GHSA 2024 Task Force Proposals

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Proposal: Stakeholder Engagement Task Force

Sponsors

[Two or more GHSA members/partners (include name, title, and organization) that support this proposal and commit to participating in the Task Force]

Purpose

The Task Force will work to develop and maintain outreach and engagement with GHSA partners and stakeholders across all relevant sectors to align and leverage multisectoral efforts to enhance progress toward global health security goals.

Rationale

Acknowledging that the health sector alone cannot be fully responsible nor effective for preventing, detecting, responding to public health emergencies, the GHSA partners have suggested the creation of a Task Force for stakeholder engagement. The Task Force will work closely with the Steering Group to align GHSA approaches with those of key stakeholders, including identifying the roles of GHSA individuals and communities in relation to them, in line with global strategies and initiatives. Through its contribution, the Task Force will support the broader GHSA community in raising awareness and maintaining political commitment to global health security.

Scope of Work

Objective

- Support active engagement with GHSA stakeholders at global, regional and national levels and across all relevant sectors to enhance complementarity and leverage their existing work, advancing GHSA priorities in a strategic, coordinated way.

Primary Activities

- Develop and implement a strategy for GHSA outreach and continued engagement with GHSA partners and stakeholders across all relevant sectors, at the global, regional, and national levels.
- In line with the strategy, develop approaches for engaging stakeholders from different sectors and approaches for enhancing inclusion of civil society, private sector, academia, and communities.
- Identify gaps and opportunities for aligning health security approaches with those of key stakeholders at the global level, and recommend ways forward to the Steering Group.
- Compile relevant updates and developments for the Secretariat for internal and external communications products.

The Task Force will be established initially for 2019 – 2021. This will provide an opportunity to

review the need for a continued engagement for the second half of the GHSA 2024 mandate.

Structure and Roles

Two GHSA members will co-lead the Task Force. Co-leads will perform the roles outlined in the Task Force Terms of Reference.

Membership for the Task Force is open to all GHSA members. Task Force participants are expected to actively participate in meetings and activities organized by the co-leads.

Planning and Implementation

Proposed Timeline

- January 2019: Confirm Task Force work plan (member roles/responsibilities, etc.)
- 2019: Develop a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
- Ministerial meeting in 2021: Review outcomes, decide whether continuation is needed

Meetings

The Task Force will determine the regularity and modality of meetings, such as the frequency of teleconferences to share updates (once a month, once a quarter, etc.). Face-to-face meetings on the sidelines of GHSA or Steering Group meetings may complement or replace teleconferences.

Communication and Accountability

The Stakeholder Engagement Task Force will communicate regularly with the Steering Group and the Secretariat (e.g., to provide regular updates to GHSA leadership and the broader GHSA community).

Task Force co-leads will provide updates to the Secretariat one month ahead of each Steering Group meeting (and additionally, as agreed upon with the Steering Group), including updates on activities, progress, and remaining challenges and work.

The Task Force will coordinate with other Task Forces as needed. For example, it may be beneficial for this Task Force to work with the Advocacy and Communications Task Force as they develop the stakeholder engagement strategy and the communication strategy, respectively.

Proposal: Advocacy and Communication Strategy Task Force

Sponsors

[Two or more GHSA members/partners (include name, title, and organization) that support this proposal and commit to participating in the Task Force]

Purpose

The Advocacy and Communication Strategy Task Force will work to provide strategic direction for increasing GHSA political advocacy and communication by developing strategies, for implementation by relevant entities (e.g., Steering Group and Secretariat).

Rationale

Since GHSA's inception, advocacy and communication have been conducted mostly by the annual GHSA Steering Group Chair, with support from other Steering Group members on an ad-hoc basis. This structure has somewhat hindered GHSA's ability to maintain political commitment and communication among members and stakeholders of the GHSA community. Moving forward, an agreed-upon strategy for both advocacy and communication will facilitate coordination and clear understanding of GHSA activities among GHSA members and partners and support the goal of ensuring that global health security remains a global priority.

Scope of Work

Objective

- Streamline and strengthen GHSA's advocacy and communications approach and activities to ensure clear messaging and information for GHSA members and partners, and maintain high-level political commitment for global health security.

Primary Activities

- Develop a strategy for GHSA communication with internal and external partners.
- Develop a political advocacy strategy for sustainable financing with a focus on domestic funds.
- Develop outreach materials and activities to promote the values and vision of GHSA and effectively convey GHSA's contributions to global health security goals.

Structure and Roles

Two GHSA members will co-lead the Task Force. Co-leads will perform the roles outlined in the Task Force Terms of Reference.

Membership for the Task Force is open to all GHSA members. Task Force participants are expected to actively participate in meetings and activities organized by the co-leads.

Planning and Implementation

Proposed Timeline

- January 2019: Confirm Task Force work plan (member roles/responsibilities, etc.)
- 2019: Develop the Advocacy and Communications Strategy
- Mid/late 2019 : Develop GHSA outreach materials

Meetings

The Task Force will hold at least monthly virtual/teleconference meetings. The Task Force will hold in-person meetings as needed.

Communication and Accountability

The Task Force co-leads will communicate regularly with the Steering Group, the Secretariat, relevant Task Forces (e.g., Stakeholder Engagement), GHSA countries, international organization partners, and non-governmental stakeholders and share regular updates on Task Force activities.

The Task Force co-leads will provide reports one month ahead of each Steering Group meeting (and additionally, as agreed upon with the Steering Group) with updates on activities and progress for both the Steering Group and the broader GHSA community as appropriate, through the Secretariat for the Steering Group's approval.

