

Public Private Partnership Group of the
International Network on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (Network)

Terms of Reference

The International Network on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (Network) was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2003 with the objective to promote household water treatment and safe storage as a critical component of efforts to reduce the burden of water-borne diseases. It brings together a range of stakeholders who are all committed to the network's objective and principles, outlined in the 2011-2016 Network Strategy available online at: http://www.who.int/household_water/resources/en/.

As of 2011 the Network is co-hosted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO. In support of Phase II efforts (2011-2016), the two agencies have agreed to establish a Network Public Private Partnership Group (PPG). The PPG will offer advice leveraging the financial and professional resources of the private sector to increase the scale and sustainability of household water treatment and safe storage (HWTS).

Member Profile and Designation

The PPG will be composed of maximum ten members, all outstanding professionals in their area of expertise. Members of the PPG will be selected based on demonstrated commitment to the mission of INHTWS, success in promoting and bringing HWTS to scale, leadership experience, ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams and excellent oral and written communication skills in English. Selection will also consider geographical distribution, gender balance and the need to balance public and private sector representation.

UNICEF and WHO will jointly select the members of the PPG, applying the criteria outlined above. Members are designated for a period of three years, with the option of re-designation for one additional term of three years. The designation period irrevocably comes to an end after six years. Members are designated in their personal capacity. They cannot be represented at PPG meetings by other staff members of the institute or company they are affiliated with or any other professional colleagues. In order to serve on the PPG, members must complete a statement of extent and/or nature of potential vested conflict of interest.

Functions and responsibilities

Within the agreed and limited boundaries of an independent group, whose functions are strictly advisory, the functions pertaining to the members of the PPG are:

- advice on micro-finance and other resource mobilization and investment modalities that consider creative mechanisms to harness private funds for public good
- identification of opportunities for the integrated implementation of HWTS with other large-scale household environmental health and preventative care packages

- analysis of global and regional economic trends and impact on opportunities for scaling HWTS

Outputs developed and positions taken by the PPG on the above items will be referred to the official Network Advisory Group for further consideration and action.

Arrangements

Annual meetings of the PPG will be held, when possible, in conjunction with other Network events. Depending on the agenda and workload of the PPG, its annual meetings will be one-half to one day long. In addition, *ad-hoc* telephone- and videoconferences during the interim period between annual meetings can be called by the Chair or by either of the two agencies, as need arises.

The working language of the PPG meetings will be English.

At the start of each annual meeting, the members chose from their midst a Chair who will remain in that function for the next twelve months. The Chair can be re-elected once. The Chair works with UNICEF and WHO in setting the agenda for the annual meeting serves as the focal point for PPG activities throughout the year and keeps the PPG members informed of new developments.

UNICEF and WHO will ensure that PPG meeting reports are published soon after the event, following due consultation on a draft meeting report. Final meeting reports will be posted on the Network website and disseminated through the listserv.