

Discussion on Maximizing the Investors Group



IG-CURRENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

IG serves as an advisory board to the GFF Trust Fund Committee (TFC) and the GFF Secretariat, as well as a forum for collective action and alignment towards improving women, children and adolescent health.

The IG carries to the following functions:

Strategic
Guidance

Provide strategic advice to the TFC and the GFF Secretariat for trust fund priority setting, policies and operational strategies

Advocacy and
Partnership

Advocate for increased global and domestic attention and investment for women, children and adolescents and promote the role of the GFF partnership in advancing this agenda

Alignment and
Coordination

Foster joint ownership of the GFF as a facility focusing on partner collaboration and alignment around country platforms and country-led, prioritized national health plans

Monitoring and
Mutual
accountability

Monitor the progress of the GFF partnership and ensure mutual accountability for delivering on the partnership commitments and objectives at global and country level

Knowledge
Sharing

Share best practices and foster innovation and learning from country and global experiences.

KEY OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2019 INVESTORS GROUP REVIEW

Led by a task team of IG principal partners which included a desk review, in-depth interviews, and various consultations, the following are the **key outcomes and recommendations**:

Instituted a co-chair function which includes a country representative

Added a dedicated youth representative seat and added an additional civil society representative seat

Expanded number of country representatives to match the number of Trust Fund donors

Reduced to one face-to-face IG meeting a year in effort to minimize duplication, reduce cost, and enhance quality of deliberations

Established and implemented a committee tied to functions on (1) country engagement and (2) monitoring country progress

INVESTORS GROUP: CURRENT WAYS OF WORKING

- The IG discussions inform TFC agenda and deliberations through its continued engagement.
- The GFF Secretariat, in collaboration with the cochairs, prepares the agenda of the IG meetings.
IG members can request the IG to consider additional agenda items.
- Two Investors Group meetings per year
 - One virtual
 - One in-person in a GFF partner country
- Background documents circulated in advance of IG meetings, with certain exceptions as advised by the cochairs.
- IG minutes are prepared by the Secretariat and made public on the GFF website, alongside the final version of slide presentations and papers prepared for the meeting.
- Time-bound working groups on various thematic areas (e.g., SRHR, climate and health, private sector). IG representation is also foreseen through other steering bodies (Lusaka, evaluation) to ensure representation of broader GFF partnership

WHY THIS DISCUSSION NOW?

Needs : Enabling greater collective action at global and country level against plateauing outcomes and push back against women and adolescent health

Current shift in the wider health ecosystem : Responding to the need for greater collaboration and alignment of partnerships with countries in the lead – ensuring the global health architecture is supportive of country efforts

Timing : Coincide with evaluation process and inform the next strategy development, including on maximizing GFF governance arrangements

MAXIMIZING THE ROLE OF THE IG

Guiding questions for discussion:

Is it the right time to take stock of how best to maximize the Investors Group ahead of the strategy development ?

Do partners support forming a time bound, working group to review the effectiveness and impact of the IG and propose recommendations on the IG to inform the next strategy ?

Does the IG have initial guidance on how to ensure the right balance between country and global partnership opportunities, along with trade-offs ?



Discussion