

Dx Leaders meeting

Date: 31/07/20

Location: Zoom

- Oscar's changes: may have get lost. In 'Scope of literature review for position paper': changed 'Developing countries' to region classification (unsure yet as to whether ODA or WHO regions);
 - Nicole: Depends on audience, if for funders ODA may be more appropriate. Not much difference between ODA and World Bank. WHO regions are different
 - Linzy: Whatever is most appropriate globally – which is the most accepted?
 - Vasu: Most accepted would be the most logical and equitable. Geographically it doesn't matter too much as long it is accessible to everyone
 - Nicole: depends on the goal of the paper and who we are targeting
 - Damaris: Needs to raise awareness and highlight what is there/has worked etc.
 - Nicole: Depends on where research gaps etc are
 - Oscar: Vasu has said WHO and I agree with this
 - Linzy + Vasu agree
- Outline ready - just need to change above. Next step is how to proceed with this – 2 options: start writing a draft within leaders team/1 person writes and others comment; alternatively ask the larger group via call what they think – another group has done a survey with open boxes
 - Linzy: Getting 200 people to decide on a paper may be very slow. Designation of sections/points among leaders -> write draft then collate and share with wider Group
 - Nicole: Could do it on 1 google doc so you can read each other's parts and it has a flow. HS has submitted a draft, people can read the PDF and people can give feedback on it. SS WG are presenting protocols and showing them the tool, then giving members a week to comment.
 - Oscar: 200 people commenting on a draft may be a bit messy. Perhaps do as Linzy suggested – divide between each one of us, write it on docs, finalise inputs then have a wider call and put the draft on the website.
 - Nicole: yep, after working on different areas submit the final first draft for feedback. Maybe a larger call at some point to keep engagement up? I can put this version into a google doc and share it so we can start working (changing the countries to regions). 6 leaders; maybe 4 doing the discussion paper, 2 doing the literature review?
 - Oscar: I was going to suggest that I could begin the literature review
 - Nicole: If you start doing that the rest of the team can divide up the other parts – each choose a section?
 - Linzy: Go through which each of us feels most aware of? Eg rt-PCR is my specialty, don't know much about sampling
 - Damaris – If we do them separately there might be repetitions/lack of flow
 - Nicole – If on a google doc then you can read each other's sections to counteract this. Should we divide by the section headings? Some may be longer than others
 - Damaris – one person take lead in each area but with support from the rest
 - Linzy – start out with bullet points then flesh it out after realising how much there is to write for each section? I would prefer sample analysis > sample collection
 - Damaris: same area as Linzy

- Vasu: can write up sample collection. Have a presentation on sample collection and can share with everyone
- Damaris: part 4, results interpretation – specific for each area. Eg rt-PCR will be reported differently to eg serological. This section being independent may not work. Should be under 3
- Vasu: Sampling collection and handling would be similar.
- Linzy: If we are trying to work out based on eg WHO areas, could it be useful to splitting parts into regions instead of these sections? Not sure which way is easier.
- Vasu: If I take 1 section, I'd be able to get lots of info for each region so it would be easier to focus on 1 section
- Oscar: I would agree with Vasu. For one region there will be a lot of work and it would be less efficient. If 1 person picks up 1 section, there may not be much difference between regions.
- Vasu: Regions vs sections: regions is more tedious – eg sampling collection will be similar if not the same for different regions
- Nicole: If we are doing the sections for each region what is the difference between the first and second parts?
- Oscar: Literature review section wouldn't be necessary, and we don't want to duplicate tasks. I could do the LR but also help out on a section – LR would then be an independent process
- Sections:
 - 1 = Vasu
 - 3 = (Linzy/)Damaris
 - 4 included in 3
 - Vasu also sample type
 - 6&7 Decontamination and waste – Linzy
 - Oscar and Kelvin supporting diff areas – Kelvin supporting Damaris especially, Oscar supporting 2
 - Nicole to follow up with Abebe/Abbas (?) and ask
- Decide tentative deadline?
 - Linzy: depends how much depth we're going to go into – 2 weeks?
 - Nicole: call between bullet points & fleshing out? Can check where we are on the google doc on the 10th – decide whether we need call on the 14th
- Reminder about discussion forum on webpage – on Dx chat it may be good to introduce yourselves
- Action points:
 - Ask leaders missing to distribute themselves in a follow up email
 - WHO regions
 - Start bullet pointing then fleshing out
 - Send protocol by the end of the day
 - Introduce yourselves on Dx chat