Proposal: Accountability and Results Task Force

Sponsors

[Two or more GHSA members/partners (include name, title, and organization) that support this proposal and commit to participating in the Task Force]

Purpose

The Accountability and Results Task Force will develop and ensure the implementation of an Accountability and Results Framework that can be used to track the commitments, progress, and impact of GHSA efforts. The Framework will include high-level shared outcomes and GHSA outputs related to each Strategic Objective. It will also identify specific indicators of progress toward GHSA goals which can be used to measure the success of GHSA activities and initiatives.

Rationale

Since its launch in February 2014, GHSA countries and partners have identified compelling success stories and lessons learned from GHSA efforts, including increased collaboration across sectors, enhanced health security capacity, improved outbreak response, and other indications of progress toward global health security goals. However, drawing on the experience from the first phase of GHSA, countries and partners have suggested establishing clear expectations and milestones for country members and partners, to facilitate measurable progress towards global health security goals.

Implementation of this Accountability and Results Framework will require simple systems that monitor progress, identify gaps and areas for improvement, identify and build on lessons learned, and communicate any needs and successes to partners, helping to ensure GHSA undertakes actions and achieves its identified targets and goals.

It will be important to ensure that the products produced by external organizations choosing to implement an accountability mechanism are aligned to the extent possible with the overall purpose of GHSA 2024, are informed by the Steering Group, and promote the full realization of commitments made to global health security. Tracking commitments and outcomes will both ensure progress and demonstrate the impact of GHSA on health security.

Scope of Work

Primary Activities

- Monitor the progress of the GHSA Steering Group, Action Package groups, and Task Forces in meeting their objectives;
- Develop and track indicators of progress toward GHSA goals for the purposes of internally assessing the initiative's impact;
- Engage with external accountability mechanisms that have expressed an interest in

externally tracking GHSA 2024 related commitments and the impact of GHSA 2024 and other global health security efforts; and

- Closely collaborate and share information with the WHO's Strategic Partnership for International Health Regulations (2005) and Health Security.

Structure and Roles

Two GHSA members will co-lead the Task Force. Co-leads will perform the roles outlined in the Task Force Terms of Reference.

Membership for the Task Force is open to all GHSA members. Task Force participants are expected to actively participate in meetings and activities organized by the co-leads.

Planning and Implementation

Proposed Timeline

- January 2019: Confirm Task Force work plan (member roles/responsibilities, etc.)
- 2019: Develop the Accountability and Results Framework

Meetings

Meetings will be episodic based the tasks noted above.

Communication and Accountability

The Task Force co-leads will communicate regularly with the Steering Group, the Secretariat, relevant Task Forces (e.g., Stakeholder Engagement), IO partners, and NG stakeholders and share regular updates on Task Force activities.

The Task Force co-leads will provide reports one month ahead of each Steering Group meeting (and additionally, as agreed upon with the Steering Group) with updates on activities and progress for both the Steering Group and the broader GHSA community as appropriate, through the Secretariat for the Steering Group's approval.

Proposal: Action Package Coordination Task Force

Sponsors

[Two or more GHSA members/partners (include name, title, and organization) that support this proposal and commit to participating in the Task Force]

Purpose

The Action Package Coordination Task Force will support the implementation and coordination of strategic priorities and activities related to the Action Packages, as directed by the Steering Group.

Rationale

The creation of an Action Package Coordination Task Force was prompted by the need for stronger coordination and communication between and among the Action Packages and the GHSA leadership. This Task Force will bridge the gap between the Action Packages and the Steering Group to ensure that Action Package activities are aligned with and supported by the strategic priorities of GHSA, and are complementary to the work of other health security actors.

Scope of Work

Objectives

- Provide overarching strategic guidance, as directed by the Steering Group, to support the Action Packages in achieving their objectives.
- Support the implementation and coordination of strategic GHSA priorities and activities related to the Action Packages.
- Ensure close coordination between the Action Packages and GHSA leadership to advance progress toward GHSA-wide goals.

Primary Activities

- Act as single window for leaders of Action Package technical working groups;
- Support communication among Action Packages to share best practices, leverage existing activities, and avoid overlap;
- Collaborate with leaders of Action Package working groups to develop actionable project proposals and programs for partner implementation;
- Identify gaps and opportunities for communication, activities, and impact measurement, and recommend solutions and ways forward to the SG; and
- Compile updates and developments and share these with the Secretariat for developing internal and external communications products.

Structure and Roles

Two GHSA members will co-lead the Task Force. Co-leads will perform the roles outlined in the Task Force Terms of Reference.

Participants in the Task Force will actively engage in Task Force activities. The co-leads will consul participants on the development of the workplan, which will further define participant roles.

Each Action Package will nominate a representative to liaise regularly with this Task Force.

Planning and Implementation

- Late 2018/early 2019: Confirm Task Force work plan (member roles/responsibilities, etc.)
- 2019: Implement work plan

Communication and Accountability

As per the Task Force Terms of Reference, the Action Package Coordination Task Force will communicate regularly with the Steering Group, as well as the Secretariat (through which regular updates are provided to GHSA leadership, international organization partners and non-governmental stakeholders, and the broader GHSA community).

Task Force co-leads will provide updates to the Secretariat one month ahead of each Steering Group meeting (and additionally, as agreed upon with the Steering Group), including updates on activities, progress, and remaining challenges and work.

Co-leads will regularly engage with the designated liaison for each Action Package and engage the Action Package community as needed.