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Day 3: Requirements and Components for Effective Multi-sectoral Multi- stakeholder Coordination

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- Most countries have multisector policies/strategies and nutrition action plans (NPAN, KNAP, etc.)
- Most countries have assigned multisector coordination to a unit or committee (mostly within MOH)
- Most countries have additional multistakeholder forums (WGs, etc.)
- Many countries find that Multisector - Multistakeholder Coordination & Cooperation (2M2C) is not effective





- **Multisectoral Plans** might be developed with different ministries signing up on the plan, but relevant officers are not involved or aware
- **Sectoral/ministerial directives** to support the implementation might be missing
- **Lack of “enforceable accountability”**
- **Often no operational unit** to ensure/support required activities for effective coordination
(A Committee or Council often too high level to manage coordination)
- **If coordination is assigned to MOH**, it might not have the authority/mandate to “coordinate” other ministries





- 2M2C requires an organized “coordination architecture” committee
- Important “technical” areas (MIS/M&E; Cap. Dev.; Advocacy & Communication, etc.) may not be organized for effective 2M2C
- Existing WGs, Committees and forums may not be well supported or managed to produce any tangible product or
- They may not be properly linked



➤ Political Commitment and Support

- Sectoral?
- Supra-sectoral?



➤ National Framework

- Policies, Strategies and Plans
- Defined roles & responsibilities of relevant sectors (Ministries) and other stakeholders



- Linked Coordination Architecture
 - High Level Committee(s)
 - Technical **multisectoral** groups (Cap. Dev WG, A&C WG, M&E/MIS WG)
 - Specific stakeholder groups (CSO, Academia, Private Sector, Donors, UN)
 - Operational level secretariat to facilitate coordination (who and where?!)

- Funding

High Level Political Committee

Responsible for policy direction, guidance, and oversight and ensuring required multiministerial commitment and support

- required policies are in place/developed
- coordinate sectoral policies
- commitment of all stakeholders
- internal and external resources
- Assess/review the implementation progress of NPAN
- provide guidance, direction and mandates to ministries, national institutions and other stakeholders

High Level Technical Committee

- Support implementation of the decision of HLPC
- Ensure the commitment and technical support of the ministries and other stakeholders
- Provide required directives to officials in the relevant ministries
- Coordinate the effective operational implementation
- Discuss and identify issues that need to be elevated to the HLSC (linking WG with HLPC and vice versa)
- Review and monitor the progress of NPAN
- Provide guidance and support to “2M2C Secretariat”



