



Strategy Committee Monthly Summary

December 2020

DECEMBER 2020 GPEI STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Meeting
3 December	SC weekly meeting
4 December	SC ad hoc meeting – management review
4 December	FAC meeting
10 December	SC-only ad hoc meeting
17 December	SC weekly meeting
18 December	SC presentation to the POB

DECISIONS

Date	Topic	Decision
17 Dec	Management Review	Draft ToRs to be developed for discussion/review in January 2021
17 Dec	Governance Review	Approval for the implementation of proposed short-term actions.
17 Dec	POB planning	On cadence for calls: POB meetings will be moving from quarterly to bi-monthly.

UPCOMING TOPICS

Note: Upcoming topics are listed here, based on existing information collected by the SC Secretariat.

- Resource Mobilisation Group – interaction with Gavi
- nOPV2 roll out follow up
- Management Review: Update on revised structure and proposed ToRs

OUTLINE OF DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS (PER TOPIC)

Topic	Date	Outline	Action
GPEI inspiration / Good news sharing	3 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPRTT/Africa Budget Summit: 19 outbreak countries budgets have been reviewed. While focusing on fundraising for polio, Rotary aims at mobilizing its clubs and working with communities to stop the spread of COVID-19. Aidan O’Leary has been appointed as WHO/POL Director, as of January 2021. 	
	17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK letter contributing £70 million to GPEI for the period 2020-2021. Rotary confirmed German contribution of EUR 35M for 2021. 	
PACT restructuring and ToRs	17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New name is Resource Mobilization Group (RMG). WHO and UNICEF as co-chairs; UN Foundation providing the Secretariat; Donor Communications by Global Health Strategies. Dedicated sub-groups with specialized resource mobilization focus to support diversifying resources and donor base. A dedicated Donor Communications function - focused support to ensure tailored communications materials to support donor advocacy efforts. Dedicated liaisons with relevant GPEI management groups to allow a cohesive narrative. <p><i>SC discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to continue the established relationship and communication with Gavi. Sub-group team leads to be decided early in 2021. Suggestion to mobilise short term support for 2021 Q1-Q2, for adequate capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule a more in-depth discussion on Gavi interaction.
Management Review	4 Dec	Consultation session with the SC on level of change, decision making and consensus within a revised GPEI management structure – what would be acceptable and feasible for GPEI partners?	
	17 Dec	<p>Discussion on the draft new structure, as presented by Camber Collective.</p> <p>Based on the discussion, the agreement was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not to situate policy development as a separate body in the org chart (aligns with SAGE WG). IHR – exists regardless of polio but does give recommendations to polio. Clarification on PPG membership and agreement on the positioning of the PPG in the org chart in the advisory group. FAC function needs to be reflected. Try to find conventional names for the regional groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camber Collective to put together a master calendar. Need to agree on what is feasible/manageable in terms of engagement expectations. [COMPLETE]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At ToR stage- would be helpful to include how the groups will interact & who will be responsible for representing work to the SC. ○ No duplication of functions but will build on functions that already exist in the regions. ○ No SC objection to Camber moving to ToR development stage. 	
Governance Review	17 Dec	<p>Presentation of short-term actions that that could rapidly be implemented to facilitate some immediate progress in the implementation of the governance review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SC to agree on recommendations that support alternating management and strategic SC meetings (SC monthly updates, SC monthly planning, GPEI dashboard, strategic discussions planning). ○ SC to agree on actions that facilitate stakeholders' engagement in strategic discussions (donor's participation, open meetings). ○ SC to agree on medium-term and short-term actions to make improvements to GPEI's website (upgrade to be conducted by May 2021). ○ SC to agree on short-term and medium-term actions for the "GPEI 101" tutorial (to be developed by May 2021). <p>In principle, SC agreed with the outlined proposal.</p>	
Polio-Covid19	17 Dec	Preparation by the advocacy group for GPEI statement for POB endorsement.	
POB planning	17 Dec	<p>Upcoming POB meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January: POB kick off meeting, with BMGF taking over as chair. Set the stage for 2021 engagement, how POB will be working together, and risk management approach for GPEI. ○ February: Management review recommendations and update on the strategy revision. ○ March/April: Open call TBC - presentation of the final strategy and budget. 	
nOPV2 roll out	3 Dec	<p>nOPV2 Working Group update on nOPV2 rollout, timelines, phases and remaining challenges, including most recent information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of recently approved Interim EUL ○ Clinical studies ○ Next Steps ○ Requirements for first use of nOPV2 ○ Progress in planning in Africa region ○ Coordination in the Middle East ○ Preparedness in Asia ○ nOPV2 supply availability and shelf-life ○ Moving beyond the initial use phase B, to Phase C and D / requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CDC to share with the nOPV2 WG and the SC the steps taken in support of Rwanda and Uganda preparedness for the Ebola vaccine. ○ nOPV2 WG to provide the SC with a list of specific asks that require SC's attention and guidance/support. [COMPLETE] ○ GCG to provide the SC with an update on the nOPV2 global communication plan and outcome of the effort to create efficiencies and collaboration with COVID-19 vaccine comms. [COMPLETE]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of safety data flow plan ○ Prioritization of activities for 2021, post-initial use ○ Review of nOPV2 WG role and transition ○ Financial implications related to Phase C ○ Updated communication on nOPV2 on the GPEI website (www.polioeradication.org/nOPV2) <p><u>SC Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need of a strong/effective and proactive communication on nOPV2 at all levels (global, regional and country), bearing in mind that at about the same time the COVID-19 vaccine will be rolled out. > A global communication plan has been developed and coordination with the COVAX teams is being planned. ○ Management of countries expectations and vaccine availability, through continuous supply planning and close collaboration within GPEI. ○ Analysis of possibilities for intersections, collaboration and cost efficiencies with Covid19 vaccine. ○ Importance of a realistic planning, country preparedness budget, high quality data. ○ A lot of the assessment after the first use relates to ADFI surveillance. ○ Funding should not be a stopper. The partnership will fully support country preparedness. 	
Integration	3 Dec	<p>Presentation of the draft plan on operationalization of the polio-immunization integration for SC feedback and inputs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interim Programme of Work (iPOW) for integrated actions in the context of the pandemic ○ Management and coordination between POL and EPI ○ Suggestion to shift focus and come to a cost efficient, win-win framework between the two programmes ○ Community engagement and service delivery - strategic priority areas ○ Three areas of focus: high-risk communities, underserved communities, multiantigen SIAs ○ Proposed next steps <p><u>SC Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brainstorming stage at this point. The work will be widely consulted and further refined. ○ What will be different? What are the new resources that can ensure implementation? ○ Need to determine a way forward that works for polio and immunization. <p>This work is important. Need to think in practical ways and define what integration means for polio eradication.</p>	