GFF Civil Society Workshop

Maputo, Mozambique 6-7 November 2017

SUMMARY REPORT

Introduction

On November 6-7, 2017, the GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group hosted by PMNCH convened a workshop in Maputo, Mozambique of civil society organizations (CSOs) working on the GFF at global, régional and country levels. The agenda and participant list can be found in *Annexes 1 and 2*. This civil society (CS) workshop provided a forum for learning and exchange among CS from GFF focus countries. The objectives of the workshop were to:

- Learn and share specific, actionable lessons about the implementation of GFF at the country level as advanced by civil society and supporting GFF planning, implementation and accountability;
- 2. **Develop national-level objectives and workplans** to support implementation of the <u>CS</u> <u>Engagement Strategy</u> and the <u>Guidance Note: Inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Country Platforms in Support of Every Woman Every Child (Guidance Note)</u> at country level;
- 3. **Develop and agree upon global and regional-level advocacy objectives and key activities for 2018** to support implementation of the *CS Engagement Strategy*, and the *Guidance Note*, as well as the replenishment efforts of the GFF;
- 4. Inform CS IG representative positions ahead of the Investors' Group Meeting.

This regional consultation was preceded by national CS coalition meetings in 7 countries¹, where CS analyzed GFF Investment Cases and/or gathered information on the GFF process in their country and proposed a draft workplan for their engagement in support of GFF and national goals.

Key Themes & Lessons Learned

The GFF CSO workshop covered a wide range of topics through presentations, panels, plenary discussions, and group work. Below is a summary of key themes and lessons learned that emerged from the workshop.

Multi-Stakeholder Country Platforms

In many countries, there is a clear need for stronger governance structures for the GFF. Multi-stakeholder country platforms that coordinate reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) issues vary in terms of how well they embody and employ the principals and recommendations outlined in the *Guidance Note* and some countries still do not seem to have a well-functioning country platform for RMNCAH/GFF governance (e.g. a technical working group is loosely being used for RMNCAH/GFF decision-making. Key discussion points included:

CS representatives from at least half of the countries at the workshop noted challenges with

¹ Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Uganda

clarity and transparency around decision-making processes, communication about the GFF and its priorities, RMNCAH investment cases and health financing strategies, and clear entry points for CS engagement, which could all be strengthened through a well-functioning multi-stakeholder RMNCAH country platform.

- Some countries have worked closely with Ministry of Health (MoH) representatives to establish transparent processes for selecting CS representatives to sit on the country platform, and to establish clear roles for CS in supporting the GFF Investment Case.
- CS has a responsibility to advocate with decision-makers at national, regional and global levels to improve the functioning and structures of multi-stakeholder country platforms, using the *Guidance Note* and the *Civil Society Engagement Strategy* as tools e.g. through a meeting with key country platform stakeholders in GFF countries to review the *Guidance Note*.
 - CS also calls on the GFF secretariat and other development partners to advocate to decision makers for the implementation of the *Guidance Note*.
- CSOs emphasized their role as partners of the government, not adversaries; and agents of change in support of GFF and national goals, not just recipients.
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CSO Coalitions

CSO coalitions also vary significantly across countries in terms of functionality, structure, and effectiveness. CSO Coalitions must aim to employ the same core principals in the *Guidance Note*, namely: Inclusiveness, Transparency, and Accountability. Qualities of strong, well-functioning CSO Coalitions demonstrated and/or discussed by participants include:

"We need to not be competing with one another; in some countries, a few organizations have all the information about GFF and they are not sharing... Make sure that other CSOs are feeling equally welcome."

Angela Mutunga

- Transparent selection of a representative(s) to serve on the multi-stakeholder country platform; alignment and support of CS behind, and around that representative, so that the MoH knows who to contact and liaise with about the GFF, within the CS community.
- Development by CS of its own GFF working group within the broader coalition that is geographically diverse, and representative of a range of issue areas/sectors – dedicated to ensuring robust communication between the GFF CSO representative to the country platform and the broader coalition.
- Engagement of local/grassroots CSOs by supporting sub-national coalitions or chapters with capacity building, mentorship, and education around the GFF; creation of opportunities in forums and meetings for grassroots CSOs to speak and engage with the public and private sectors about priorities, implementation and shared accountability.
- Development of TORs to guide CSO roles and responsibilities within the CSO coalition, and with the MoH and GFF country platform.

