

Conference call (16 July 2014):

Follow-up of the 2013 November Nairobi Workshop on Costing and Financial Tracking

Community of Practice (CoP 1) on Planning, Costing, Implementing and Financing Multi-Sector Actions for Improved Nutrition

1. Key points

- The main expected outcome from this conference call was to build agreement on the methodologies that will be commonly used and to discuss next steps in costing and financial tracking leading up to the SUN Movement Global Gathering in November 2014.
- Emerging **minimum criteria** for the Community of Practice are:
 - **On costing:**
 - Use unit costs per implementation target.
 - Make explicit the assumptions and methodologies/calculations used to identify unit costs.
 - Make explicit the final target coverage (this should implicitly include current spending/current number of beneficiaries).
 - Make explicit the costs for governance *across* sectors (this would include costs for joint planning, coordination, M&E, operational research, capacity building, advocacy and communications).
 - **On tracking of Government resources:**
 - Use the national government budgets as an entry point.
 - Identify ministries and sectors that include potential nutrition spending.
 - Consider a [three-step approach](#) based on the identification of programmes that include potential nutrition spending.
 - Use existing information in these sectors if available (e.g. National Health Accounts).
 - **On tracking of external resources:**
 - Use the aid database.
 - Refer to the [methodology](#) agreed by the Donor Network in December 2013.
 - Important lessons to be shared by the Donor Network with Governments on categorization and attribution of nutrition-sensitive spending.
 - For further discussion: a more detailed mapping of CSO's investments could be proposed at global level and in a few countries where CSO's investments are particularly important.
 - **On transparency:**
 - Governments should make data on spending for nutrition publicly accessible; conversely CSO's should make their spending available to governments.
- Different methodologies and tools are available to countries. For example:
 - Situation/Landscape Analysis, PROFILES, Coverage Dashboards, Stakeholder Mapping, are all devices that help with planning, advocacy and monitoring;
 - OneHealth costing tool and ABC methodology are devices to assist in costing;
 - Public Expenditure Review (PER) and National Health Accounts (NHA) are devices for detailed tracking of spending.
- Countries can choose any methodology that is fit for their purposes as long as the methodology meets the basic requirements for transparency and replicability. Assumptions and principles should be clearly stated by the agencies involved in conducting costing and financial tracking.

2. Way-forward

- Next conference call to be organized mid of October (TBC) leading up to the Global Gathering in November 2014

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