Dear TWG AAA-SDG Members,

Before the year draws to a close, we would like to share some final updates and news with you!

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**An opportunity to get involved!**

We’re searching for a new TWG AAA-SDG coordinator! In this role, you’ll work closely with the group chairs and theme leads to coordinate and implement our activity plan as well as represent our group at different fora, including at HSG Board meetings. The coordinator will also be responsible for communications with our members and preparing for symposia, and quarterly meetings with other TWGs and the HSG board. We seek to share the work among us, to avoid it being onerous. If you are interested in the topic of accountability and anti-corruption, we would love to hear from you! Please contact any of the chairs (Dina, David or Obinna) for more information on role duties and benefits.

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**Celebrating Anti-Corruption Solutions in Health**
solutions to counter corruption in the health system. We received a number of innovative solutions from across the world.

Here are the winning solutions and ideas and how they are addressing corruption:

**Finalist Solutions**

**The unique procurement methodology followed by TNMSC to ensure Competitive Bidding process and wider participation, India**

The problem that is being addressed is about ensuring competitive bidding in the procurement of high-end medical equipment where there are limited and specific manufacturers globally. For these types of equipment, the end users are likely to have an affinity towards a particular technology or make and model, either by virtue of their long association with using that technology/model or on any other consideration. A government procurement agency has to delicately balance the interests of the end-user and also have to facilitate wider competition through a fair and transparent procurement process.

The innovative unique solution was the introduction of multiple schedules in a single tender with single bid security based on the technical specifications of comparable models from various manufacturers. In this way, the procuring entity could accommodate specific models of each manufacturer in a particular domain through a process of natural competition. In other words, this tendering process allowed all the participants to display their model in a single tender under each schedule instead of going for multiple tenders for each model. This further saved time and resources for the procuring entity and also provided a wider choice to select the required model among the wide array of empanelled models based on the end user requirement and fund availability.
Project PINK BLUE, Nigeria

Project PINK BLUE (PPB) is a cancer fighting organization engaged in cancer awareness, treatment support, professional education for doctors & nurses, research, provision of free cancer screenings and fundraising for cancer patients needed to finance the high costs of treatment. To access funding, patients must declare that the funding will only be used for treatments, have patient treatment information be accessible to donors and share patient stories on social media. Funders are able to directly deposit funds into patient bank accounts however, need permission from PPB to access the funding in order to prevent funding from being used for other purposes.
Finalist Ideas

Anti-corruption evidence (ACE) approach to Addressing Absenteeism, Bangladesh

The top-down approach of combating health sector corruption through transparency and accountability mechanisms (‘carrot and stick’) has largely been found ineffective. Instead, the ACE consortium suggested a ‘horizontal’ mechanism for anti-corruption, focusing on the structural drivers of absenteeism and taking local and national level context into account. In Bangladesh, a qualitative study was conducted to understand these drivers of absenteeism from doctors with rural posting experiences, so that those staying behind stand to gain from the enforcement of particular rules and make enforcement of anti-corruption strategies more feasible. It also elicited job preferences of doctors under certain
The approach is innovative because it showed that there are significant differences in job preferences of the doctors and therefore, are likely to respond to incentives and sanctions differently.

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**TWG AAA-SDG at Health Systems Research Symposium in Bogota**

We held our first in-person business meeting at HSR 2022 and had the opportunity to brainstorm activities for the coming year. Some ideas include documenting and sharing anti-corruption strategies and solutions that have been implemented across different countries and contexts; planning webinars with supporting actors who are critical in fighting corruption (e.g., journalists), holding regional meetings on topics of anti-corruption as well as creating an active online forum where members can communicate and exchange ideas with one another. Based on this discussion, as an immediate next step the TWG will be working to encourage member contribution and feedback through meetings and online forum through Google groups or another online platform.

Download session presentation
TWG AAA-SDG Theme Lead Featured on the Global Health Matters podcast

Listen to this month’s episode of the Global Health Matters podcast featuring TWG AAA-SDG Theme Lead, Jonathan Cushing. For this lively episode, podcast host, Garry Aslanyan and guests share their experiences, and discuss the factors driving corruption and potential solutions to help cure it.

Listen here

Upcoming Event: "Corruption: A Public Health Emergency"
Corruption has a devastating impact on health outcomes, compounding inequities and undermining finance efficiencies. Almost US$600 billion is lost from health systems each year to fraud and corruption, more than enough to close the financing gap in delivering universal health care by 2030 – a key commitment made by all United Nations member states.

Join USAID and Transparency International Global Health along with our esteemed panellists for Corruption: a public health emergency on Monday 5 December, 13:00-14:30 EST, to explore an overlooked public health emergency – corruption. The dialogue will look at tackling corruption in health systems, a necessary component in achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Chaired by Matt Henneberger, USAID Bureau for Global Health, our panel of experts will discuss;

- Where key vulnerabilities lie, and how corruption has been minimised at key points within health systems
- How transparency and accountability measures can be effectively built into health systems planning, budgeting and procurement processes
- What more needs to be done to ensure anti-corruption measures are embedded in the core of health systems approaches, at global and national levels.

Registration Closes: 2 December

Interesting Articles and Resources

- Understanding Reasons for and Strategic Responses to Administrative Health Data Misreporting in an Indian State. Meghani, A et al. Health...


• **Absenteeism among doctors in the Bangladesh health system: What are the structural drivers?** Naher, N et al. SSM - Qualitative Research Methods. Dec 2022.


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Get in touch!

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