In order to function effectively, and support GFF and national goals, CSO coalition needs include: funding for coordination and communication among diverse CSOs; buy-in and support from government and other sectors for a well-functioning CSO coalition and for CS engagement in the GFF.

CSO Action Plans (see below) should include key process-focused objectives and activities to strengthen CSO coalitions in GFF countries, in addition to results-oriented, equity driven objectives to support national goals and the achievement of impact.

CSO Roles in Supporting GFF Goals and National RMNCAH Investment Cases

CSOs can play a range of diverse roles to support the development, implementation, and monitoring of GFF Investment Cases and key GFF processes, which are outlined in the *CS Engagement Strategy*, and were discussed at the workshop (e.g. advocacy, monitoring & accountability, elevating voices of affected populations, implementation, research & data analysis, and technical assistance). Key discussion points included:

- The role of civil society has been recognized by the GFF Investors Group, GFF Secretariat, some governments, and other global and national partners, and its added value for development is well documented. Now is the time to leverage those skills and expertise in support of shared goals.
- CSO consultations have been conducted in 7 countries to-date (Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Uganda). Consultations allowed a diverse group of CSOs to come together, with representatives from the MoH and other GFF stakeholders (e.g. Governors' council, World Bank representatives, private sector), to identify the key roles that CS can and should play in supporting the GFF Investment Case.
- CSO Action Plans should be used to outline specific objectives, activities, and outcomes, which leverage the most pertinent skills of CS to fill gaps in support of the implementation of GFF Investment Cases.
- Some key roles for CSOs identified by workshop participants included: reaching the most vulnerable with service delivery and activities for demand generation, engagement with parliamentarians, advocacy for domestic resource mobilization with decision-makers, technical assistance for local CSOs and local government representatives about the GFF and RMNCAH investment case priorities, budget tracking, and accountability. In some countries, clear progress has been made in discussing and agreeing with the MoH about how CS can play these roles in support of GFF Investment Cases (e.g. in Nigeria, Senegal, and Kenya); other countries were able to learn from these experiences.

Accountability has been widely recognized as a key role for civil society in the GFF. At the workshop, a GFF scorecard template, created by AHBN, was presented for feedback from participants on the indicators and scoring criteria (see Annex 3). Representatives from Kenya also presented their own version of the scorecard with findings for five main areas around the GFF in Kenya (status of the GFF process, CS engagement, multi-stakeholder country platform, design of key documents including the investment case, and implementation). Countries are encouraged to utilize the scorecard template in their own countries, adapting it, as needed, to be relevant for each unique country context. The latest draft of the scorecard is available in Annex 3. Key feedback on the scorecard at the workshop included:

- The inclusion of indicators related to youth engagement and participation, gender equality, and nutrition;
- Considering sources of funding in domestic resource tracking (e.g. total heath expenditures; and government, donor, private, and out of pocket health expenditures);
- Clarifying alignment with the GFF Results Framework and the CS Engagement Strategy;
- The importance of a robust accountability process, not just the use of a scorecard. This should
 include discussion of the scorecard with the government and GFF country platform, where
 possible, to gain input and buy-in and a focus on remedial action;
- The importance of well-orchestrated timing in scoring indicators on the scorecard and bringing them to decision-makers so as to inform decision making and to make any necessary changes;
- Consideration and planning around scorecard use and adaptation at the sub-national and community levels must be considered, particularly in devolved government countries;

• The score card will be a live document, with additions or modifications made to the scorecard over time based on the progress a country is making; while maintaining consistency in indicators used for time over time comparison. A strategy for the tracking and presenting data on changes in scorecard results over time should be developed.

Private Sector Engagement

The <u>GFF Private Sector Engagement Strategy</u> was presented at the workshop, as well as a presentation and discussion around opportunities for CS and the private sector to work together in support of GFF and national RMNCAH goals.

- There are three key components of the GFF Private Sector Engagement Strategy: 1) innovative
 financing; 2) facilitating partnerships to bring global private sector expertise to the country level;
 and 3) leveraging private sector capacity at the country level (particularly with respect to service
 delivery, and supply chain support) in support of Investment Cases.
- CS expressed interest in defined entry points and consultation opportunities to facilitate
 discussion and coordination between CSOs and the private sector i.e. through an organized
 meeting between the private sector and CSOs engaged in and in support of the GFF.
- Several CSOs indicated that they would explore ways to include integrated private sector engagement and collaboration in their CSO Action Plans, as well as opportunities to learn from and support private sector innovations.

