

GLOBAL PROGRAMS LEARNING GROUP WORKPLAN 2009-2010

GLOBAL PROGRAMS & AID EFFECTIVENESS The Accra Action Agenda described the significant shift in accepting global programs into development discussions, and identified some areas where progress can be made: *'Global funds & programmes make an important contribution to development. The programmes they fund are most effective in conjunction with complementary efforts to improve the policy environment and to strengthen the institutions in the sectors in which they operate. We call upon all global funds to support country ownership, to align and harmonise their assistance proactively, and to make good use of mutual accountability frameworks, while continuing their emphasis on achieving results.'* Outcomes generated at the High Level Forum strongly supported ongoing work by global programs but also call for more action to be taken to further engage the work of global programs to improve aid effectiveness.

FORMAT OF THE LEARNING GROUP The Global Programs Learning Group was formed in 2006 to respond to the Paris Declaration, and is committed to actions to improve aid effectiveness within their institutions. Membership includes The Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI), the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund), the Fast Track Initiative for Education (FTI), the Cities Alliance and the Consultative Group for International Agriculture Research (CGIAR), the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and with input from the Health Metrics Network (HMN) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Collectively they account for a significant portion of financing for development and have made substantive contributions to the Paris principles, including inclusive country ownership and achieving results. The Learning Group, with support from the OECD Secretariat provides a forum for:

- Learning and sharing of best practices through regular teleconferencing, meetings and bilateral discussions
- Coordination and facilitation to Paris OECD processes
- Accountability to commit and implement actions

The Global Programs Learning Group expressed an interest at the November 2008 meeting of the Working Party to provide feedback to the WP/EFF, including lessons and reports on ongoing progress in aid effectiveness. The Learning Group is pleased to participate in working party sub-structures to have a two-way dialogue on good practices on results, accountability, and monitoring. Additionally a role for monitoring of financial flows in the framework of results is a comparative advantage this group can share.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN To support the implementation of the Paris and Accra commitments and promote aid effectiveness more broadly, the Global Programs Learning Group has collectively developed the following joint work plan with suggested timelines. This is supplemental to the work of individual global programs which may be broader than described here.

TIMELINE The proposed work plan covers the period 2009-2010. There will be a feedback session to the Working Party on progress at the end of 2009, and a report presented for discussion at the first Working Party meeting in early 2010. For further information, please contact prema.banati@theglobalfund.org

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIONS FROM GLOBAL PROGRAMS LEARNING GROUP WORK PLAN 2009-2010

5 PRIORITY AREAS	ACTIONS
I. Promote transparency & predictability	1. Provide transparent reporting, including to OECD of global programs finances to countries and improve predictability
	2. Prepare brief report on actions taken to improve predictable and transparent financing
II. Monitoring	3. Improve Paris Declaration monitoring survey, increasing coverage and quality.
	4. Provide a forum for shared learning of aid effectiveness among Global Programs and others through joint meetings and bilateral discussions
	5. Integrate aid effectiveness as part of routine monitoring and evaluation of Global Programs
III. Results and Impact	6. Exchanging information and documenting innovation on managing for development results, including linkages with MfDR Cluster
	7. Strengthen the case for management for results in the Paris process
IV. Broaden ownership and improve alignment	8. Actions to improve support for and links to country strategies & programs
	9. Taking steps to make ownership more inclusive by incorporating CSOs, private sector and fragile states into Global Programs
	10. Actions to align Global Program funds to country reporting and fiscal cycles
V. Innovation	11. Exchange of information on innovative financing, including contributing best practices to innovative financing task team

**GLOBAL PROGRAM WORKPLAN
2009-2010**

I. PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY & PREDICTABILITY

1. Provide transparent reporting, including to OECD of global programs finances to countries and improve predictability
2. Prepare brief report on actions taken to improve predictable and transparent financing

GLOBAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

- FTI's replenishment process will emphasize aid effectiveness to achieve long-term predictable financing. Roadmap presented in April 2009, with replenishment process in two phases.
- As part of the GEF 5 strategy and replenishment process, the GEF is revamping its resource allocation framework to improve the predictability and transparency of its financing.
- Global Fund is developing policy to support communication & collaboration between Ministries of Health and Finance. Global Fund has approved policy for coordinated support to program salaries and compensation, to encourage sustainability & consistency. Next phase is implementation into proposals & programs.
- The CGIAR will establish a new Fund, expected to be operational by the end of calendar year 2009. The Fund is expected to provide more predictable, multi-year financing to the system and enhance transparency in funding allocation and utilization in the system. An accountability framework and decision making mechanisms will support the new Fund.
- From 2009, GAVI reports fund flows to the OECD CRS. GAVI will further improve the website to reflect details of commitments and disbursements in a more accessible manner.
- PEPFAR 2 to move towards TA-driven model of support to partner countries, strengthening countries to drive implementation arrangements. PEPFAR has consistently funded health systems strengthening and programs. Anticipated sustained USD 30 billion investments into existing health programs (mortgage for all programs), with about USD 6 billion in new programs from 2009 to 2013.

