Country Platform Assessments

Ninth Investors Group Meeting
22-23 November, 2019
Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
Agenda

1. Background
2. Objectives and methodology
3. Consultation process and feedback
4. Timeline and next steps
1. Background

- GFF Annual Report presents an assessment of the GFF process in-country along four main areas and 11 dimensions within those four areas (Annex 1):
  - Assessment is currently based on GFF Secretariat judgement, confirmed by the government;
  - Country self-assessment tool has been developed, tested with stakeholders and will be used, in future years, to guide platform action plans and to report on GFF processes.

- At TFC meeting in May 2019, it was agreed that two additional approaches would be used to provide independent data on country platform performance:
  - Surveys of platform members in all GFF countries;
  - An in-dept assessment, involving a country visit, in a few countries each year.
2. Objectives of the Assessments

- **Overarching goal:** Internal review (Secretariat) to guide actions, provide feedback, knowledge, and learning

- **Specific objectives:**
  1. To understand/take stock of how multi-stakeholder GFF country platforms are functioning, and whether (and how) functioning has changed over time (preparation vs implementation).

  2. To identify the challenges and opportunities that multi-stakeholder GFF country platforms face at various stages of the GFF process (preparation vs implementation), and use these to take corrective action to strengthen platform functioning and improve overall performance of the GFF engagement.
2. Assessment Components

Quantitative component: 2 parts

1. Annual, anonymous web-based survey (self-completed) by country platform members

2. Country self-assessment: use of a GFF-developed tool to review and score progress – as a group, likely during a country platform meeting – in various dimensions of country platform functioning

Qualitative component: Deep dive, to capture information on key themes related to country platform functioning, but targeted to specific countries and with greater depth than a quantitative survey. Also annual, but with selection of 2-4 countries per year.
3. Consultation Process for the Country Platform Assessments

- Presentation of proposed methodology to IG technical group (Sep 2019)

- Incorporation of feedback into methodology and tools (Oct 2019)

- GFF Secretariat is currently elaborating quantitative tools
  - First review with smaller group who expressed interest in collaborating (planned for Nov 2019)
  - Presentation and review by IG technical members during next technical meeting (early 2020)
### 3. Key Points Raised During Consultations and Decisions Made

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Issue Raised</th>
<th>Decision</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sequencing of quantitative and qualitative assessments</td>
<td>Quantitative will precede qualitative and inform selection of countries where a deep dive will be conducted (ideally 1-2 high performers and 2-3 challenging contexts)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Explore alignment with other in-country platforms and non-platform members</td>
<td>Will be explored in deep dive countries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Independence of the evaluation</td>
<td>Government support and engagement from key stakeholders is critical, but GFF will retain ownership given internal-facing focus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plan for dissemination of findings</td>
<td>Internal, global-level analysis and review; Country-level analysis and reporting back to government and platform members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target audience</td>
<td>GFF Secretariat, country governments and platform members</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 4. Timeline and next steps

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Q4 2019</th>
<th>Q1 2020</th>
<th>Q2 2020</th>
<th>Q3 2020</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Consultation on quantitative tools with smaller technical group</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piloting and finalization of quantitative tools</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discussion of country platform assessment with government focal points</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch of the web-based assessment</td>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-assessment at country platform meeting</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation of quantitative (summary) results to IG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Qualitative deep dive assessments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Qualitative reports available</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ANNEX
Annex 1: Example, Self-Monitoring Themes and Domains Included in Annual Report
Annex 2: Example of a Self-Assessment

COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT

- Investment Case Priorities
- Health Financing Reforms Prioritized
- Domestic Resource Mobilization
- Financiers alignment to the investment case
- Investment case in the budget
- Monitoring