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
- Supports coordinated resource mobilization and utilization
- Ensures visibility and durability of the GFF partnership at country level

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

- Adolescents and youths
- Academic research and training institutions
- Donors and foundations
- Civil society organizations
- Health care professional associates
- Private sector
- United Nations agencies
- Government
- Civil society organizations
The IC Task Force

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| • IC process requires analytical and strategic engagement which is often rigorous and demanding. This requires a select dedicated lean and agile team. | • 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 | • 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.
Ways to Improve Investment Case Quality

- Independent Support Team
- Quality Enhancement Review
- Technical Assistance
Ways to Improve Investment Case Quality

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
Ways to Improve Investment Case Quality

Independent Support Team

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

Technical Assistance
Ways to Improve Investment Case Quality

**Independent Support Team**

**Quality Enhancement Review**

**Technical Assistance**

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:

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