

The Country Platform: Its Role During Investment Case Development



Role of the Country Platform in Design Phase

Creates a platform for mutual decision-making and accountability in achieving the changes proposed in Investment Case

Supports development of Investment Cases linked to health financing reforms

What the multi-stakeholder Country Platform does during the design phase

Supports coordinated resource mobilization and utilization

Ensures visibility and durability of the GFF partnership at country level

Focus of the Country Platform meetings, during IC development:

- Using a Road Map to **guide the process**
- Selecting **priority areas** of investment
- Conducting **resource mapping** to identify available resources (domestic, ODA, private sector)
- **Linking priority areas** of investment to available resources
- Ensuring a robust **Theory of Change** and **Results Framework** are developed for the IC
- Developing and using a **communication plan** to raise awareness

Structure of the Country Platform

Government is in the lead

Multi-stakeholder composition

Engaging financiers early on is critical

Civil society and private sector participation is key

Core working group with regular larger consultations

May require sub-committees, working groups

Country context matters; build on existing structures where possible

Different roles in IC design and implementation phase

Multi-stakeholder composition

- Includes technical expertise (e.g UN, civil society, academics, private sector)
- Includes financiers (e.g bilaterals, GAVI, GFATM, WB, regional banks like ADB)
- May be multi-sectoral

Country Platform Operates at All Levels

High Level

- Discuss high-level results and challenges; address challenges requiring resource (re)allocation and/or other support to attain results
- Semi-annual meetings usually led by Minister

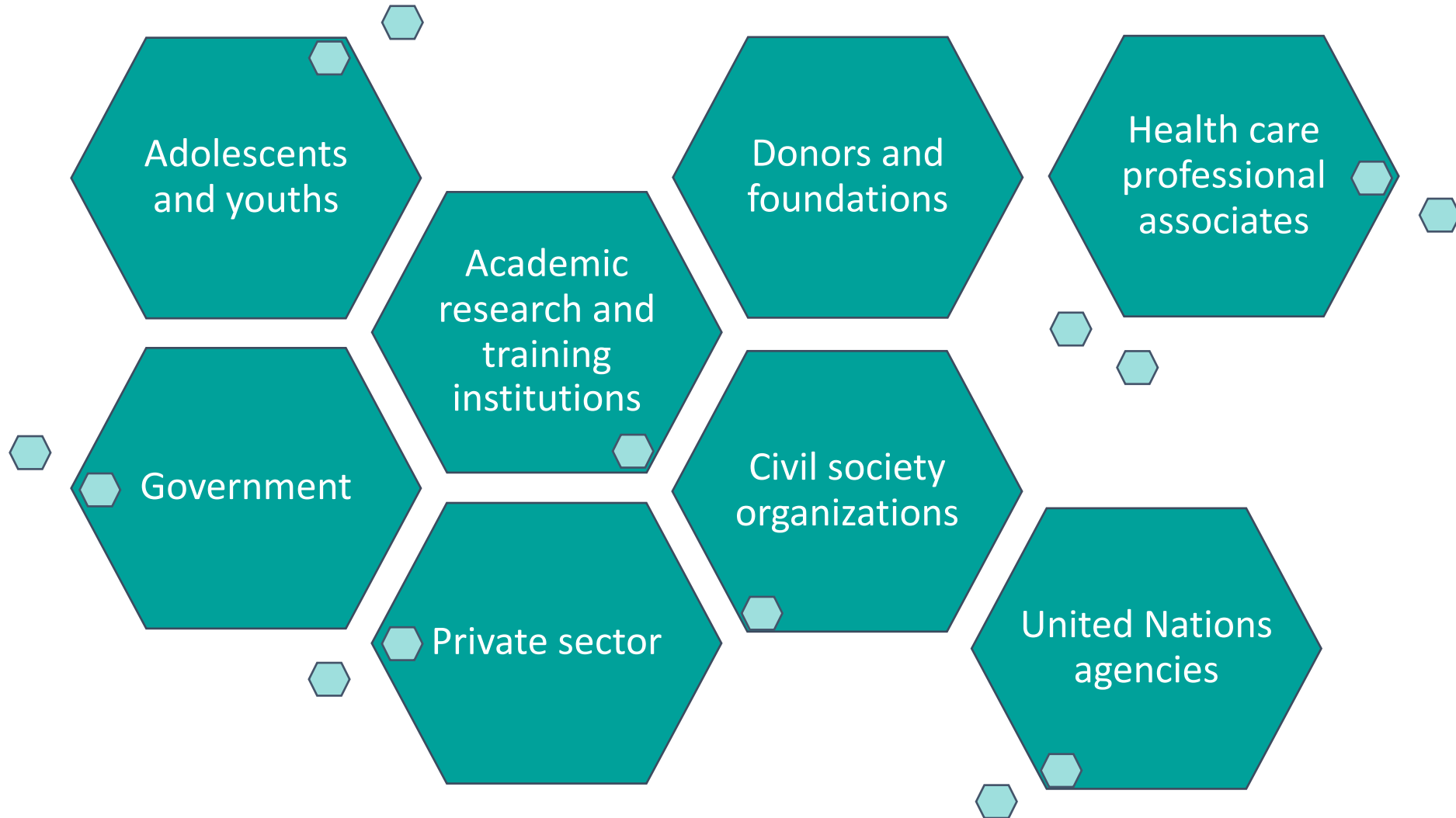
Technical/implementation

- Track implementation/resources and results/progress for corrective action at national level
- Address sub-national challenges; inform high-level meeting of progress and challenges
- Quarterly meetings led by CMO/Deputy Minister/Head technical department, attended by technical/implementing partners, Ministry staff

Subnational Level

- Track implementation/resources and results/progress for corrective action at sub-national level
- Inform national level of progress and challenges
- Monthly meetings led by Ministry Officer, attended by implementing partners and subnational level staff

Key participants



The IC Task Force

Why

- IC process requires analytical and strategic engagement which is often rigorous and demanding. This requires a select dedicated lean and agile team.

Who

- Lead by Government (normally the Chair of the CP)
- Composition varies
- Normally includes technical partners, experts in health system areas (including health financing), interested financiers
- Consultants with specific skills can be added

Main Tasks

- Drive IC development work forward
- Coordinate inputs from stakeholders
- Produce the deliverables outlined in IC process
- Deliver high quality Investment Case

We recommend weekly meetings during the IC development process, with clear deliverables for each member of the IC task force

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The Independent Support Team (IST)

- Selected by Country Platform
- Supports the development and assures quality of the IC
- Provides on-demand advice on specific areas during IC development
- Reviews the IC document
- Composed of international/national experts (depends on IC area of focus)
- Does not approve IC

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Quality Enhancement Review

- Conducted once IC is in draft
- Written comments submitted anonymously by IST, other reviewers to GFF Secretariat
- GFF Secretariat compiles comments and shares with Country Platform for discussion during Quality Enhancement Review meeting

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Technical Assistance in the Investment Case process

- From partners, GFF Secretariat
- Specify in the Roadmap who will deliver what technical assistance
- GFF Secretariat can support with communication strategy of Investment Case, including editing of document

Role of the Liaison Officer-

supports Govt. FP to manage the process. For example:



Communications between Government and implementing partners



Invitations in timely manner



Agendas prepared and shared in advance



Content for meetings prepared appropriately



Attendance – quorum is needed



Minutes, with action points



Follow-up on action points, ahead of next meeting