Prioritized Action Items for 2018

All of the action items for 2018 emerging from the consultation, outlined below, are in support of GFF goals, national RMNCAH Investment Cases, the *CS Engagement Strategy* (CSES) and the CSES Implementation Plan. The action items below outline targeted actions and expectations for CS at the national, regional, and global levels for 2018.

Key National Action Items for 2018

- 1) Hold national CSO consultations on CSO Engagement in the GFF
 - These meetings aim to identify what specific activities civil society can undertake to contribute to the achievement of the Investment Case and to more systematically engage in the GFF processes and national RMNCAH platform see sample agenda in annex 4, with the following objectives:
 - Inform a broad range of civil society actors including as many coalitions as possible, and with particular attention to the inclusion of grassroots CSOs and those representing marginalized groups – of the intent of the GFF and its process
 - Inform civil society actors of the content of the Investment Case
 - Identify potential civil society contributions to the implementation of the Investment Case and Health Financing Strategy; develop a targeted CSO Action Plan to guide aligned CSO efforts
 - Identify a model for civil society collaboration and representation on the national coalition

2) <u>Develop and implement CSO Action Plans in key GFF countries²</u>

As an outcome of the national CSO consultation, CSOs in GFF countries should develop a targeted and specific CSO Action Plan to guide aligned efforts of CS, in support of the GFF Investment Case and the CSES Implementation Plan. CSOs are encouraged to develop and implement Action Plans, regardless of funding available from the GFF, as funds may not be available to fund all CSO Action Plans. Action Plans should:

- Be results-focused; and also include activities to strengthen the processes and structures
 necessary for CS to be successful in achieving results (i.e. strengthening CSO Coalitions and CSO
 participation and meaningful engagement in the GFF country platform processes);
- Leverage the unique skills of CS to fill gaps in the development, implementation, and monitoring
 of the national Investment Case and Health Financing Strategy;
- Include resource mobilization, in support of CS activities and broader GFF replenishment efforts;
- Include SMART³ objectives, clear outcomes, targeted activities, and a budget;
- Clarify roles and responsibilities for various CSOs in meeting the Action Plan's objectives.
- Include plans to monitor, evaluate, and document CS activities and results as part of the Action Plan.

CSO Action Plans for 2018 will vary across key GFF countries, depending on the current state of CSO coordination, alignment, and engagement in the GFF. For countries that are more advanced in these areas, it is expected that Action Plans will be more results-oriented, while those that are more nascent in these areas may be more process-focused, with clarity about the results desired, to ensure the development of strong building-blocks for success in future years.

3) Adapt and implement the GFF accountability scorecard

With support from AHBN and other regional and global partners, CSOs in key GFF countries are strongly encouraged to adapt and implement a scorecard (see template in Annex 5) as part of CS' critical role in supporting GFF monitoring and accountability. CSOs in GFF countries should:

- Adapt the scorecard developed by AHBN, as needed, to ensure that it is relevant to each GFF
 country context, needs, and Investment Case and Health Financing Strategy. Countries are
 encouraged to maintain as many common indicators from the scorecard template as make
 sense for the country context, to facilitate cross-learning among GFF countries, where possible;
- Use the scorecard to develop annual progress reports on GFF implementation and to inform advocacy on priority issues;
- Conduct budget analyses and track GFF funding allocations, where possible;
- Hold regular meetings with Country Platform to discuss scorecard indicators and progress
 against those indicators; these meetings should begin as the scorecard is being developed to
 support collaboration with and buy-in from the government.

² Key GFF countries include those where civil society has the potential to play a critical role in development, implementation, and/or monitoring of the GFF Investment Case in 2018. Some newly announced GFF countries, for example, may take longer to establish CSO coordination mechanisms to support engagement in the GFF, and thus may not develop CSO Action Plans until later in 2018 or 2019. Some GFF countries with minimal opportunities for CS engagement (e.g. IDA buy-down countries such as Guatemala).

