# Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> FP2020 Country Committee Meeting Friday, 20 March 2015 JS Luwansa Hotel, Jakarta

## **Opening Remarks**

- Mr. Jose Ferraris opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> FP2020 Country Committee meeting. He noted that Mrs. Ambar Rahayu, Acting Chairperson of BKKBN, was unable to open this FP2020 meeting but in her absence, Mr. Sanjoyo, Deputy for Training, Research, and Development at BKKBN, delivered the opening remarks on her behalf.
- Mr. Sanjoyo welcomed the participants of the FP2020 meeting, including among others, colleagues from Bappenas, BKKBN, MOH, PKBI, etc. He thanked everyone for attending and participating in this very important meeting.
- Mr. Jose Ferraris continued by welcoming a new member of the committee, Mr. Jonathan Ross, the Director of the USAID Health Office in Indonesia. Mr. Ferraris welcomed Mr. Ross to say a few words.
- Mr. Jonathan Ross noted that he was very pleased to be at this meeting and to meet all the FP2020 partners. As one of the Co-Chairs to the meeting, he also welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued commitment and participation. Mr. Ross mentioned that in future meetings Ms. Zohra Balsara, Deputy of the USAID Health Office, will serve as the Co-Chair to this meeting on behalf of USAID.
- Mr. Jose Ferraris invited everyone around the table to introduce themselves and the institutions that they represent. Following the introductions, Mr. Ferraris went through the agenda of the meeting. Referring to the updates of the FP Strategy working groups, Mr. Ferraris highlighted that back in 2012, it was agreed that two sub-committees would be formed within the FP2020 Country Committee structure. These two working groups became the FP Strategy working group and the Rights and Empowerment working group who have both been very active over the past year-and-a-half (ie. discussions and consultations have been conducted). He noted that both groups will be presenting their preliminary products to the FP2020 Country Committee today for further feedback. He will also, together with Mrs. Siti Fathonah and Mrs. Zohra Balsara, convey the feedback that we get today at the FP2020 Country Committee focal points meeting that will be held in Istanbul next week. Mr. Ferraris acknowledged all the hard work of the inter-sector working group members that played an important role in the development of the "Rightsbased Strategy for Accelerating Access to Family Planning Services to Achieve Indonesia's Development Goals" that was distributed at the beginning of this meeting. He emphasized that this is still a preliminary document and has not been finalized. Furthermore, there are still several on-going discussions on the specific technical and programmatic issues related to family planning and all suggestions and comments will be taken under consideration and incorporated into the final version of the document. Mr. Ferraris also noted that there is a mistake in the document that will be corrected and revised before the printing of the final document. Mr. Ferraris continued by acknowledging the active participation of the Ministry of Health, who has been involved in the development of this strategy framework from

the very beginning of this process. He also noted the valuable contribution of Bappenas who has made a very significant effort to mainstream family planning into the third National Medium-term Development Plan (RPJMN) for 2015-2019. He noted that Bappenas has also played a significant role in ensuring that the outcomes and outputs mentioned in this document aligns properly with the RPJMN 2015-2019. It is the hope that this document will be used by and incorporated into the strategic plans of BKKBN, MOH, and all other related ministries as well as the development partners, and civil society organizations. Mr. Ferraris also took this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of IBI, POGI, and Dr. Saramma T. Mathai.

### FP2020 Reference Group Meeting Update (Ms. Ambar Rahayu)

Mr. Sanjoyo delivered a presentation on behalf of Ms. Ambar Rahayu (please refer to presentation attached). He presented Ms. Rahayu's update presentation on the FP2020 Reference Group Meeting that she attended in November 2014 (in her capacity as the reference group member from BKKBN/Indonesia). Mr. Sanjoyo went over the following topic areas: introduction about FP2020; overview of the FP program in Indonesia; the theoretical framework for FP strategies; and progress towards FP2020 goal.

