



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

GTFCC strategic workshop 29-30-31 January 2025

World Health Organization Headquarters,
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background¹ - In 2023, on behalf of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control Steering Committee and Secretariat, the WHO and UNICEF Evaluation Offices commissioned an independent mid-term review of the GTFCC, conducted by Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA). The first draft final report was shared with the Evaluation Steering Group and Evaluation Reference Group members, by the WHO Evaluation Office on behalf of the evaluators, on January 6, 2025, for review and factual comments by January 21, 2025.

The evaluation of the GTFCC comes at an important milestone: the midway to the Roadmap's scheduled end point. Moreover, seven years after its launch, the cholera landscape has changed considerably globally and locally. Climate change, conflicts, and population displacements have contributed to increasing cholera outbreaks. At the same time, cholera vaccine shortage introduced a new vaccination schedule and has hindered the capacity to run both preventive and reactive campaigns at scale. Concerning, countries where cholera hasn't been present for decades, have recently reported new cases.

Purpose of the evaluation - The evaluation aims to assess relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, sustainability of the GTFCC as well as a broad cross-cutting question that will provide a perspective on the inclusion of equity, gender, and human rights considerations in the Global Roadmap strategy. The evaluation will be used to inform the strategic and operational future of GTFCC while assessing the validity of the Roadmap and its instruments in a context of change.

Workshop - This 2.5-day in-person workshop, planned for January 2025, will focus on reviewing the conclusions and recommendations from the Mid-Term Review, discussing and deciding on key elements for the GTFCC Response Plan, and setting directions for strategic planning for 2025-2030. During the workshop, participants will examine each recommendation, decide whether to accept or reject it, provide justifications, and start discussing actions planned.

Audience – The workshop will bring together members of the GTFCC steering committee, members of the evaluation reference group, technical working group chairs, representatives of cholera-affected countries and a number of task force member partners, as well as non-members invited to contribute to this strategic exercise as external advisors.

Supporting documents:

- (i) Draft report of the mid-term review;
- (ii) Table on recommendations (mid-term review) extracted from the mid-term review report to serve as a draft document for the discussions during the workshop;
- (iii) GTFCC Response Plan Template.

¹ Evaluation Terms of Reference (25 January 2024).

Day 1 – Wednesday 29 January 2025, [12.30pm – 5pm CET]**Room M.105 (building M)***In-person participants – Standing lunch [11.30am – 12.30pm]*

1. **Introductions** [12.30pm – 1.30pm]
 - a. Cholera context and workshop objectives
 - b. Roundtable / presentation of each participant
2. **Opening Remarks** - WHO Deputy Director-General and Executive Director of the Health Emergencies Programme [12.45pm]
3. **Objectives** of the workshop and structure of the meeting [1.30pm – 2.15pm]
 - a. Expectations from participants
 - b. Objective and expected outcomes
4. **Review** of the 6 conclusions – Comments and discussion [2.15pm – 4.45pm including a **20 min coffee break**]
5. Wrap-up and **takeaways, briefing** for breakout groups on days 2 and 3 on the recommendations [4.45pm – 5pm]

Day 2 – Thursday 30 January 2025, [9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm CET]**Room TBC**

The audience will be split into three groups (two for in person participants and one for online participants) to foster more in depth and inclusive discussions - each group will look at all conclusions and recommendations.

1. **Welcome, Agenda and Objectives** of the day [9.00am – 9.20am]
2. **Breakout group:** Revision of Conclusions 1-2-4 and associated recommendations 1-2 [9.20am – 10.50am]
 - Recommendation 1: Develop a clear strategy to translate Roadmap objectives into priorities for the GTFCC along with a costed work plan to describe key activities and partners roles for the next five-year period until the end of the Roadmap in 2030
 - Recommendation 2: Enhance country engagement and impact of GTFCC work at the country level, building on the positive repositioning since 2017 towards a more country facing role
3. **Coffee break: 10.50am – 11.10am**
4. **Plenary:** Debrief, debate & final vote on recommendations 1 and 2 [11.10am – 12.30pm]
5. **Lunch: 12.30pm – 1.30pm**
6. **Breakout group:** Revision of Conclusions 3-6 and associated recommendations 3-4 [1.30pm – 3.00pm]
 - Recommendation 3: Adapt the GTFCC model and structures to improve partners' engagement and ownership and for greater efficiency and effectiveness in their functioning
 - Recommendation 4: Significantly enhance efforts towards greater advocacy and resource mobilisation for cholera at the global and country levels, including resource mobilisation for the GTFCC itself
7. **Coffee break: 3.00pm – 3.20pm**
8. **Plenary:** Debrief, debate & final vote on recommendations 3-4 [3.20pm – 4.30pm]
9. Key **takeaways** for the development of the GTFCC Response Plan and wrap-up [4.30pm - 5pm]

Day 3 – Friday 31 January 2025, [9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm CET]**Room D46025 – Building D (UNAIDS)**

In the morning, the audience will be split into three groups similar to Day 2.

1. **Welcome, Agenda and Objectives** of the day [9.00am – 9.10am]
2. **Breakout group:** Revision of Conclusions 5-6.1 and associated recommendations 5-6 [9.10am – 10.40am]
 - Recommendation 5: Make a concerted effort to prioritize WASH aspects [10.45am – 12pm]
 - Recommendation 6: Strengthen M&E and country data collection and collation efforts [12pm – 1pm]
3. **Coffee break: 10.40am – 11.00am**
4. **Plenary:** Debrief, debate & final vote on recommendations 1 and 2 [11.00am – 12.10pm]
5. **Lunch: 12.10pm – 1.10pm**
6. **World Café and Plenary:** Brainstorming on Actions to be taken – Recommendations 1-2-3 [1.10pm – 2.45pm]
7. **Coffee break: 2.45pm – 3.05pm**
8. **World Café and Plenary:** Brainstorming on Actions to be taken – Recommendations 4-5-6 [3.05pm – 4.40pm]
9. Key **takeaways** for the development of the GTFCC Response Plan, thanks and wrap-up [4.40pm – 4.55pm]

Annex: Recap table based on section 4. Recommendations pages 73-76 of the draft final report Mid-term Evaluation of the Global Task Force for Cholera Control:

Recommendations	Lead and timeframe	Conclusions
Recommendation 1: Develop a clear strategy to translate Roadmap objectives into priorities for the GTFCC along with a costed work plan to describe key activities and partners roles for the next five-year period until the end of the Roadmap in 2030.	Secretariat (first draft) endorsed by SC, first half 2025	2
Recommendation 2: Enhance country engagement and impact of GTFCC work at the country level, building on the positive repositioning since 2017 towards a more country facing role.	CSP, immediate and throughout 2025	4
Recommendation 3: Adapt the GTFCC model and structures to improve partners' engagement and ownership and for greater efficiency and effectiveness in their functioning.	SC, Secretariat, specific GTFCC structures by Q1 2025	3
Recommendation 4: Significantly enhance efforts towards greater advocacy and resource mobilisation for cholera at the global and country levels, including resource mobilisation for the GTFCC itself.	ATT, Secretariat, SC, CSP by Q1 2025	6
Recommendation 5: Make a concerted effort to prioritize WASH aspects.	WASH WG by Q1 2025	5
Recommendation 6: Strengthen M&E and country data collection and collation efforts.	WHO and Secretariat by Q1 2025	Finding 6.1