³ Many resources exist for developing SMART objectives, advocacy planning etc. such as: AFP (Advance Family Planning). <u>Advocacy Portfolio</u>. 2015. Spitfire Strategies. <u>Smart Chart</u>. *Year unknown*.

4) Strengthen CSO Coalitions

Strengthening CSO Coalitions focused on SRMNCAH+N in GFF countries is central to ensuring CS can play a meaningful role in the GFF, and contribute to results that support the national Investment Case. While this will look different in each country, depending on the current state of CSO coalition alignment and coordination, key recommended actions include:

- Develop a communications strategy to enhance communication among CSOs and other stakeholders about GFF processes and opportunities for CS;
- Develop a plan, and/or integrate activities into the CSO Action Plan and communications strategy, to ensure that grassroots CSOs and those representing marginalized groups, are meaningfully engaged in CSO Coalition and GFF processes;
- Ensure alignment with CS activities related to other global health initiatives, through regular meetings with, and/or involvement in planning of CS engaged in Gavi, Global Fund, SUN, FP2020, and UHC2030, for example.

Key Regional and Global Action Items for 2018

- Develop and implement a communications calendar to enhance information-sharing and crosslearning opportunities among CSOs in GFF countries, and at regional and global levels
 The annual communications calendar, produced and implemented by the CS Coordinating Group, hosted by PMNCH, will include:
 - Webinars before and after each IG meeting, with additional ones as needed;
 - Monthly email updates to the CS Coordinating Group members, including key learnings, tools, and experiences from CSOs in GFF countries; solicitation for input from CS in GFF countries about progress, challenges, and successes and/or critical issues for CS IG representatives to raise with the GFF Secretariat;
 - Bi-monthly newsletter from AHBN highlighting key GFF processes, as well as learnings, tools, and experiences from CSOs in GFF countries;
 - Dissemination of key documents for CS in French and English, and other languages as needed and as possible, dependent on resources;
 - Coordination with the CS GFF replenishment group, to share information and opportunities for CS to engage in and support GFF replenishment efforts.
- 2) Support CS focal points in GFF countries in developing, implementing, monitoring, and documenting results of annual costed CSO Action Plans

The CS Coordinating Group, Steering Committee, and global and regional partners will provide guidance, feedback, and cross-learning opportunities to support CS in GFF countries with annual CSO Action Plans (see above), including:

- Provide tools to support national consultations, such as sample agendas, templates, and examples from other countries;
- Map CSO engagement efforts in GFF countries, as well as capacity and resource needs, and existing capacity and resources;
- Support GFF countries to develop and implement scorecards, based on a common template and adapted for local use as needed, that will track progress and implementation of Investment Cases and health financing strategies;
- At the annual fall Investors Group meeting, publish an annual synthesis of CSO actions contributing to Investment Cases in GFF countries, as well as areas for potential improvement;

- Meet with CSO representatives engaged in various initiatives at least semi-annually to identify opportunities to support alignment and coordination of CSO activities towards common goals.
- 3) Support coordination and alignment of small grants for CS for activities related to the CSES implementation plan and CSO Action Plans

Working in coordination with the GFF Secretariat, PMNCH, and other GFF stakeholders, as needed, the CS Coordinating Group and Steering Committee will:

- Design and implement a small grants program to support CSO engagement, robust country
 platforms and CSO coalitions, and the design and implementation of CSO Action Plans;
 coordinate resource mobilization efforts to support the small grants program;
- Map and align other funding and resource opportunities for CSOs related to the GFF, to avoid duplication and promote coordination and efficient use of resources.
- 4) Organize annual CSO workshop during the fall IG meeting

The CS Coordinating Group and Steering Committee, hosted by PMNCH, will organize the workshop, on the sidelines of the fall IG meeting each year. This annual CS workshop will provide a forum for learning and exchange among CS from GFF focus countries, with at least one CS representative from each GFF country present.

Conclusion

The workshop was highly valuable in aligning CS representatives from GFF countries, as well as key global and regional representatives, around common lessons learned to-date in GFF countries, key tools and strategies (e.g. *CSES* and the *Guidance Note*), and clear next steps to enhance CS engagement in the GFF. The CS IG representatives were able to take clear recommendations and requests to the IG meeting on behalf of CS, resulting in the endorsement of the CSES Implementation Plan and specific funding commitments from the GFF Secretariat (USD \$300K) and PMNCH (USD \$500K, to be confirmed at the *December 2018 Board Meeting*) in support of the CSES Implementation Plan in 2018. CS is optimistic that additional funding from other donors in support of CS engagement in the GFF, will follow.

