



Maximizing the Impact of the Investors Group

Nov 2024



Investors Group – Background and Context

- A review in 2019 led to changes in the governance framework, with revisions published in Feb 2020.
- **Primary changes:** institute a Co-Chair function; to expand the number of country representatives to match the number of Trust Fund donors; dedicated youth representative seat added and an additional civil society seat; reduced face to face meetings to one per year to minimize duplication, reduce cost and enhance quality of deliberations; established and implemented a committee tied to functions on country engagement and monitoring country progress.

Window of opportunity (2023/2024)

- Shifts in the wider health ecosystem
- Pushback and outcomes not accelerating
- Confluence of timing (e.g strategy development process, GFF evaluation)

Refresher – Current IG Roles and Responsibilities

The IG serves as an advisory board to the Trust Fund Committee and the GFF Secretariat, as well as a forum for collective action and alignment towards improving RMNCAH-N.

Functions:



Strategic Guidance: Provides strategic advice to the TFC and the GFF Secretariat for 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.

June 2024 IG Discussion

Agreement to set up a time bound Working Group
(likely timing Nov 2024 – July 2025)



IG recognized as having potential for **greater impact**

Concerted effort needed to find right balance between country and global level engagement

High level of interest in GFF's role in the alignment agenda, including as part of the Lusaka agenda

Open Discussion – To Inform Working Group

What has worked well, what has not?

- Reflections on IG global and country role to-date
- Format, participation, cadence, learning agenda

How might the IG strengthen its advisory role?

- Alignment - what do the IG functions look like when examined in the context of the Lusaka agenda (subnational focus?)
- What could a refreshed Ministerial Network look like?

Does the scope of IG strike the right balance?

- What, if any, are the needed shifts? What new ways of working could maximize effectiveness?

Next Steps

- **Working Group to be up and running by January 2025**
- **Consultations through July 2025**

Supported by the Secretariat – and additional resource

- Final WG deliverable – recommendations and implementable actions for the IG (and TFC and Secretariat) on maximizing the IG's impact.

