

## Tip Sheet

### Development Partner Impact through CCMs

Development partners (multilaterals and bilaterals) based in-country can have a significant impact on overall health financing and strengthening health sector development. As members of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs), they are able to proactively build powerful links connecting CCMs and important in-country health coordinating bodies.

These partners are in a unique position to help drive CCM engagement and ensure a strategic and integrated approach across government, civil society and other partners to ensure CCM priorities include strengthening health and community systems, addressing human rights barriers to accessing services, and providing input into national diseases strategies.

Increased bilateral engagement with CCMs has been instrumental in improving overall health sector development, especially through improved facilitation of technical assistance (TA), program coordination and CCM leadership.

#### **Program Design & Coordination**

Bilateral CCM members can help CCMs prioritize by providing a full picture of health programming across donors and governments. In-country insight from these partners during program design improves program coordination, helps identify synergies and reduces overlap with other in-country programs to improve efficiency, as seen with U.S. Government (USG) participation in Vietnam, Mozambique and Burundi CCMs. In Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan and Tanzania, coordination and exchange between development partners like German BACKUP Initiative within the CCM has shown that increased bilateral CCM member engagement is a value-add for all parties.

#### **TA Coordination & Access**

Bilateral CCM participation can significantly improve access to CCM TA. In Laos, Bangladesh and Chad, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) CCM members were able to successfully coordinate TA and ensure CCM compliance with CCM Eligibility Requirements, improve CCM oversight and help with CCM reform respectively. CCMs in Togo, Burundi, Madagascar, Burkina Faso and Niger have benefited from TA facilitated by France Expertise Internationale (FEI).

## Strengthening CCM Leadership

Bilateral CCM representatives can strengthen CCM performance by providing dedicated staff for CCM leadership and support roles. In Burundi, an EU delegate served as CCM Vice-Chair, as did USG representatives in Mali, DRC and Laos. German Embassy representatives and implementing agencies serve as CCM members in Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Kirgizstan, Namibia, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. In Indonesia, USAID is at the CCM Secretariat to provide day-to-day guidance and support.

## Ways to Engage

- **Actively solicit input & share feedback from constituencies**  
(Regular partner meetings, active coordination and exchange between development partners)
- **Ensure linkage and alignment with other Health Sector Coordination bodies** (when part of it) and **National Strategic Plans.**
- **Serve as a member of CCM committees** (Concept Note Development Committee, Oversight Committee or CCM Reform Committee)
- **Provide input & participate in core CCM activities** (CCM Secretariat recruitment, PR selection, Improvement Plan and implementation, CCM Funding, and constituency and CCM debates)
- **Actively exchange best practices** with CCM members (tools for performance, improvement, decision-making procedures, tools for monitoring grants)
- **Ensure a more integrated and strategic approach across all partners, government and civil society.**