The exact mechanisms, criteria, and processes for accessing this funding for CSOs will be clarified in the coming months. Updates and additional information will be shared with CS via the CS Coordinating Group. All CS engaged in, or interested in engaging in the GFF, are encouraged to join the CS Coordinating Group by emailing Kadi Toure at: tourek@who.int

The CSOs present during the learning meeting have all committed to informing the broader coalitions that they represent on workshop discussions and outcomes, with a view towards further enhancing shared learning, communication, and aligned CS action.

Annex 1: Workshop Agenda

Moderated by: Susannah Hurd, Vice President and Director of Women, Children, and Adolescents, Global Health Visions

Day 1

8:30 – 9:00	Registration – arrival of participants		
09:00 - 09:15 9:15 -9:30	Welcome and round-robin introduction of participants Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator, Africa Health Budget Network Angeline Mutunga, East Africa Program Adviser for Advance Family Planning, JHPIEGO Objectives of the meeting and overview of the workshop agenda Kadi Toure, Technical Officer, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health		
9:30 -10:30	Presentation and Discussion: Global Financing Facility progress updates Mariam Claeson, Director, Global Financing Facility Presentation (20 mins): Overview of the goals and approaches of the GFF; update on country progress; plans for replenishment and expansion into new countries Questions and Discussion (40 mins)		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/Tea break		
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation: Tools for enhancing GFF CSO engagement and multi-stakeholder platforms at country level in support of country and global goals Susannah Hurd, Vice President, and Director of Women, Children, and Adolescents, Global Health Visions Kadi Toure, Technical Officer, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health • Presentation (15 mins) o GFF Civil Society Engagement Strategy and Costed Implementation Plan o Guidance Note on Inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Platforms in Support of Every Woman Every Child o GFF Civil Society Guide • Questions (15 mins)		
11:30 – 13:00	Panel and discussion: CSO engagement in the GFF to-date - country level experiences, lessons learned, and results (PART 1) Moderated by Suzanna Dennis, Director of Research, PAI Country Panel Presentations (45 mins): CS experience and learnings in GFF engagement to-date Mozambique – Denise Namburete, PLASOC Mozambique – Denise Namburete, PLASOC Tanzania – Greysmo Mutashobva, HDT Uganda – Ester Nasikye, World Vision & RMNCAH Coalition Sierra Leone – Victor Koroma, Health Alert		

	 Liberia - Joyce Kilikpo Jarwolo, Public Health Initiative Liberia Questions and discussion (45 minutes) 	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:15	Presentation and discussion: Building consensus on the use of scorecards to monitor the implementation of GFF Investment Cases at country level Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator, Africa Health Budget Network Presentation (30 mins) Background, rationale and context of the scorecard and indicators to be tracked Scorecard template for adaptation and use in all countries Questions and discussion (50 mins) Questions for clarification, feedback on indicators and process for implementation/adaptation to countries	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee/Tea break	
15:45 – 16:45	Presentation and Panel discussion: Private sector and civil society - opportunities for alignment and working together in support of GFF goals Moderated by Chris Armstrong, Director of Health, Plan Canada Panel discussion (30 minutes) GFF secretariat - Toby Kasper PATH - Rosemarie Muganda Questions and discussion (30 mins)	
16:45 – 17:15	Summary and closing Susannah Hurd, Global Health Visions	

Day 2

9:00 – 9:15	Recap of day one – Overview of daily agenda and introduction to group work Susannah Hurd, Global Health Visions	
09:15 – 10:45	, , ,	

10:45 – 11:15	Coffee /Tea Break
11:15 – 12:15	Group work 1: Country objectives and activities for 2018 to support the achievement of the Investment Case goals / GFF goals Moderated by Susannah Hurd, Global Health Visions, and Suzanna Dennis, PAI Fill out workplan template based on national consultations and new learnings Define clear objectives and activities for 2018 Which activities can be accomplished with existing resources? Which need additional support/resources?
12:15 – 12:45	Report back from group work & discussion
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	 Group work 2: Structuring CS coalitions to be fit for purpose Moderated by Susannah Hurd Strengths and weaknesses of existing coalitions Opportunities for improvement – better alignment, transparency, communication, engagement of local CSOs/those representing marginalized groups What is needed to facilitate this alignment?
14:45 – 15:15	Report back from group work & discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break
15:30 – 16:15	Brief remarks and discussion: Donor perspectives on GFF replenishment and civil society's role NORAD – Paul Fife, Director, Department of Education and Global Health Questions and discussion (20 mins)
16:15 – 16:30	Recap & closing remarks

