

SAGE Working Group on Vaccination in Humanitarian Emergencies

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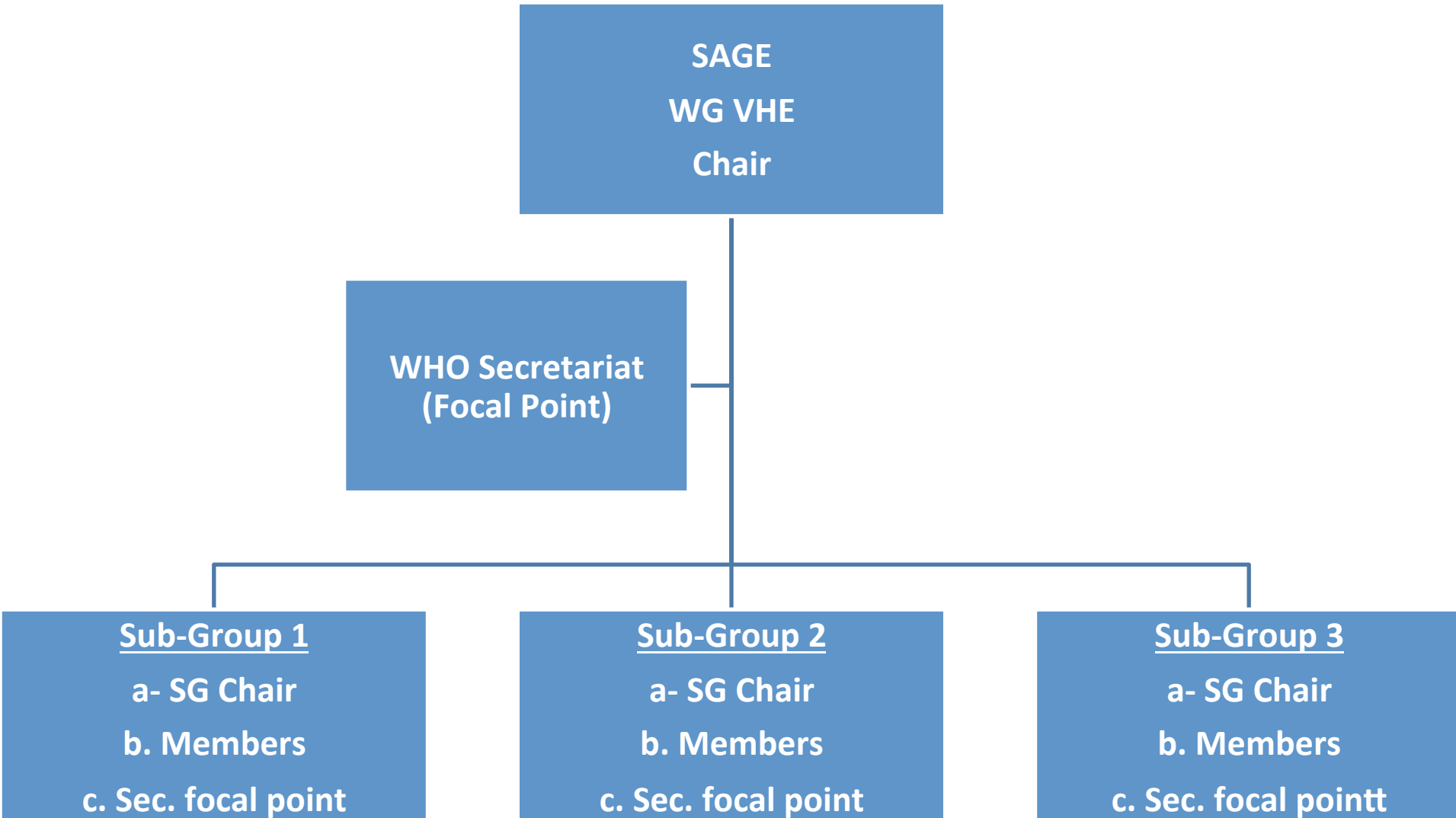
Introduction

- Vaccine preventable diseases occurring in recent humanitarian emergencies have highlighted the need for a comprehensive and evidence based public health decision making framework for vaccination in humanitarian emergencies
- The SAGE Working Group on Vaccination in Humanitarian Emergencies (SAGE WGVHE) was formed in June 2011 to determine key scientific, ethical, economic, public health, operational and political criteria that should be part of such a decision making framework

Objective

- Broad objective:
 - To develop a framework for public health decision-making for vaccination in humanitarian emergencies
 - To determine key scientific, ethical, economic, public health, operational and political criteria that should be part of such a decision making framework
- Specific objectives:
 1. Literature review of current guidelines, recommendations, and literature on recent experiences of vaccine use in humanitarian emergencies to determine present vaccine use decision making considerations in humanitarian emergencies
 2. Case studies of recent or ongoing humanitarian emergencies to determine decision making processes and considerations regarding vaccine use in humanitarian emergencies
 3. Review of ethical considerations in use of vaccines in humanitarian emergencies
 4. Development of the decision making framework on use of vaccines in humanitarian emergencies

Structure



Activities

- Sub-group 1:
 - Literature review – Guidelines and vaccines use in recent emergencies
 - Case studies – Recent or ongoing humanitarian emergencies
- Sub-group 2:
 - Literature review and analysis if ethical considerations in use of vaccines in emergencies
- Sub-group 3:
 - Development of the decision making framework on use of vaccines in humanitarian emergencies

Status

- Completed work
 - Literature review
 - Case studies
 - Ethics considerations in vaccine use in emergencies
 - Initial draft of decision making framework
- Ongoing work:
 - Development of the decision making framework
 - Preparation of manuscripts from some of the review work for scientific publication

Definition of Acute Emergency

- Sudden, unplanned population displacement
or
- New or exacerbated episodes of armed conflict
or
- Impending or rapid deterioration of nutritional status
or
- Natural or industrial disaster
resulting in
- Acute disruption of public health and/or other critical public functions

Next steps

- Incorporate inputs and feedback received from this SAGE meeting by 15th May 2012
- Integration of evidence gathered from literature review, case studies and ethics document in the framework by 15th June 2012
- Circulate preliminary draft framework to key constituencies for comments by 15th June 2012
- Incorporation of feedback and revision of the draft framework by 30th August 2012
- Finalize the decision making framework in preparation for the November SAGE meeting by 30th October 2012