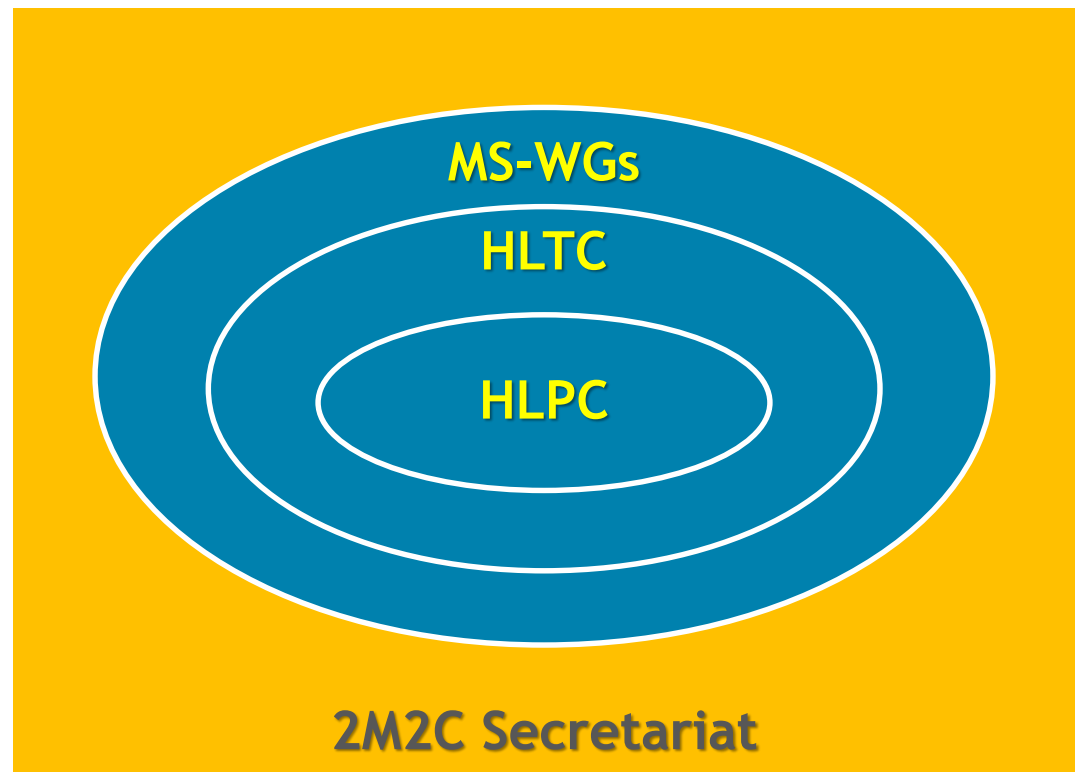
Technical Working Groups

- Advocacy & Communication
- Capacity Development
- M&E/MIS
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Other Platforms

- CSO
- Academia
- Private Sector
- Media
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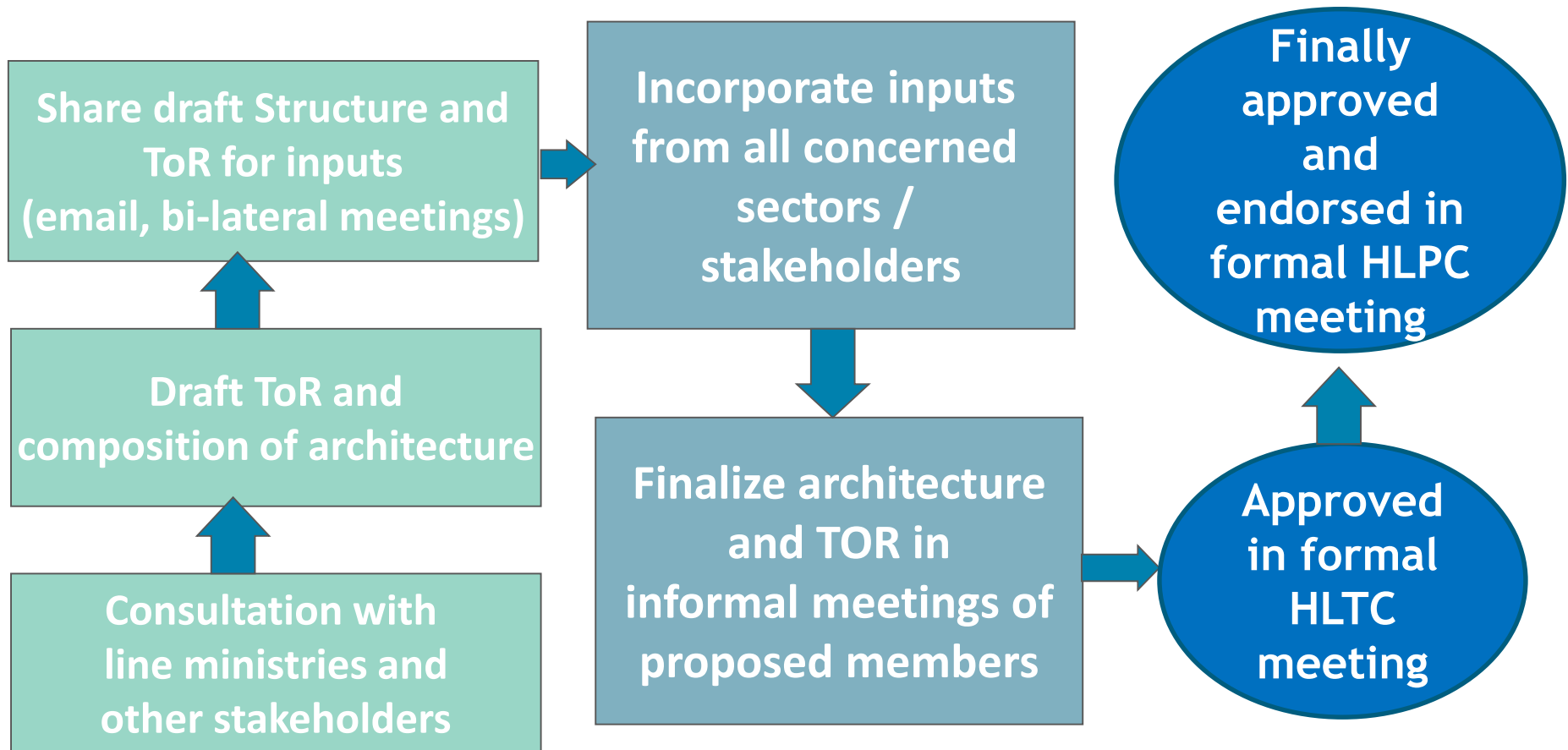




