polio essential functions will be mainstreamed
- **3** include a detailed budget
- **5** have a financing strategy
- **7** include provisions for domestic funding

*Most of these are **early drafts**, to be discussed further at country level.*

*We expect them to go through significant refinement
in the next six months.*



Challenge 1: Timing

- The planning process is taking longer time than initially foreseen. Not all countries will have draft plans by end 2017
- Dilemma between “moving fast” and “ensuring quality”

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD:

- Re-inforce messaging on the ramp down – “GPEI budget reductions are a reality”
- Targeted advocacy and support to those countries lagging behind

Challenge 2: Country Ownership

- The process is still being led at the “technical level” . There is a not sufficient high level ownership of the process

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD:

- Develop a detailed **high level advocacy strategy** to better engage Ministers (Health/Finance/Budget & Planning) and WHO/UNICEF Country Representatives
- Build **WHO and UNICEF Regional Office and Country Office capacity** to lead, with the goal of having them drive the process by June 2018 .

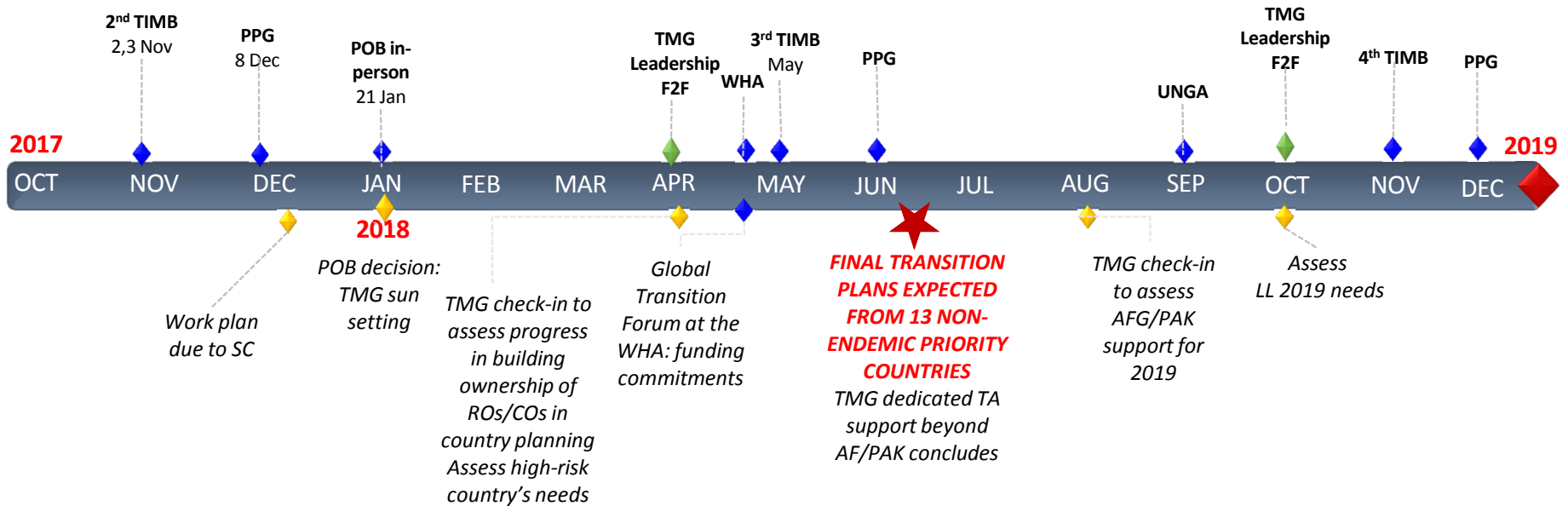
Challenge 3: Quality

- Many of the plans assume WHO/UNICEF support will continue over the long term, at the same levels
- Polio essential functions still need to be fully embedded into the draft plans
- **PROPOSED WAY FORWARD:**
 - Communicate **quality indicators**, emphasizing the importance of national capacity building and sustainability
 - Share **best practices** (e.g. Nepal's plans to build government ownership over time)
 - Share **PCS guidance** with countries, detailing roles and responsibilities of countries to sustain a polio-free world

Challenge 4: Sustainability

- Few draft plans have identified sustainable financing options. There is an expectation for external funding support to continue
- Few plans include domestic funding options and are requesting resource mobilization support/guidance
- Likely for plans to remain on the shelf in fragile and conflict affected states, with limited funding options
- **PROPOSED WAY FORWARD:**
 - **Engage the TIMB to help expand the scope of discussions,** especially for joint approaches to supporting fragile, conflict affected countries
 - **Advocate for domestic funding options** (e.g. Africa Immunization Business Case)
 - **Communicate upcoming in-country stakeholder meetings** (e.g., Cameroon in early December)

Targeting June 2018 for final plans, while building regional and country office ownership



TMG to strengthen RO/CO role in country planning support

Streamlined support for AFG and PAK based on best practices from other countries

Lessons Learned activities continue



THANK YOU