Thank you for joining and welcome to today’s discussion!

We will begin shortly.

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Introducing the JLN’s COVID-19 Network for Open Dialogue and Exchange (NODE)
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• Welcome remarks
  – Liz Clyma - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
  – Feng Zhao -- World Bank Group
• Moderated discussion: the role of joint learning in meeting COVID-19 challenges
  – Host: Adolfo Martinez Valle
  – Gitchi Diaz, PhilHealth
  – Dr. Lydia Dsane-Selby, Ghana NHIA
• Introducing the JLN COVID-19 Network for Open Dialogue and Exchange (NODE)
• Questions & answers
• Closing
Speakers

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Gitchi Diaz
Lydia Dsane-Selby
Liz Clyma
Feng Zhao
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Welcome Remarks

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Moderated Discussion

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The COVID-19 Network for Open Dialogue and Exchange

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The Network Manager surveyed Country Core Groups (CCG) about member country needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

18 of 23 CCGs responded (highlighted below).

The survey provided important information on country priorities through COVID.

Findings later validated through exchanges with our SG and through expert interviews.
Main findings and our conclusions

- Respondents remain engaged in the pre-COVID JLN technical agenda
- Significant interest in additional pandemic-related topics
  - 84% said pandemic response topics are a high priority
  - 79% said maintenance of essential services topics are a high priority
- What we concluded was that for the JLN to be responsive to country needs, it must:
  - Introduce a new set of topics
  - Match the fast-evolving pandemic with more immediate offerings
  - Create a common platform where JLN members can easily access that information
  - Use a range of virtual tools for varying connectivity
  - Obtain routine feedback to identify and scope new work based on relevance to countries

The JLN NODE has been created to respond to these needs
So what is the NODE?

**Activities**
- **JLN collaborative and learning exchange activities**
- Technical deep dives
- Facilitated approach
- Synthesized country experiences
- Co-develop knowledge products
  
**12 to 24 months**

**Core Participants and CCGs**
- **Member Country Participants**
  » Practitioners & policy makers in member countries
  » Country Core Groups in full member countries

**New Members**
- Expanded offerings open to JLN and non-JLN member country practitioners & policy makers
- New technical partnerships to support peer learning

**JLN Steering Group**
The JLN Steering Group ensures the network remains country-led and country-driven by setting the strategic direction and reflecting country member priorities in the network’s learning activities

**Technical Facilitators**
Technical facilitators lead the network’s joint learning activities by working with country practitioners to harvest experiences and support co-creation of practical knowledge and solutions that countries can adapt to advance UHC reforms

**Development Partners**
The JLN is supported by a diverse group of partners who provide knowledge or financial support for learning activities

The NODE will look to expand this groups

**Network Manager**
The Network Manager administers the JLN’s day-to-day operations on behalf of the Steering Group and country members

**Unique Approach**
- Country-driven priorities
- Pragmatic solutions
- Peer-learning approach
- Country governed
- Platforms and tools
- Technical partners
How is the NODE different from other JLN activity?

- **Effective virtual engagement tools and approaches**
  - More virtual learning -- we will make this interesting, we promise
  - Member engagement in discussion groups, online forums, etc.

- **We envision a “portfolio” of activities in the NODE**
  - Mix of activities from spontaneous, online member interactions -- to shorter, lightly facilitated working groups -- to activities that look more like collaboratives
  - This approach will allow us to cover topics more comprehensively

- **Rapid feedback, pulse surveys, etc.**
  - Issues and learning about the SARS-CoV-2 are moving quickly and so must we
  - We will check with you regularly about topics and priorities as these may shift
  - We need you to engage with us to make this a success

- **Broader participation**
  - The NODE’s opportunities for joint learning will be inclusive and non-JLN member countries - mainly LMICs- will be welcome to connect, share, and learn

- **New and deepened partnerships**
  - The NODE will expand partnerships to best serve and meet countries’ joint learning needs
  - For example, new work planned will be done jointly with the PHCPI, USAID, the Bank’s COVID health finance response, others
The CCG survey provided additional insights into demand for topics

Frequency with which topics were mentioned

- PHC/service delivery: 8
- Technology: 8
- HRH: 6
- IPC/immediate response: 6
- Data: 6
- Coordination and planning: 5
- Payor strategies: 5
- Finance: 4
- Supply chain: 4
- Misc: 4
- Benefits packages: 2
- Commodities: 2
- Strategic communication: 2
We are translating this into a broader JLN Technical Agenda

Topics based on CCG and SG feedback on country priorities and needs

What do you think?

What topics stand out as high priorities for you or your country?
Get involved in upcoming activities

- Register an account on the JLN website
- Find Open Opportunities & Apply

**Maintaining Essential Services at the Primary Care Level during the Pandemic**
Open June 4-12

**Understanding and Utilizing Data to Inform COVID-19 Response and Recovery**
Open June 4-17

**Ensuring PHC Serves as a Cornerstone for Health System Future Planning**
Open June 4-24

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Questions & Answers

Please submit any questions, comments, and reactions you have into the Webex Chat.

We will answer as many as possible in the remaining time.
Thank you!

Register at www.jointlearningnetwork.org/register to access the latest information, connect with other users, and join the NODE.