European Roundtable on WASH and NTDs (London, 18-19th September 2014)

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Background to the Roundtable

- Advance progress made since 2012 Seattle Roundtable which envisaged:
  - *Disease-free communities that have adequate and equitable access to water and sanitation*

- Progress since Seattle:
  - Systematic reviews on WASH and NTDs
  - Global Trachoma Mapping Project
  - E-course on WASH and NTDs
  - Manual on NTDS for WASH programmers

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Scope of the European Roundtable

Goal of European Roundtable:
- Significantly progress this collaboration, coordination and cooperation in the areas of mapping, data collection, monitoring and research
- Agree on concrete actions

Discussions on:
- Core set of indicators
- 2 year work plan
- 5 year vision

Indicators

Discussed:

- The value of existing WASH/NTD indicators
- Gaps in current monitoring mechanisms
- What indicators might best fill these gaps

Consensus:

- Current monitoring systems used by the WASH and NTDs sectors offer potential e.g. NTD monitoring as an indicator of the sustainability of WASH projects
- We should use (better) and build on existing data e.g. DHS and MICS

Sanitation:
- Existing data to drive institutional change
- Measure faecal contamination of community environments and vector control near latrines

Water:
- Measure the **quality**, **quantity** and **distance** to water
- Indicators shouldn't be confined to household settings – could include: schools, health facilities and mosques, via e.g. SARA or EMIS
- Measure how water is used (e.g. for hygiene)
- Possibility to collaborate with MMDP

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Proposed hygiene indicators:

- Proportion of people hand washing at key times with soap/ash
- Proportion of children with clean faces through proper washing
- Proportion of people regularly practicing personal hygiene in non-surface water
- Proportion of people who wear appropriate footwear
- Proportion of compounds that are clean
- Proportion of people with sufficient knowledge about hygiene practices

Main conclusions:

- Sometimes easier to frame indicators in terms of what we don't want to see

- Vital to increase knowledge/understanding of existing monitoring systems used by the WASH and NTDs sectors

- Available data should be better used

Work plan for WASH/NTD sectors

What might success look like in 5 years?

1. Greater WASH/NTD collaboration globally leading to increased resourcing and support to countries and regions

2. Greater collaboration at the national level in terms of planning, resources and monitoring:
   - National NTD plans/planning incorporating WASH
   - Health information systems that collect joint indicators on WASH and NTDs
   - Good projects on the ground and increased financing for these
   - Increased success in control and elimination

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What would 2 year action plan include?

1. *Identifying opportunities for and developing joint indicators*
    - WASH progress is included in the London Scorecard
    - Shared indicators established
    - NTD proxy for measuring impact of WASH programmes established*
    - WASH representation on relevant NTD technical advisory committees and vice versa

2. *Leveraging financing*
    - Donor coordination/advocacy increased
    - Use of multi-donor pooled funds for financing joint interventions investigated/documented
    - WASH and NTDs on the SWA HLM agenda

3. Broadening common knowledge of and support for WASH/NTDs

- Training materials created and best practice shared
- Use of joint planning tools scaled-up
  - E.g. Trachoma F&E guide & NTDs WASH Manual
- WASH/NTD messages included in national curricula

4. Strengthening the evidence base for collaboration between the WASH and NTDs sectors

- Evidence base of impact of WASH on NTD control and MDA strengthened
- Operational research expanded
- WASH/NTD research collated in an online repository

What does this mean for you?

- Launch of NNN WASH Working Group to build on this momentum

Actions identified for the NNN WASH group:

1. Scaling up the use of joint planning tools
2. Investigating/creating high-level repositories for WASH/NTDs research
3. Revisiting the indicators identified and determining which WASH indicators should be used in NTD programmes
4. Establishing a united WASH voice within the Uniting to Combat NTDs coalition

Any questions?