

**Pillar Working Group 3
Promoting Human Development Meeting**

Date: 16th November- 2006

In attendance:

Name	Institution	Name	Institution
H. Nelson Williams	MEST/Co-Chair	Jane Hobson	DFiD
Rashid Sesay	DACO		
Dr. Edward B. Magbity	MOHS	Markus Handke	EU
Dr. Duramani Conteh	MOHS	Dr. Leopold Zenkeng	UNAIDS
Dr. Brima Kargbo	NAS	Paul A. Sengeh	UNICEF
Dr. Moses Lahai	NAS	Geert Cappelaere	UNICEF
Anthony Acheampong	NAO	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Francis Moijue	WSD-MEP	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Morag Baird	DFiD	Naomi Jefferies	DACO

Agenda

- Opening remarks
- Reading and Correction of Minutes
- Update on CG meeting
- Presentation and discussion of PWG 3 CG presentation
- A.O.B

Summary of Proceedings

- The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nelson Williams of MEST and focused on the CG update and the mock presentation for the PWG 3 session at the CG.

Opening Comments

- In his opening, Mr. Williams welcomed everyone and noted the focus of this meeting on the CG update and CG mock presentation.

Reading and correction of minutes

- The minutes were read and adopted without correction

CG Meeting update

- Rashid Sesay of DACO circulated the provisional agenda, noting that it had been agreed between the government and donors. He confirmed that the date would be the 29th-30th November 2006 but that the venue is yet to be finalised.

- Mr Sesay mentioned who would be undertaking each presentation and which institution would be chairing each session. For the Pillar Working Groups, the chair(s) of each group would do this and the relevant ministers would undertake sub-pillar in-depth presentations.
- Mr Sesay emphasised that this was not a pledging CG but that the CG meeting was taking place to review progress so far on the PRSP.
- WATSAN requested that there should be a greater emphasis on water and sanitation in the PWG 3 session, in order that Sierra Leone's priorities be seen to be in-line with those of the international community (citing the recent HDI report with its focus on water as an example). He requested that the focus of the session as noted in the agenda should include not just health but also water and sanitation.
- DACO agreed but said that water and sanitation are included in the health agenda.
- Irish Aid stated that the reason for the focus on health was because of the lack of funding faced by the sector in the past, for example when compared to education, which is already undergoing fast track funding. Irish Aid also noted that water and sanitation cannot be decoupled from health and therefore will be thoroughly covered in the presentation.
- The Chair said that this was a reasonable answer to WATSAN's concerns.

Mock presentation of PWG 3 CG presentation

- The presentation was comprehensive and lasted for just over 20mins, there are a few extra slides that will be included before the final presentation. Members of the group thanked the chair for his presentation and made recommendations for further improvement of the presentation.
- The chair invited comments and UNAIDS started by noting that there needs to be more summaries on the slides with greater presentation and less reading by the presenter. Each slide should last approximately 1min and therefore the number of slides should be cut down.
- MoHS agreed that the presentation is too long but said that it is necessary to have all the slides and text because the presenter may not be suitably familiar with all the information.

- DACO noted that this would be a joint presentation between MEST and MoHS and would therefore benefit from the experience of both presenters over all areas covered in the Pillar.
- UNICEF Representative gave their congratulations on the work and co-ordination that has gone in so far in order to bring the work of PWG 3 to this point. He suggested that it would be useful to have observations and recommendations relevant to the whole pillar included in the presentation because of the similarities across the sectors. Also noted that we need a much more forward looking presentation with sharper recommendations and that the whole presentation should be more focused on Sierra Leone and the problems faced particularly by the country. He also requested that information from the recently released and validated MICS 2005 be included in order to make sure that all progress indicators are up to date.
- After some discussion DACO noted that MICS 2005 information was available to everyone who requested it.
- Dfid requested that slides showing the context be included at the beginning of the presentation, for example, the impact that decentralisation has had, as well as anything else that is particular to Sierra Leone
- WATSAN requested that the format be changed so that it included columns with expected outcomes on one side and progress on the other. DACO noted that this was how the original presentation had been formatted but in order to make sure all information was clearly set out and the font size not too small, the current format had been chosen.
- Dfid requested that some of the information in the presentation be written in tabular format
- UNICEF stated that there was no special emphasis on health in the presentation, despite the note on the draft CG agenda. He suggested that the presentation should be 'beefed-up' and include more than just institutional information.
- DACO noted that MoHS needed to include more in the priorities section and that these needed to be sharper and clearer.
- Another UNICEF representative questioned the validity of 'beefing-up' the presentation given the intended high-level recipients. He noted that we needed to include eye-catching headline statements to engage the attention of the CG attendees. He also said that we need to get balance in the problem

between the technical vs understandable and that we really need to emphasise the areas of government priority.

- UNAIDS discoursed on the need for improving the quality of the presentation and also on the fact that the HIV/AIDS section lacked a focus on vulnerable children and that impact mitigation needs to be included, questioning why this was not in the presentation.
- DACO noted that to improve the quality of the information in the presentation you needed to go to the sub groups and that this PWG meeting was meeting for the express purpose of improving the presentation.
- UNICEF noted that all information in the presentation was in the Results Matrix for PWG 3 and that if the HIV/AIDS subgroup had not included all the necessary information in the matrix then it would not be in the presentation.
- UNAIDS said they would link up with NAS to try and improve some of the information in the presentation.
- DACO noted that they had 2 days in which to send in any extra information for the presentation.
- WATSAN stated that there are more problems in the sector than were covered in the presentation. For example, the country has less than 4000 improved water points but has over 15,000 communities, therefore have a lot of people lacking water. He asked how this information could be included in the presentation.
- MoHS responded that within the section for sector priorities, information like this could be included e.g. having improved water access for rural communities.
- Dfid reiterated UNICEF's earlier comment on the need for headlines as part of the introduction, this could include reasons why the pillar is so important, e.g. number of children dying from preventable diseases, % of children not in school, lack of rural water facilities.
- Irish Aid suggested that it would be useful to include policy reasons for why there had been a lack of in-roads for health education and water and also noted that inter-sector co-ordination needs to be improved.

- UNICEF said that sharper recommendations are needed because we want to make sure people realise where progress is being made and where it is needed
- The EC suggested removing some of the figures and data in order to make the presentation more accessible to those attending the CG.
- The Chair noted the main action points for the way forward:
 - Include an attractive and informative introduction
 - Sharpen the recommendations and priorities
 - Indicate needs clearly
- MoHS and DACO arranged a smaller meeting for 17/11/06 at 2pm at DACO for chosen representatives to put together the final presentation. This would then be circulated to all persons in PWG 3 for final comments.
- Irish Aid requested a small meeting at the end of next week (23rd??) so that Irish Aid- as chair of this session- would be able to do so as effectively as possible.

ACTION POINT:

The chair invited members to attend a small group on Fri 17th Nov 2006 to finalise the presentation, which will then be circulated to the whole PWG 3.