II. MONITORING

3. Improve Paris Declaration monitoring survey, increasing coverage and quality.
4. Provide a forum for shared learning of aid effectiveness among Global Programs and others including Global Programs meetings and bilateral discussions
5. Integrate aid effectiveness as part of routine monitoring and evaluation of Global Programs

GLOBAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

- Global Programs to contribute to Paris Declaration monitoring survey methodology through Cluster D, including measures of results and accountability.
- Survey of education sector Paris Indicators in 10 FTI countries will be presented by end of March 2009. Paris indicators to be included in regular country level monitoring for countries through development of a guide on joint sector reviews. FTI will be collecting data from lead donors based on a short list of core indicators that local education groups are urged to use for their joint sector review.
- FTI is working with UIS to extend its coverage to quality indicators and has introduced new global indicators on quality. FTI will focus on updating and validating its Indicative Framework to provide agreed on policy benchmarks for the education sector.
- Global Fund will be incorporating measures of aid effectiveness into routine grant monitoring. Aid effectiveness is included as a key corporate performance indicator for the Global Fund.
- The CGIAR to form an Independent Science and Partnership Council to provide strong, forward looking ex ante advice, while catalyzing and mobilizing linkage between best science and content and delivery partnerships. There will be standardized and harmonized independent evaluation at the system and program levels.
- From 2009, GAVI reports to the OECD CRS. GAVI is incorporating PD measurements into routine M&E, and establishing a monitoring framework to measure progress against PD & AAA, and making information on financial commitments and plans easier to access.
- PEPFAR has worked to harmonize indicators with internationally agreed measures; 74% of the new indicators match to some degree those of at least one multi-lateral partner. PEPFAR also commits to increasingly support use of existing mechanisms such as NASAs and NHAs to conduct financial monitoring and accounting in countries

III. RESULTS & IMPACT

6. Exchanging information and documenting innovation on managing for development results, including linkages with MfDR Cluster
7. Strengthen the case for management for results in the Paris process

GLOBAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

- Global Fund to contribute to evidence of impact of aid on program performance and show linkages between aid effectiveness and results. This includes documenting the Global Fund's performance based funding policy.
- FTI evaluation will provide focus both on results/impact as well as lessons to be learnt on aid effectiveness. Some initial findings will be presented in April 2009, with final report in spring 2010. FTI Partnership Meeting in April will bring together stakeholders from FTI countries to share knowledge and lessons including on improving aid effectiveness.
- The GEF is working to further develop its results-based management strategy, with greater attention to standardized approaches and the use of globally recognized indicators.
- The CGIAR will establish Mega Programs with quantified and measurable outputs and impact. This will support the delivery of results on (big ticket) development issues.
- Based on the evaluation of GAVI's performance based Immunisation Services Support (ISS), , and following the recommendations of an expert independent Data Task Team, GAVI is rationalising country support programmes
- PEPFAR 2 continues to support joint results reporting and harmonisation of national results with Global Fund, UNAIDS and WHO.

IV. BROADEN OWNERSHIP AND IMPROVE ALIGNMENT

8. Actions to improve support for and links to country strategies & programs
9. Taking steps to make ownership more inclusive by incorporating CSOs, private sector and fragile states into Global Programs
10. Actions to align Global Program funds to country reporting and fiscal cycles

GLOBAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

- FTI's work on solving the financing of fragile states is well underway under the leadership of UNICEF. Update expected mid-2009.
- FTI has awarded a grant to GCE to improve civil society participation in the development and implementation of education sector plans.
- With the Launch of the Earth Fund, the GEF is looking to scale up engagement with the private sector.
- CGIAR's Mega Programs will support the move away from project funding to programmatic funding, enhance donor harmonization and efficient resource management, include more partnerships, and reducing gap between research and delivery.
- GAVI continues to roll out innovative CSO support to strengthen involvement in service delivery and governance. The pilot phase ends in 2010 to be followed by an evaluation.
- GAVI's work on aid effectiveness mainly takes place within the framework of the International Health Partnership (IHP), including developing new joint approaches to HSS support programmes.
- The Global Fund is streamlining alignment measures into operational policy, with policy paper to support alignment to country systems and cycles finalised by April 2009.
- The Global Fund is rolling out National Strategy applications, with a first learning wave in 2009. This will simplify application & reporting for countries by directly financing country national strategies.
- PEPFAR 2 is rolling out partnership frameworks (with four countries already signed and 14 planned in the near future) to integrate USG support into national strategies based on national goals through a comprehensive implementation plan based on projected funding. Partnership frameworks also form the basis of integrated use of national systems
- As part of the GEF 5 strategy and replenishment process, the GEF is proposing to give countries the lead role in developing programs aligned to their national priorities through funding for the development of *Voluntary National GEF Business Plans* for GEF programming

V. INNOVATION

11. Exchange of information on innovative financing, including contributing best practices to innovative financing task team

GLOBAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

- GAVI and the Global Fund actively engaged in the work of the High Level Task Force on Innovative Financing for Health Systems, which issued its report in September 2009. The report recommended expanding the Financing Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm) along with expansion of the airline tax and other measures to ensure longer-term and additional financing for the work of global programs and for health systems.
- GAVI's pilot Advanced Market Commitment for pneumococcal vaccine was operational in Q2 of 2009.