



RMNCAH TWG Updates 07.02.2018

a) The TWG Meeting

The Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent (RMNCAH) Technical Working Group (TWG) met on 5th February 2018 at the MOHCDGEC Main Office. The main agenda items were:

1. RMNCH Score Card
2. Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Reduction Campaign

Key issues discussed and way forward

1) Matters arising from the previous meeting (18 December 2017)

- Review and necessary changes were made to the minutes. For future communication the meeting was informed that CIDA no longer exists, its Global health CANADA
- To scale-up BEmONC and CEmONC services, a clear HRH plan should be provided to ensure qualified staff are available to provide the quality services.
- DPs reiterated their decision not to support per diems for MoH staff especially on issues that are pertaining to regular government work or planned government events.

2) Agenda items

• RMNCH Score Card

The RMNCH Scorecard TWG reviewed and updated the scorecard to align it with the One Plan II, HSSP IV and other Ministry initiatives. The RMNCH scorecard indicators have been harmonised with the Health Basket Fund Indicators. Two new impact indicators (anaemia among women 15 to 49 years; anaemia among children 0 to 59 months) and two new performance indicators (BEmONC and AMTSTL marker indicators) have been added. The Score card TWG also discussed, reviewed and updated six performance indicators (the Family Planning, Data Completeness, Data on Time, Nurse Midwives per 10,000, Tracer Commodities, and ORS/Zinc sulphate). This list of updated and reviewed RMNCH scorecard indicators is now ready to be used to in the Design, Development, Testing and Documentation of RMNCH scorecard. The Ministry is working closely with the College of Computer Science and Communications Technology of the University of Dar es Salaam (CSCT-UDSM) in completing the processes. During the implementation of this assignment, CSCT-UDSM will explore the mechanisms for establishing a sustainable data link between the NHIF/CHF and IVD electronic data bases to the HMIS/DHIS RMNCH scorecard tool. This arrangement will facilitate an automatic transfer of data from NHIF/CHF and IVD data bases to the DHIS2 data base for populating the CHF and IVD indicators in the RMNCH scorecard. The MOHCDGEC will also work with ALMA to explore means of internalizing / developing a mechanism for the DHIS2 RMNCH Scorecard tool to be linked / exporting data to the ALMA RMNCH scorecard tool. This arrangement will increase the visibility of the Tanzania RMNCH Scorecard and efforts to achieve international levels. After testing, dissemination and approval the updated RMNCH scorecard will be launched by the Vice President during first quarter of 2018, possibly during the MM Campaign.



- **Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Reduction Campaign**

The GoT have allocated 300 Mil for the second year of the campaign, however there still funding gap for some of the pre-launch and launch activities. The gaps are related to costs to bring Regional Commissioners (RCs) to participate in the launch event. DPs advised the government to find ways to fund the participation of the RCs given their importance in the management of this campaign.

The Communication group presented their plan and some of the materials and products that will be used before, during and after the launch of the campaign. The meeting advised the team to share all materials to all members of the RMNCH TWG for review and technical guidance and also to ensure that messages and materials should cut across all the proposed thematic areas (Maternal health, New-born & Child health, Adolescent & youth, Family Planning and Gender – male involvement etc). To strategically engage the media and reduce some of the costs, the ministry was advised to approach the Media houses to get their commitment and explore how best to use the existing free programme.

AOB and Next step

- Review the budget for the campaign so that items not very critical should be removed
- Presence of RCs is very important, the Government will have to figure out how they will attend the campaign launch (use the opportunity of the Parliamentary Budget Session starting in April)
- The Next TWG will be on April 5th -2018