



Strategy Committee Monthly Summary

January 2021

JANUARY 2021 GPEI STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Meeting
7 January	SC weekly meeting
12 January	SC participation to the <i>POB meeting</i>
14-15 January	SC participation to the <i>Regional Directors and Partner Meeting on Polio Eradication in Afghanistan and Pakistan</i>
21 January	SC weekly meeting
28 January	SC weekly meeting

UPCOMING TOPICS

Note: Upcoming topics are listed here, based on existing information collected by the SC Secretariat.

- Planning and coordination on monovalent and novel OPV2 vaccine use in Africa.
- Management review recommendations ahead of POB decision.
- Review of the proposed new GPEI strategy.
- Way forward for integration.
- Regular update on the nOPV2 rolling out.
- Way forward on risk management.

OUTLINE OF DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS (PER TOPIC)

Topic	Date	Outline	Action
GPEI inspiration / Good news sharing	21 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USG statement to re-join as a member of the WHO 	
Country updates	7 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft agenda for the upcoming <i>Regional Directors and Partner Meeting on Polio Eradication in Afghanistan and Pakistan</i>. 	
Vaccine	7 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of vaccine type 2 (mOPV and nOPV): Discussion on planning of monovalent and novel OPV2 vaccine use, with a need to further discuss plans, intentions and coordination. 	Action: a follow up meeting was agreed to discuss planning and coordination on monovalent and novel OPV2 vaccine use in Africa.
nOPV2 roll out	21 Jan	<p>Update on the nOPV2 roll out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase 3 study is planned to start, with expected results not until the end of 2022 (full licensure and pre-qualification of the vaccine will not be submitted until 2023). ○ As of 31 Dec- 28.3m doses of nOPV2 have been filled, finished and accepted to the stockpile and ready to ship. ○ Country preparations for nOPV2 are advancing– particularly in Africa– but progress is slower than envisaged – essential to prepare in advance. ○ RRT’s priority countries for Feb/March nOPV2 use: Nigeria, Liberia, Congo, Benin (+ Sierra Leone, pending ES). ○ Safety data generation is on-track. SAGE review on initial use data planned for May. <p>SC discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed modifications to the nOPV2 WG ToRs (transition of functions, continued capacity, mainstreaming). ○ Proposed budget and options (proactive or selective support) for provision of financial support for country preparation for nOPV2. Prioritisation needed as no additional funding sources have been identified yet. 	
Risk Management	21 Jan	<p>SC discussion on risk management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a need for further work towards a more systematic and structured way to inform progress vis-à-vis goals, to inform decision making and to position the programme. ○ Presentation of current status of risk management within the agencies and GPEI 	Action: SC to provide feedback on the proposed working group, its representation and broad outline by Jan 27. [complete]

		<p>Management Groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps: SC will provide some feedback on the proposed working group, its representation and broad outline. 	
Management Review	28 Jan	<p>SC consultation and discussion on the proposed revised GPEI structure, decision hierarchy and strategic leadership group ToRs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreement on retention of the FAC, inclusion of integration and political advocacy (but driven by solid fundamentals and identified functions) and proposed structure for surveillance and containment. ○ Agreement to further elaborate on FAC accountability roles/dimensions, structure for integration and political advocacy and regionalization concept. ○ General agreement in principle but equal recognition of the need for a fuller reflection and more detailed consideration of the rationale for each of the structures proposed and the changes being considered. This should include roles, accountabilities and info flows and processes between the global and regional levels. The review exercise needs to be finalised by the end of the Q1. 	<p>Action: Schedule a longer session on management review recommendations, including proposed structure and ToRs. [complete]</p>
Strategy Development	7 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation from Camber Collective of an updated framework of the new GPEI Strategy, based on the workshop discussions held on 15 Dec 2020 that permitted to map objectives and solutions (approx. 35) and on latest feedback received. SC provided feedback on this upgraded framework to be included for fine-tuning. ○ Current focus is to start building a skeleton version of the new GPEI Strategy, working with the working groups and a small sub-set of editors from the different agencies to put together the draft document. An early version will be shared in early February. ○ Feedback from the external expert panel is to be integrated in the WG solutions. ○ A workshop on cross-cutting issues and implementation is scheduled for Jan 21st. ○ Timeline for developing the new GPEI Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First draft will be circulated in early February ○ Final document will be shared with the SC around March 24th 	<p>Action: SC to provide additional feedback/comments on the updated Strategy framework to Camber by Monday, Jan 11th. [complete]</p>
Integration	21 Jan	<p>Update on the outcomes of the strategy working group on integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recent work has focused on establishing a common approach to integration via a clear working definition, vision, and decision-making framework. <p>SC discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Various areas of consensus have been identified by the working group and presented to the SC. 	<p>Action: SC Secretariat to schedule a session on access to Gavi resources and how funding programming actually takes place.</p> <p>Action: Development of a short paper on a concrete way forward for 24 February POB meeting briefing materials.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some areas need immediate guidance from the SC, including (1) scope and level of ambition and (2) evidence and trade-off decisions. ○ Other areas would need guidance in one to three months, including (1) funding and (2) coordination, planning and management. ○ Next steps. 	
	28 Jan	<p>Further update on integration/transition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clear desire by the majority of Member States at the Executive Board to incorporate integration into the upcoming strategy. ○ Integration is no longer a goal but a strategy towards achieving our goal of eradication. ○ Three key strands or work streams at the moment: 1) Integration in Afghanistan and Pakistan – funding and advocacy ways forward, 2) Integration whereby GPEI infrastructure, assets and resources are allocated or dedicated to multi antigen campaigns, and 3) Integration-transition activities. ○ Three distinct funding streams, unclear perspectives: 1) GAVI 5.0, 2) GHO-HRPs and 3) Sustainable Financing. ○ Further work to be undertaken - Framework to chart a clearer way forward. 	
POB planning	7 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POB Chair has rotated from WHO to BMGF for 2021. ○ 2021 POB meetings will be planned once every two months, after a first meeting on 12 January 2021. Following meetings are planned for 24 February (management review decision process) and for end of March/April. ○ Pre-reads will be shared two weeks prior to each meeting. 	