

Terms of Reference (FGS)

Somalia Health and Nutrition Sector Coordination (S-HNSC) In-Country Platform

This is an in-country health sector coordination platform led by the Ministry of Health and Human Services of Federal Government of Somalia which brings together all Federal Member States, all development partners, private sector, civil society organization, vulnerable population including women and youth.

Guiding Principles:

- **Ownership:** Establish and Strengthen government-led health sector coordination forum
- **Alignment:** All Donors, UN Organizations, Implementing Partners should align and support the in-country coordination mechanism.
- **Harmonization:** Development partners must harmonize their action and in line with national policies/strategies/plans
- **Collaboration:** The Health Sector Coordination Forum will in turn contribute to the high level political, social and economic development agenda of the country – both at state and federal levels.
- **Technical leadership:** The National Health Sector Coordination provides guidance and technical assistance to the national technical working groups, health, nutrition and WASH cluster coordination and state level health sector coordination.

Representation of the Somalia Health Sector Coordination:

- I. Government Representations:
 - FGS and PL represented by 2 members each (DG with DoPP) while other FMS will be represented by DGs.
 - Ministry of Finance - FGS (1)
- II. Donor Representations – to be listed down.
- III. UN Representations – to be listed down
- IV. Civil Society Organizations, NGOs, Youth Representation and Private Sector/Network – to be identified and selected.

Scope of Work (Deliverables)

- I. Guide and validate/endorse the health, Nutrition, WASH sector **legal framework, policy, strategic and operational/investment case** review, planning and development for Somalia – including Health Systems reforms.
- II. Promotion and use of data, research and timely information sharing for **evidence**-based policy and strategic development and monitoring and evaluation for the results of the programmes being implemented.
- III. Provide guidance on **resource mapping**, expenditure tracking, gap identification, prioritization, mobilization of resources to fill the gap and **allocation of resources** for equitable services.
- IV. Review the **concept notes, applications and proposals** for the health sector programmes and projects.

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- V. Assess and identify capacity building gap and support the ***institutional capacity development***
- VI. Ensure and monitor the engagement of ***private sector*** and ***civil society organizations*** in the health sector coordination mechanism.
- VII. Link to ***Multi-sectoral coordination*** and development platform – to ensure Health in All Policies approach.
- VIII. Strengthen the ***Humanitarian-Development Nexus*** – engaging more of the health, nutrition and WASH cluster coordination.
- IX. Identify opportunities and facilitate the ***translation of regional and global priorities*** into national health priorities.
- X. ***Oversee the implementation*** of the health sector plan, programmes and projects through Joint Monitoring, joint review and appraisal for the health systems performance
- XI. Establish ***temporary committee/task force for special/technical agenda*** for the health sector
- XII. Provide the necessary ***guidance to the technical working groups*** and ***state level health sector coordination*** mechanism.

Secretariat Support

- GFF Secretariat: GFF Focal point and the Liaison Officer, committed to support the GFF Government Focal Point / Chair Person on:
 - 1) Identification and updating the member for the coordination mechanism,
 - 2) Communication among all key stakeholders,
 - 3) Logistical support of convening meetings on timely manner
 - 4) Facilitate Meetings among the stakeholder
 - 5) Documentation of the meetings conducted,
 - 6) Information collection from all stakeholders,
 - 7) Enhance information dissemination to all stakeholders (web-based information sharing)
- The FMOH Coordination Unit in the Department of Policy and Planning will play a critical role in coordinating and strengthening the technical working groups and state health sector coordination and ensure linkages between the technical working groups/state health sector coordination with the Somalia health sector coordination Platform.
- Donors/UN/Partners are expected to provide any additional technical support necessary to complement and fill the gap

Procedure of the Somalia Health Sector Coordination meeting

- The meeting will be convened on (bi)monthly basis in Mogadishu with rotational basis among FMS
- The S-HNSC will be chaired by Director General supported by the Director of Policy and Planning.
- Web-based Information Sharing Platform will also be developed and used for effective information sharing mechanism, besides email communications and linked to the FMOH website.
- Prior or after to each national/Somalia health sector coordination, ministries of health take the opportunity to convene its own (internal) intergovernmental coordination to address internal agenda of the government functions.

Some of the National Technical Working Groups contributing to the Somalia Health Sector Coordination:

- ***RMNCAH-N Technical Working Group***
- ***Supply Chain and Commodity Security Working Group***
- ***HIV-TB-Malaria Technical Working Group / GFSC.***
- ***Immunization Coordination Committee (ICC)***
- ***EPHS Service Delivery working group.***
- ***Health Information Systems (HIS) working group*** – jointly with Health Cluster Coordination.
- ***Community Health Systems Technical Working Group*** – supported by WB RCRF –AF Health Project to ensure the implementation of the Community Health Strategy.
- ***Sub-national (FMS) health sector coordination forums*** will provide regular information with the Somalia Health Sector Coordination (SHSC) In-country Platform.
- ***Health, Nutrition and WASH Cluster Coordination*** is represented and contributing to the Health Sector Coordination in-country Platform – to ensure humanitarian development nexus.
- ***Inter-governmental Coordination (FGS-FMS)*** gives more emphasis strengthening the government function – including intergovernmental fiscal relationship and transfer of core government functions to Federal Member States - supported by World Bank Recurrent Cost and Reform Financing (RCRF). This will also make some linkages; information sharing with the health sector Coordination

The Health Sector Coordination platform discusses and guides the process of which other coordination/technical working group to be merged into the health sector coordination platform.