All Committees, WG, platforms need clear TOR approved, preferably approved by the HLPC to have a mandate and become a formally established NFS 2M2C Architecture:

- Objectives,
- Clear meeting arrangements,
- Defined membership,
- Expected outputs and deliverables
- Somebody preparing and managing the meetings and doing follow-up work (2M2C Secretariat?)





HLPC



HLTC



2M2C Secretariat



**Media
Network**

**Private
Sector
Platform**

**Academia
Platform**

**CSO
Alliance**

**MS
Technical
WGs**

**Nutrition
Group
(UN, NGOs)**

**Finance
Platform**

1. To jointly develop multisectoral and sectoral A&C strategies/plans
2. To identify multisectoral as well as sectoral advocacy and communication programs/activities
3. To identify target groups, communication methodologies and means and materials to be developed
4. To support planning and coordination of advocacy and communication activities (Poster, pamphlet, radio & TV, awareness/sensitization, behavior change etc.) at all levels
5. To coordinate and agree on who would implement which A&C activities
6.





1. To identify multisectoral as well as sectoral capacity building needs
2. To develop Capacity Development Masterplan
3. To identify main relevant training topics and activities to be implemented
4. To identify which stakeholder should take the lead on the training for specific target groups
5. To coordinate and guide the development of training materials and means
6. To jointly build capacities of public training institutions to be used for the future training activities
7.



1. To identify data and information across sectoral MIS that are relevant for multisectoral planning at national and district levels
2. To regularly conduct joint multisectoral analysis sessions of nutrition relevant data collected
3. To support more effective sectoral and multi - sectoral planning through joint utilisation of multi-sectoral data
4. To develop/implement multisectoral the M&E plan for NPAN
5. To support the development of M&E training materials and the training itself
6. To identify and coordinate special study, research or survey needs
7.



- M&E framework/plan development/implementation (e.g. MER-SC)
- NIS WG
- MAC are multisectoral, but sometimes “only” for NIPN
- Advocacy to decision makers parliamentarians and others
- Capacity building
- Participation in various multisectoral WG
- Studies on request of MoH/MoAg or others in support of 2M2C/NPAN
- Support to the drafting of NPANs
- Support for multisector coordination at sub-national/municipality level



1. Effective Multisector - Multistakeholder Coordination & Cooperation is possible, but requires all relevant components to be established, connected and managed well
2. The relevant platforms, committees, working groups, etc. need to be well organized to avoid being additional “talkshops”
3. If well managed they can produce tangible results that are worth the efforts and contributions of all
4. As a result, all stakeholders might know who is doing what and where and can make more efficient, targeted and well coordinated use of the available resources of all



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