### FP Strategy and Rights and Empowerment Working Group Updates

- Dr. Irma Ardiana presented the working document of the FP Strategy Framework that has been discussed quite intensively between the FP Strategy working group members, Ministry of Health, and Bappenas (please refer to presentation attached). She briefly discussed the strategic outcomes, outputs, proposed performance indicators, and the next steps that will be taken with regards to this strategic framework. She noted that there are four strategic outcomes and she continued by reviewing the outputs for each strategic outcome. Dr. Ardiana also mentioned that there should be more discussions with the relevant stakeholders regarding the performance indicators.
- Dr. Setyawati Budiningsih presented on the progress of the Rights and Empowerment working group (please refer to presentation attached). She mentioned the tasks of the R & E working group that was to identify the barriers that prevent women from accessing their right to information related to family planning. She noted that this survey was funded by Ford Foundation, and UNFPA consultants provided technical advice on this study and its findings. Dr. Budiningsih reviewed the structure of the survey, the type and number of respondents, and the preliminary findings thus far. She divided the findings into 5 categories: results from the decision makers, community leaders, health centers, health professionals (eg. Doctors and midwives), and the community, including women, men, and youth. She noted that Puskesmas focus primarily on the post-partum contraceptives, especially in Jakarta. Dr. Budiningsih also discussed the lessons learned thus far and the proposed future activities for the Rights and Empowerment working group.
- Mr. Jose Ferraris thanked Dr. Setyawati Budiningsih and the Rights & Empowerment working group members for their hard work and progress report. He reemphasized the recommendation proposed by the Rights & Empowerment working group to

coordinate and merge both findings and reports of the working groups. Mr. Ferraris then opened the floor for further discussion (questions and comments).

### Q & A Seession on the FP Strategy and Rights and Empowerment working groups:

Dr. Saramma T. Mathai mentioned that there is a great opportunity for the FP Strategy because the focus and priority of the Government of Indonesia to capitalize on the demographic dividend, which cannot be achieved without family planning.
 Dr. Mathai also noted that the Universal Health Coverage (JKN) also provides a great opportunity to increase the family planning coverage in Indonesia.

#### Prof. Budi Utomo:

- How can we translate this strategy into implementation methods, particularly at the district level?
- There should be a quality assurance strategy.
- There should also be a similar strategy at the district level to support the effective implementation of the national family planning strategy.
- There needs to be a clear understanding of the roles of the MOH and BKKBN at all levels (ie. national, province, district, sub-district) in order to minimize confusion between both sectors.

### Mr. Roy Tjiong:

- The issue of access to contraceptives for adolescents is a major area that needs to be more strongly addressed in the strategy.
- Law No. 52 still poses a challenge because according to that law, contraceptives are limited only to married couples.
- Commenting on the Rights and Empowerment working group, Mr. Roy
  Tjiong noted that there was a lot of emphasis on reproductive health but not enough on the sexual rights (there should be more emphasis on this).

#### Prof. Siswanto Wilopo:

- How can we translate this strategy into actual activities that can be implemented? He noted that existing activities that are in line with this strategy should be identified.
- How can this family planning strategy better comply with the universal health coverage (JKN)?

#### Mr. Hendra Gunawan:

- Mr. Hendra Gunawan reemphasized what was said by Prof. Budi Utomo and Prof. Siswanto Wilopo about translating the strategy into action.
- O What, how, and who should be our main questions.
- What is the role of the private sector (especially the private midwives) in the family planning program?
- Midwives can be very effective in providing advocacy and education to the acceptors.
- Mr. Robert Ainslie noted that he was happy that demand generation is one of the four main outcomes. He also mentioned that he will provide written comments to the document.

Mr. Fahmi Rizal (PKBI) mentioned the issue of contraceptive failure and abortion. He noted that abortion should be openly discussed and should be one package with family planning. He also mentioned the importance of reemphasizing the use of condoms for family planning purposes in addition to STI/HIV prevention. He noted that there is a current trend where condoms are used less among married couples because condoms are thought to be for STI/HIV prevention only.

