

**RH Supplies Coalition Membership Meeting April 2007**  
**Strategic Plan:**  
**Reports on the**  
**Break-out sessions Across Working Groups**  
**Friday, April 27**

Assignment:

Meeting participants were assigned to one of four groups. Each group was asked to consider one of the goals of three goals of the Strategic Plan (two groups were assigned to Goal 1) and provide feedback on the following:

- The stated objectives and indicators for the focus areas
- Any recommended changes to the stated objectives and indicators
- What the Coalition will need to do to achieve the goal
- How the proposed activities relate to and are affected by the changing foreign assistance environment

Numbers below refer to the table in the Strategic Plan, titled *Detailed Strategic Framework*

**Goal #1: Increase availability, predictability and sustainability of financing for RH supplies**

Report by Scott Radloff

Overall comments of the group: they agreed with the goal and the focus areas and they considered 2010 to be a feasible target date, by which it will be possible to show some progress on the objectives. They had one critical question: what is the denominator? All of the indicators will need baselines, as a means of verification whether an objective is being met: Yes/No.

Specific comments on objectives and indicators:

- 1.1.1 Objective: change wording to say: ...in at least 20 additional countries  
First indicator: change wording to: "...number of poor/middle income countries with budgetary line item..."  
Fourth indicator: add wording as follows: Number of countries with RH supplies included in PRSP, CSP, and budgets.  
Add another indicator: Percent of total RH supply budget funded by government and partners.
- 1.1.2 Objective: revise to emphasize better equity in access to RH through use of public sector resources for the poor.  
Indicators: for first indicator, change to "percent of users in upper two quintiles; for second indicator, change to "percent of users in lower two quintiles; for third indicator, change to Difference in percent of need satisfied between upper 2 and lower 2 quintiles."

1.3.1 Indicators: rewrite the first indicator to be more clear on supply chains by including mention of:

- safe motherhood
- related systems strengthening
- aim to achieve this in line with harmonization, system mechanisms

1/4/1 Indicator: replace “Above and beyond funds provided....” with Including funds provided...”

#### Report by Tanvi Pandit

Overall group comments regarding the role of the RH Supplies Coalition: it will be important to...

- build the capacity of Coalition partners to advocate for RH resource mobilization.
- reach agreement on and foster coordination

#### General discussion on Goal #1:

- We need to be specific about when we are talking broadly and should refer to RH supplies versus when we are talking specifically about contraceptive supplies. For example, objective 1.1.2 is about contraceptives.
- Baselines:
  - DHS data for quintiles inc some countries may not be available before 2010; however, that should still be kept as an indicator.
  - The denominator is a critical issue for many of the indicators and will need further work
- PMNCH:
  - The Coalition should establish a linkage/relationship with them.
  - Possible areas of collaboration: 1) data and indicators, performance-based support. 2) Supplies is a basic issue for PMNCH, but their focus to date has been the continuum of care; the Coalition could help them look at supplies issues
  - They have selected 6 countries in Africa for scale-up.
- The World Bank has completed a study on averting maternal mortality in Ghana, Nigeria, and India and will be glad to share the study results with the Coalition when they are available.

#### **Goal #2: Strengthen capacity of health systems to deliver RH supplies in a sustainable manner**

##### Report by Carolyn Hart

First focus area: change to “Strengthen low- and middle-income countries’ capacity to manage global supply chains for RH supplies.”

Objectives:

2.1.1 By [year] increase access to and use of tools and approaches to address key supply chain functions to forecast, finance, procure, and deliver supplies.

Suggested indicators:

- Increase in number of countries using RH Interchange and other existing data to proactively manage supplies (will need to identify the baseline)
- Increase in number of countries inputting data into RH Interchange (baseline is zero; target by 2010 could be 5)
- Number of countries that actually have modified their national Essential Medicines List to incorporate the newly approved RH Essential Medicines List.
- M. Usher-Patel suggested an additional indicator: Number of groups actually working in this area.

**Goal #3: Assure the added value of the RHSC as a productive and sustainable global partnership through efficiency, advocacy and innovation**

Report by Sandra Rolet: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3

3.1 Add wording to focus area as follows: “Provide a productive forum to improve....etc.”

Objectives and indicators: combine 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3 into a single objective: “Provide a forum for global, regional, and country organizations to improve collaboration/coordination....etc.” and add wording to make this measurable in terms of what we do and advocate for. This needs to be more dynamic – we are about more than meetings.

3.1.4: in the parenthetical remark “(e.g., letters, financing,....”etc.) the indicators are too specific; this should be the outcomes or products of activities.

3.2 Suggested new wording for Focus area: “Harmonized approaches and greater levels of efficiency achieved.”

Objectives:

3.2.1: Indicator: replace the word “redundancies” - it has too many different connotations.

Add a reference to indicators in the Paris Declaration, principles of partnerships, good practices of high level forums. (Note: there is some duplication in 3.1. and 3.2)

3.3 Change wording of focus area to say: Serve as a technical resource for RH commodity security.

3.3.1 Add the following objective:

Promote and improve access to and sharing of information on RHCS through multilingual information resources, such as website

3.3.2: Add: “Increased awareness of and profile of RHCS at meetings where key target audiences are present.”

## Comment

The Coalition should actively link with other partnerships and countries to extend these efforts to other areas within family planning.

## Report by Carolyn Vogel: 3.4, 3.5

Overall comments of group:

- Remove the term best practices from wording of focus areas, objectives, indicators... wherever it appears.
- Re: indicators and process: keep it simple. Measuring could become too burdensome.

Objectives and indicators:

3.4.1: Objectives should be descriptive, involve tracking trends, rather than quantifying. Clarification is needed regarding what should be quantified, and how.

3<sup>rd</sup> indicator: change to: "Number of organizations, countries applying/adopting tools/approaches for which there is Coalition consensus."

3.4.2: The objective is OK but it shouldn't be monitored/measured quantitatively.

3.5.2: Change wording in-depth evaluation to mid-term review

3.5.3: Change to: By first quarter of 2008, a 3 to 5-year financing and resource mobilization plan prepared and approved

Add: 3.5.4: Update the RHSC TOR as necessary as issues are addressed, such as membership. (This needs an indicator)

Comments on implications regarding the role/activities of the RHSC:

3.4: A plan needs to be developed for the activities required for the M&E: who, when and how of the data collection and synthesis

3.5: the objectives as written sufficiently describe the necessary activities

Note: the activities for 3.4.1 are those identified to achieve Goals 1 and 2.