

SAGE working group on vaccine hesitancy: terms of reference and process of work

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Terms of Reference of SAGE Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy (established March 2012)

- Prepare for a SAGE review and advice on how to address vaccine hesitancy and its determinants.
- **Define vaccine hesitancy and its scope**
- Undertake a **review of vaccine hesitancy** in different settings including its context-specific causes, its expression and its impact.
- Suggest one or several **indicator(s) of vaccine hesitancy** that could be used to monitor progress in the Global vaccine Action Plan.
- At global, regional and national levels:
 - Perform a **landscape analysis** of organizations working on this
 - Identify existing strategies that have worked (or not worked)
 - Prioritize existing and new activities/strategies based on an assessment of their potential impact;
 - Outline the specific role of WHO in addressing vaccine hesitancy;
 - Identify the specific role of regional and country advisory committees.

TORs - Status

Achievements	Work in Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define vaccine hesitancy and its scope• Undertake a review of vaccine hesitancy in different settings• Developed indicators of vaccine hesitancy that could be used to monitor progress in the Global vaccine Action Plan (GVAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to address vaccine hesitancy and its determinants• Identify and prioritize existing or new activities and strategies• Outline the specific role of WHO in addressing vaccine hesitancy• Identify the specific role of regional and country advisory committees• Perform a landscape analysis of who/what organizations are working on this issue in various settings/countries• Pilot testing of GVAP indicators

Accomplishments

- During 1st Face-to-Face meeting 7-8 October 2012 developed two indicators as part of the GVAP Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
 - Has there been some assessment (or measurement) of the level of confidence in vaccination at subnational level in the past?
 - What is the % of un- and under-vaccinated in whom lack of confidence was a factor that influenced their decision?
- Currently being pilot-tested on the Joint reporting Form (JRF) in select regions

Process of Work

During 2nd Face-to-Face meeting 4-5 February 2013 and monthly teleconferences:

- Working Group, with aid of Secretariat at WHO and LSHTM, have reviewed the literature and exchanged own experiences
- The working group developed definitions for vaccine hesitancy and related terms, and a matrix of vaccine hesitancy determinants
- During the process of developing indicators of vaccine hesitancy, the need was identified for a tool that could help countries measure vaccine hesitancy
 - Led to development of list of example questions that can be used to assess vaccine hesitancy

Outputs presented to SAGE

- Definitions and framework/matrix for vaccine hesitancy and its determinants
- Literature review on vaccine hesitancy
- Literature review on strategies to address vaccine hesitancy
- Landscape analysis of organizations working in vaccine hesitancy
- Draft list of questions for country use to measure vaccine hesitancy, with additional questions for consideration

Presentations in this Session

- Vaccine hesitancy: definitions, scope, context specific causes and impact
 - For SAGE review and input, particularly given the new approach taken by the working group
- Strategies and Interventions
 - To inform SAGE on the direction of the working group
 - Research is on-going
- Conclusions and Recommendations
 - To update SAGE and make sure the working group is on the right track

Feedback from SAGE requested on:

- Definitions, scope and overall approach to vaccine hesitancy
- Review of strategies to address vaccine hesitancy and its determinants and on further planned work
- List of example questions for the assessment of vaccine hesitancy
- Preliminary landscape analysis of organizations dealing with vaccine hesitancy
- Review and discuss the conclusions, current recommendations and way forward proposed by the working group in relation with its terms of reference