### Mr. John Leigh:

- Mr. John Leigh reiterated what was already said by the previous members regarding translating the strategy into action and who will be responsible for those actions at the local level.
- Ministry of Home Affairs needs to be involved and their role should be mentioned in this strategy, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the other ministerial agencies.
- Prioritization is key, especially since this strategy is a very long and comprehensive document. If the list is too long, we run the risk of doing nothing at all.
- Output 1.2 (engagement of the private sector) is absolutely crucial. Private midwives and pharmacists are the two most effective providers of contraceptives and we need to better understand how they are engaged. The issue of incentives should be discussed. There is a shift from long-acting contraceptive methods to short-term contraceptive methods and we know from the experience in the field that this is related to the matter of incentives. There needs to be more incentives for midwives to promote long-term acting methods.
- Output 3.4 (advocacy) is also important. There is significant progress with advocacy and education at the national level and among partners, however there is less progress at the sub-national level. A main problem is the lack of awareness.
- Output 4.2 (operational research and innovation) needs to be emphasized. Innovative examples that work should be replicated all across Indonesia and we should also take from the lessons learned of less successful examples and methods.
- Ms. Ani Pudyastuti commented on the FP Strategy and suggested that moving forward, we need to begin by applying real activities based on this strategy in select districts in order to provide evidence and lessons learned from this strategy.
- Dr. Emi reemphasized the importance of private midwives in delivering family planning services. Can the role of private midwives be increased? She noted that there are challenges in implementing the 2014 national insurance regulation and she hopes to garner support to find ways to maximize the role of these midwives in family planning. She also discussed output 1.4 regarding the introduction of family planning in the curriculum of the training of midwives.
- Dr. Anung Sugihantono mentioned that the action plan of the Ministry of Health is now currently available. Over the next 5 years (2015-2019), MOH will be focusing on improving the capacity of primary healthcare. MOH will also focus on universal health coverage (JKN). He noted that the JKN needs to be observed in more detail, especially when discussing the issue of family planning because there are two sides of the JKN—government-supported (PPI) and institution-supported. He also

discussed output 1.4 of the FP strategy, improving the capacity of human resources. He noted that attention needs to placed on human resources within the government and private sectors. He agreed with Dr. Emi that it is easier for the MOH to create cooperation and collaboration with government employees/midwives, however, for the private sector midwives it is slightly more challenging because not all private midwives are registered at the district health offices or puskesmas. In achieving output 1.4, Dr. Anung Sugihantono hopes to strengthen the collaboration with Indonesian Midwife Association as well as the Indonesian Doctors Association improve the capacity of all midwives. Dr. Sugihantono also mentioned the issue of contraceptive supply chain management and its effective delivery from the government's side that is currently being discussed with BKKBN. He mentioned that there needs to be more detail on this issue within the FP strategy document.

Mr. Jose Ferraris thanked Dr. Anung Sugihantono and all the participants for their valuable contribution. He noted that all suggestions and comments for the FP Strategy will be taken into consideration to be incorporated into the final version of this strategic framework. Inputs from the Rights and Empowerment working group will also be taken under consideration.

## International Conference on Family Planning Update (Ms. Siti Fathonah)

Ms. Siti Fathonah announced that the ICFP conference will be held from 9-12 November in Nusa Dua, Bali. She provided a brief background of the ICFP that is regularly held every two years. She noted that this conference is a strategic event that aims to strengthen the global commitment on family planning programs. During the same time as the 4<sup>th</sup> ICFP, a conference on HIV/AIDS will be held as well in Africa. Unfortunately, there may be some participants who will not be able to attend the ICFP because they will be attending this HIV conference at the same time. Ms. Fathonah mentioned the host of the ICFP, venue, and theme of the conference ("Gobal Commitments, Local Actions"). She briefly described the different committees and sub-committees that will be involved in this conference (international and national committees). Ms. Fathonah also described the coordination mechanism that is currently in placed (please refer to presentation attached). She also went over the tentative agenda, the different thematic tracks, and the abstract submission process and timeline. Ms. Siti Fathonah also acknowledged the support of UNFPA to increase the quality of abstracts and the overall representation of Indonesian participants at this conference. In this regard, UNFPA has provided mentoring support for participants who wish to submit an abstract to this conference. The dealline for the national abstract submission will be April 7 so that there will be enough time to make the necessary revisions prior to the May 1 deadline to the international scientific sub-committee.

### **Updates from Partners**

Mr. Robert Ainslie presented on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's investment with Tahir Foundation in Indonesia (please refer to the attached presentation). He noted that there are 5 main components (ie. demand creation, health facility strengthening for post-partum family planning, supply chain management to ensure availability and supply of contraceptives, and data strengthening), but he focused on 3. Overall, the investment is to support the FP2020 pledge in Indonesia in partnership with BKKBN. Mr. Ainslie mentioned that these activities align very well

with the family planning strategy presented today. He described the different partners that they will be collaborating with for the various components. Mr. Ainslie presented on the My Choice program, which is being implemented in 11 districts in 4 provinces (North Sumatera, Jakarta, Central Java, and South Sulawesi). He discussed the overall goals of the program and provided a brief progress report.

