



CORE GROUP MEETING
February 10 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
MINUTES

Facilitator: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

Participants: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Gomer Padong (Philippines Social Enterprise Network), Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat), Priscilla Miranda (CEPEI), Arelys Bellorini (World Vision)

Excuses: JP Ngoyi (JDPC), Philipp Schonrock (CEPEI)

1) Review of Action points from F2F Meeting

Andrew led the group in a review of the Action points from the F2F meeting. **(Action points registered in specific file).**

Naiara informed the group that the Secretariat plans to issue communications to the Membership once a month in 3 languages (English/Spanish and French). Communications have been shared in December and January already. Other information will be shared in English until there is established capacity within the Secretariat to provide for more translated information.

Fiscal agent: Andrew informed that he is having internal discussions within Sightsavers to check for the possibility of them taking up this role. The Core Group discussed the need to also set up a “Plan B”. **(ACTION: Secretariat to generate a discussion by email).**

On the **fundraising proposal**, Andrew informed that he has started drafting a proposal (2017-2020) after a meeting held with Priscilla (CEPEI) and based on the “theory of change” discussions held during the F2F meeting. He will be reviewing the document and will share with the Core Group soon for discussion during the next meeting (Feb 24). Gomer reminded the need to connect the fundraising with the communication strategy that he is drafting. **ACTION: (1) Andrew: Share draft fundraising proposal with the Group. (2) Secretariat to add “fundraising” to the agenda of the next meeting).**

The group reaffirmed the importance of increasing the gender balance within the Core Group and the need of being careful about representation from region and organizations. Leaders should be identified firstly by region and then by the engagement of their organization with Together 2030 as well as their affiliation with other Groups. **(ACTION: Secretariat to set up follow up conversation via email reinforcing the principles for engagement).**

Secretariat contract and Naiara’s maternity leave. Discussions being held between Sightsavers and World Vision. Details on period for maternity leave to be defined – proposal for hiring a junior temporary consultant to cover for Naiara and having members of the Core Group assuming more responsibilities.

On the Task Forces/Working Group – Naiara informed that those are being established and will start working soon. Regional/National Structures task force to provide recommendations for the consideration of the Core Group on ways of structuring Together 2030 at those levels. The Core Group highlighted the importance of managing expectation regarding capacity and resources available for that work. Some Members of the Core Group will be engaging directly with this Task Force and will support with clarifying those.



Andrew informed that he was going in a Mission to Sierra Leone in a few weeks and was planning to discuss national review with them. He is considering planning a meeting with Together 2030 Members there (**Action: Andrew to follow up with Naiara for contacts**). Gomer shared some concerns about the political landscape in the Philippines and lack of clarity about how implementation will be held.

2) Preparing for February Webinars

Naiara shared plans for February webinars:

1. **February 19** – Information sharing webinar – Busani and Gomer to engage (**Action: Naiara to follow up by email and send updated ppt**).
2. **February 25** – 2nd of the “Implementation Series” - Measuring the ambition: setting up the SDG Indicators – All Core Group members were invited to engage/participate actively on this one.

The Group agreed on the importance of organizing webinars tailored for the time zones of Asia and the Pacific. Gomer will be connecting with colleagues in those regions and will flag to the Secretariat to organize specific events.

3. Calendar of Meetings 2016

The Group reviewed the calendar of meetings for 2016 and discussed the engagement in some specific actions.

4. AOB

- Next meetings of the Core Group
 - February 24^h – (**Action: Secretariat to follow up via email to identify a volunteer to facilitate the call**).