



CORE GROUP MEETING
November 2 2016 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time
MINUTES

Facilitator of the month: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

Participants: Marggie Simo (World Vision), Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat).

(1) 1st Anniversary of Together 2030 – Naiara reviewed the detailed plans and follow up actions and informed that she would be reaching out directly to activity leads for next steps. Naiara will be sending personal emails to members of the Core Group requesting for blog contributions.

Andrew informed that the revamped website is currently under construction and that Sightsavers is already covering the costs associated with those changes. New website will have a better structure and easier navigation as well as a better way for members and partners to register (to become members or for newsletters). All this will be balanced with the need for easy updating, as Naiara will continue to be responsible for keeping the website updated. Work is already in progress and Andrew is checking if the new website can be ready for the 1st Anniversary activities.

Additional updates on 1st Anniversary proposal to be shared by email.

Action Points:

- Naiara to reach out to Core Group members to follow up on specific responsibilities regarding the 1st Anniversary.
- Naiara to reach out to Core Group members for blog contributions.
- Andrew to inform the Core Group of expected time for new website to be available.

(2) Face-to-Face meeting - Marggie updated the Group on the plans for a face-to-face meeting to be held in 2017. They are going to share a checklist and a timeline and will propose dates so Members of the Core Group can book their agendas. Recommendation is to have the meeting in March (23-24), in New York, when new Core Group is expected to be in place. Operationalization of the meeting is subjected to the availability of resources.

Action Points:

- Arelys/Marggie to present checklist and timeline proposal and also potential contribution from World Vision to the meeting.



(3) **2017 Workplan** – The Group agreed on the need to start drafting the 2017 Workplan as soon as possible and to review it once the expanded Core Group is in place. It was agreed that the next Core Group meeting (Nov 16) should focus on brainstorming for the 2017 Workplan.

Action Points:

- Naiara to draft next Core Group meeting agenda focusing on brainstorming for 2017 Workplan.

(4) **Funding and fundraising:**

- Naiara informed the Group that the activities report was being finalized to be launched that week and that it was going to be a useful tool for reaching out to external partners.
- Naiara informed that she will be reaching out to the Core Group for the next step on the resource mobilization with Together 2030 Members.

(5) **AOB**

- Invitation to regional colleagues to attend Core Group meetings – The Group agreed to hold on this idea for a while and discuss it during as part of the 2017 Workplan.