



Antimicrobial Resistance Multi-Partner Trust Fund (AMR MPTF)

4th Steering Committee meeting

via video due to COVID-19 travel restrictions

20 October 2020 (14:00-17:00)

Minutes

Welcome and introductions

- The Chair, Matthew Stone (OIE), welcomed the participants and thanked the resource partners for their active engagement.

Item 1 – Update on progress since the previous Steering Committee meeting

- The Chair noted that the minutes of the 3rd Steering Committee meeting had been approved electronically and would be published on the [AMR MPTF Gateway](#).
- The recruitment process of the AMR MPTF Coordinator position was in the final stages; with a start date of early November 2020 envisaged.
- An updated version of the Operations Manual, taking into account feedback received from the resource partners, would be shared electronically in the coming weeks for validation.

Item 2 - Financial Situation

- Jennifer Topping (UNDP MPTF-Office) presented the Funding Framework; given proximity in date of the previous and 3rd Steering Committee meeting, the content had not changed.
- She also noted that just prior to the 4th Steering Committee meeting, the funds for Cambodia and Indonesia had been transferred.
- The Steering Committee was reminded that up-to-date financial information was publicly available on the [AMR MPTF Gateway](#).
- Stéphane Renaudin (OIE) provided an overview of the financial analysis document submitted to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting; the purpose of this document was to inform the decision-making and approval of country and global proposals. He highlighted that a prioritization of proposals would be needed, considering that there were insufficient monies to fund all tabled proposals. An additional USD 2.3 million would be required to fund all proposals in the pipeline.

Item 3 - Review of country proposals

- The Chair highlighted that country proposals from Kenya and Zimbabwe would be reviewed during the meeting.
- Each proposal was introduced by the Tripartite lead agency followed by a discussion amongst the participants.
 - Kenya: the proposal was clear and focused. The Steering Committee provided further insight into aspects of the proposal to facilitate implementation.
 - Zimbabwe: the Steering Committee welcomed the proposal but raised some concerns around the rationale of several activities and proposed timeframes. More broadly and based on the unique national context, sustainability and feasibility issues were signalled.



DECISION:

The Steering Committee approved the Kenya proposal without changes, with funds allocated as per the budget in the programmatic document. The Steering Committee approved the Zimbabwe proposal with technical amendments, with the overall budget allocated as per the programmatic document (revisions within this approved funding envelope could be made in line with the technical amendments). Further detailed feedback from the Steering Committee will be shared with the country teams to facilitate programme implementation. A review process, involving interested resource partners, will be undertaken to recommend specific technical amendments to the Zimbabwe proposal.

Item 4 – Review of global proposals

- The Chair reminded participants that this was the first time the Steering Committee would review global proposals and underscored the foundational importance of these proposals to facilitate country implementation and bolster achievements to support accomplishment of the Fund’s goals.
- The Chair highlighted that five global proposals would be reviewed: Legal frameworks, Global governance, Environment, Monitoring & Evaluation, and TISSA. The Chair also noted the need to prioritize proposals given available financial resources.
- Each proposal was introduced by the Tripartite lead agency and followed by a discussion amongst participants.
 - Legal frameworks: the proposal was well-formulated and seen to respond to country demands based on on-going work in the agriculture sector. The Steering Committee also noted the potential to further reduce travel costs by exploring more e-learning options for some of the proposed activities.
 - Global governance: the Steering Committee underscored their support for the establishment of the Global Leaders Group and the other governance structures recommended by the Interagency Coordination Group on AMR. However, it was agreed that the AMR MPTF was not the appropriate mechanism to fund global governance structures.
 - Environment: the Steering Committee welcomed this proposal, and saw it as an opportunity to address a current gap. They also signalled their support for the collaboration with UN Environment Programme (UNEP).
 - Monitoring & Evaluation: the proposal was well-structured and relevant to strengthen national M&E activities. The Steering Committee highlighted the importance of ensuring sustainability in overall costs and staffing requirements.
 - TISSA: the proposal was welcomed, but the Steering Committee underscored that data should not only be collected, but used to inform decisions. The importance of sustainability was also heralded.

DECISION:

The Steering Committee approved the following four global proposals: (1) Legal frameworks, (2) Environment, (3) Monitoring & Evaluation, and (4) TISSA; the funds were allocated as per the budgets presented in the programmatic document, but would take into account technical and budgetary feedback provided by the participants. Detailed feedback from the Steering Committee would be shared with the global programme teams to facilitate implementation.



The Steering Committee agreed to not approve the Global Governance proposal. The Steering Committee emphasized the need for sustainable funding for the Global Leaders Group and the other governance structures recommended by the Interagency Coordination Group on AMR. It was agreed that the Tripartite and resource partners will continue to explore options for sustainable funding through core contributions and stepping up support through the Tripartite governing bodies. The United Kingdom agreed to explore alternative funding sources, such as the Alliance of Champions on AMR group as mentioned in a recent letter of the UK Health Secretary to the Directors-General of the Tripartite.

Item 5 – Resource mobilization

- Katrin Taylor (FAO) provided an overview of resource mobilization outreach plans, including the supporting materials being developed and potential advocacy opportunities in the coming months. These materials would be shared with the Steering Committee and would be used to promote the AMR MPTF.
- The Steering Committee welcomed this information and noted the challenges of mobilizing resources for the AMR MPTF during the current pandemic. Participants encouraged that outreach be targeted towards non-traditional resource partners, including the private sector. Information on the framework for receiving funds from the private sector was provided (e.g., reference to the established due diligence process).

Item 6 – AOB

Outstanding country proposals and replenishing the proposal pipeline

- The Chair opened discussion on outstanding country proposals and queried whether proposal pipelines should be replenished. The Secretariat informed participants that the Tajikistan proposal had been submitted just prior to the Steering Committee meeting and was undergoing quality assurance checks. Progress on the Peru and Sudan proposals had been steady, but neither proposal had been submitted to date.
- The Steering Committee concurred that a meeting could be convened to approve submitted proposals, but remained open to exploring an electronic approval process should there be no diverging views.
- Regarding replenishing the proposal pipeline, it was agreed to address this in 2021.

Conclusions

- The date for the 5th AMR MPTF Steering Committee would be determined in 2021.
- The Chair concluded the meeting by congratulating the Steering Committee for the progress made over the past year. The Chair thanked the resource partners, the Tripartite and UNDP MPTF colleagues for their efforts and for making this first year of the AMR MPTF a success.



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