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Annex 3: Scorecard Template

Attached

Annex 4: Sample agenda for national consultations

Background

The Global Financing Facility aims to contribute to the global efforts to end preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths and improve the health and quality of life of women, adolescents and children. Its will mobilize and channel additional international and domestic resources required to scale up and sustain efficient and equitable delivery of quality RMNCAH services. Additionally, the GFF will support the transition to long-term sustainable domestic financing for RMNCAH. The GFF has five objectives: 1. Finance national RMNCAH scale-up plans and measure results; 2. Support countries in the transition toward sustainable domestic financing of RMNCAH; 3. Finance the strengthening of civil registration and vital statistics systems; 4. Finance the development and deployment of global public goods essential to scale up; 5. Contribute to a better-coordinated and streamlined RMNCAH financing architecture.

The GFF attains these goals, in part by supporting a national multi-stakeholder group in developing and implementing an investment case for RMNCAH. The value of civil society engagement and contributions to advancing reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) and nutrition is well known. However, civil society capacities have not been fully harnessed by the GFF because of constraints to their engagement thus far. To remedy this, the leadership of the GFF endorsed in April 2017 a civil society engagement strategy that aims to leverage civil society contributions. This meeting aims to identify what specific activities civil society can undertake to contribute to the achievement of the investment case and to more systematically engage in the GFF processes and national RMNCAH platform.

Objectives of the meeting

The objectives of the meeting include:

- Inform a broad range of civil society actors, including as many coalitions as possible, of the intent of the GFF and its process
- Inform civil society actors of the content of the investment case
- Identify potential civil society contribution to the implementation of the investment case
- Identify a model for civil society collaboration and representation on the national coalition

Participants

Representatives of all civil society coalitions engaged in improving health, specifically sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health; and nutrition outcomes.

Outcomes

The meeting should yield:

- a concrete proposal of actions for CS to take in support of the IC along with a tentative timeline
- a proposal for alignment of civil society coalitions and a process for its implementation

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8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and objectives of the meeting		
09:00 - 09:15	Update on the GFF Country process – World Bank GFF Focal Point		
9:15 – 11:00	Presentation of the investment case –MoH GFF focal point		
11:00 – 11:15	Presentation of the Civil Society Engagement Strategy and implementation plan – GFF CS focal point		
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea break		
11:30 - 12:00	Plenary feedback on implementation plan		
12:00 – 13:00	 Group work: How can CSOs contribute to the objectives of the IC? What are the activities that can undertake to reach these objectives? What activities can we build on to strengthen CSO participation in the Investment case that are already funded? Where is additional support needed? Are there any gaps that need advocacy? 		
13:00 – 1400	Lunch break		
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary feedback – what are three activities that CS propose to undertake to support the IC?		
14:30 – 16:00	 Group work: Working together more effectively What are the existing CS coordination mechanisms? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How can they be harmonized for better alignment of resources? What has been the level of engagement of CS to date in the GFF process? How can a working group on the GFF be integrated into this harmonized structure? How can communication within this platform be improved 		
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea break		
16:15 – 16:45	Plenary feedback – Summary of proposal and next steps		
16:45 – 17:15	Interactive discussion on how to increase coordination and communication		
17:15 – 17:30	Summary of discussions and next steps		

Meeting outcome document template

- 1. List recommendations / comments on the draft implementation plan of the GFF CS engagement strategy
- 2. List of proposed activities that civil society will undertake in support of the SRMNCAH investment case including rationale for focus on said area of work
 - a. This should specify where existing resources can be leveraged and where additional resources might be required
- 3. Recommendations for how existing civil society mechanism can be strengthened for improved efficiency and engagement in national processes
 - a. This should specify where existing resources can be leveraged and where additional resources might be required

Annex 5: Sample Draft Country Action Plans

Attached