

# POB Minutes

*19 September 2014 (noon - 1pm, PDT)*

## POB Members on the call:

- Dr. Anafri Asamoah-Baah (WHO/ Deputy Secretary General, filling in for Dr. Margaret Chan)
- Dr. Chris Elias (BMGF)
- Dr. Tom Frieden (CDC)
- Mr. John Germ (Rotary)
- Mr. Tony Lake (UNICEF)

## Other staff:

- Dr. Bruce Aylward (WHO)
- Dr. Greg Armstrong (CDC)
- Dr. Hamid Jafari (WHO)
- Dr. Jay Wenger (BMGF)
- Dr. Steve Cochi (CDC)
- Mr. Mickey Chopra (UNICEF)
- Ms. Carol Pandak (Rotary)
- Ms. Suchita Guntakatta (BMGF)

## Ebola

### Decisions/ Action Items

- POB members agree to maintain the group's focus on polio during the Ebola outbreak, while recognizing the strain on resources that the Ebola outbreak is causing and acknowledge the positive impact of support of polio infrastructure to the control of the Ebola virus
- The POB emphasized the importance of fully exploiting the narrow window of opportunity to stop polio (in advance of end-2014)
- WHO and UNICEF regional offices should establish business continuity plans to ensure that critical polio activities for the next six months (i.e., through the low season of 2015) can be conducted as planned

### Key takeaways:

- The POB felt that the program (including partners and the government) is being aggressive in Nigeria. We should continue our efforts there
- In Equatorial Guinea, the POB will see what the review indicates and determine next steps for government engagement.
- We are on-track for synchronized SIAs in West and Central Africa, with the exception of four Ebola-affected countries: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Senegal. These coordinated SIAs will reach approximately 93 million children

## Pakistan

### Decisions/ Action Items

- POB members will meet with other donors and governments at UNGA to make sure messages to Pakistan are on-point
- BMGF to try coordinating a meeting with the Pakistan PM and POB principals

- POB principals to follow-up with the Pakistani cabinet ministers, as well, during UNGA
- BMGF to draft a POB statement by end of next week to be reviewed by partners and released post-UNGA. The POB statement on Pakistan should focus on financial and epidemiological data
- POB members agreed to ensure the nature of the GPEI narrative and interaction with the Government of Pakistan is unequivocal and appropriately portrays the alarming situation
- Post-UNGA, the POB should develop a strong communication plan to engage China and other influential governments

## Cameroon

### Decisions/ Action Items

- POB members to follow up with contacts relevant to situation in Cameroon (i.e., Rotarians, ambassadors)
- Mr. Gates to call the President of Cameroon by early October with key messages about government ownership and actions to improve surveillance and stop transmission
- POB members will meet with Cameroonian leadership at UNGA to express concern over the recent outbreak, and will emphasize the importance of improved coverage and surveillance
- WHO to follow-up with contacts in Cameroon to obtain an update on the current review and share results with the Government of Cameroon
- Technical partners to approach government of Cameroon with strategy for IPV campaign for refugee camps in Cameroon

## GPEI Management Review

### Decisions/ Action Items

- PwC to send draft findings to POB principals on 9/23.