- Ms. Dinar Pandan Sari continued the presentation by Mr. Robert Ainslie and presented on the Smartphone App project, which aims to provide information on family planning (please refer to the attached presentation). The application will be made available for smartphone owners and also feature phones (for phones that have limited access to internet they will develop a responsive website that mirrors the content of the smartphone app). She noted that they are currently in the stage of developing the "user experience" or the face of the app and the next step will be to develop the engine of the app. She proceeded by explaining the different parts of the app to the members of the meeting.
- Ms. Yunita provided a quick update on the progress of the ICMM project (please refer to the attached presentation). She noted that the design of this project is based on operation research and advocacy with a knowledge management component, and this aligns with output 3.4 and 4.2 of the FP strategic framework that was shared earlier. Ms. Yunita briefly discussed the intervention and control districts, the overall goals of the project, and the 3 components of the ICMM project. She also described the different activities of the district working groups for this ICMM project. Thus far, the district working groups have successfully advocated for an endorsement letter from the Bupati to the head of the village to allocate funds for family planning in each village (commitments range between 1.5-20 million rupiah), especially with regards to improving the education on and awareness of the LAPM.
- Mr. Hendra Gunawan noted that the private sector is the main provider of FP in Indonesia, with more than 75% share of contribution of National FP relying on the role of midwives as the front liner. Currently with the issuance of PERMENKES No. 34, midwives face difficulties in getting contraceptives products directly from the distributor. This new regulation stipulates and insists on contraceptives supply to midwives through pharmacies with the following downsides:
  - 80% of midwives are having practice in rural areas / villages where no pharmacies are available.
  - Needless to say that travelling to city to seek for pharmacies are a burden for them - both in cost and time.
  - The buying price in pharmacies is 30 50% higher than distributor price.
  - And most importantly, buying at pharmacies will always be on a cash-basis, and it's a heavy cash burden for the midwives when compared to buying through distributor with one-month payment term.

PT Tunggal is currently working very closely with BKKBN and BPOM to address this issue, and has raised it up to the attention of the MOH

Dr. Melania Hidayat provided a brief update on UNFPA-supported activities in relation to family planning in Indonesia (please refer to the attached presentation).
 She highlighted the activities that will be completed or initiated in 2015, including: the establishment of the Technical Support Unit at BKKBN; the study on family planning under the universal health coverage; improving the quality of condoms and

initiation of the SCM modeling in 9 districts; mentoring for ICFP national participants; and South-South Cooperation global and bilateral initiatives.

### **Closing Remarks**

- Ms. Ambar Rahayu provided her final reflections on the 10<sup>th</sup> FP2020 meeting. With regards to the Permenkes 34, she noted that a letter has been sent to the minister of health but there has been no response yet. More discussions will be needed to find the best way to most effectively work within the new regulation and to ensure that the midwives can continue to be effective in delivering family planning services to the community. Ms. Rahayu also discussed the upcoming ICFP in November 2015. Ms. Ambar Rahayu hopes that Indonesia will not just serve as the host of this event, but she also hopes that Indonesia can fully engage in this conference and share our lessons learned on family planning in Indonesia. She also noted that several important meetings will be happening within the next few weeks, including a short visit from Dr. Babtunde, Oexecutive director for UNFPA. She hopes to share Indonesia's progress on family planning with Dr. Babatunde during his visit in April.
- Mr. Jonathon Ross expressed his appreciation for all the updates that were shared today. He noted that the continued work of all the partners is a real testament to the activeness and commitment of the FP2020 Indonesia Country Committee. He also suggested focusing on the universal health coverage (JKN) costing for one of the future FP2020 Country Committee meetings. Mr. Ross continued by thanking all the participants for coming and being active participants at this meeting.
- Mr. Jose Ferraris reiterated the visit of Dr. Babatunde, Exective Director for UNFPA from 19-21 April 2015 as mentioned by Ms. Ambar Rahayu. He noted that Dr. Babatunde will be coming to Indonesia in connection to the World Economic Forum for East Asia. In this regard, Mr. Ferraris noted that all FP2020 members will be invited to a special session of the FP2020 Indonesia Country Committee on 21 April 2015 that will most likely be hosted at BKKBN. Mr. Jose Ferraris closed the meeting by thanking all the partners for their continued support and commitment to the revitalization of family planning in Indonesia.

