

GNR Stakeholder Group call - 21 March 2018

Status of transition to Development Initiatives (DI) as GNR host organisation

Development Initiatives has agreed to host the GNR for the next three years and has been aided by the Independent Expert Group (IEG) co-chairs and Stakeholder Group (SG) co-chairs in the transition process. Efforts are already underway to refresh the website, develop governance structures and establish transparent communication of roles and responsibilities across the GNR, including with the SG.

Refresh of the Independent Expert Group (IEG)

The process to refresh the IEG has been managed by Jess Fanzo, Corinna Hawkes and Emorn Udomkesmalee, the current IEG co-chairs, with support from this year's SG co-chairs. There were 145 nominees for the IEG and from that 20 individuals were selected as members of the IEG including the existing IEG co-chairs. The co-chairs sought a diverse representation of members with a broad range of expertise in areas relevant to malnutrition. Regional expertise and gender representation were also accounted for.

Process for developing 3-year strategy for GNR

The transition to DI and the commitment to host for three years has presented an important opportunity for planning and articulating a broader vision, goal and role of the GNR. Since the IEG refresh has just been finalised, the SG will have an opportunity to input into this process once the IEG has been engaged.

Funding and direction for GNR 2018

There is an increased focus on bringing the GNR back to the key objectives of tracking progress and showcasing country-level data and stories to learn what's working and what's driving progress. The content of the report will likely include typical chapters on tracking countries' progress towards global nutrition targets and accountability for financial investments and commitments, but will also have a diets and food systems chapter, and one on policy actions. The report will highlight case studies and success stories on data, investing, commitments, diet action, food environment, policy action throughout.

This year's GNR is expected to launch in November. The SG will be able to review drafts around June. There is consensus that having a country hosted and driven launch will be very

important, but there is more work to be done by the SG to discuss where that could take place. DI will manage all communications and seeks to bring the communications to life and tailor to key audiences.

DI is working to bring in new funders and has established a GNR donor group to host regular calls with donors to review reporting and results frameworks.

Discussion of Stakeholder Group (SG) refresh

The purpose of the SG is to provide strategic direction of the GNR and represent various stakeholders that use the GNR. The other purpose is to hold IEG accountable on the content. The SG will continue to champion the report recommendations, publicly promote the report, and support with events. This is reflected more strongly in updated Terms of Reference (ToRs).

There is an expectation for the SG to be actively engaged by meeting quarterly via phone and meeting in-person once a year. Membership of the SG will be refreshed every three years and current members are expected to participate in calls regularly and ensure proper representation from institutions on the call. Recommendations for new members of the SG are encouraged.

General discussion

It was raised that there are many nutrition-related reports launching this year and that it will be important to take stock of when those are happening to try to build momentum around the GNR and avoid conflict. Discussion amongst members also encouraged diverse representation of the SG and outreach across sectors.

Next steps

An in-person meeting of the GNR SG will be held on **Thursday 21 June 2018** in Geneva. A call will be scheduled in September to provide updates on report launch plans. In November or December, the SG will have a face-to-face meeting around the launch of the report and looking ahead to 2019 planning.