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# ***Evaluation of Medicines Transparency Alliance***

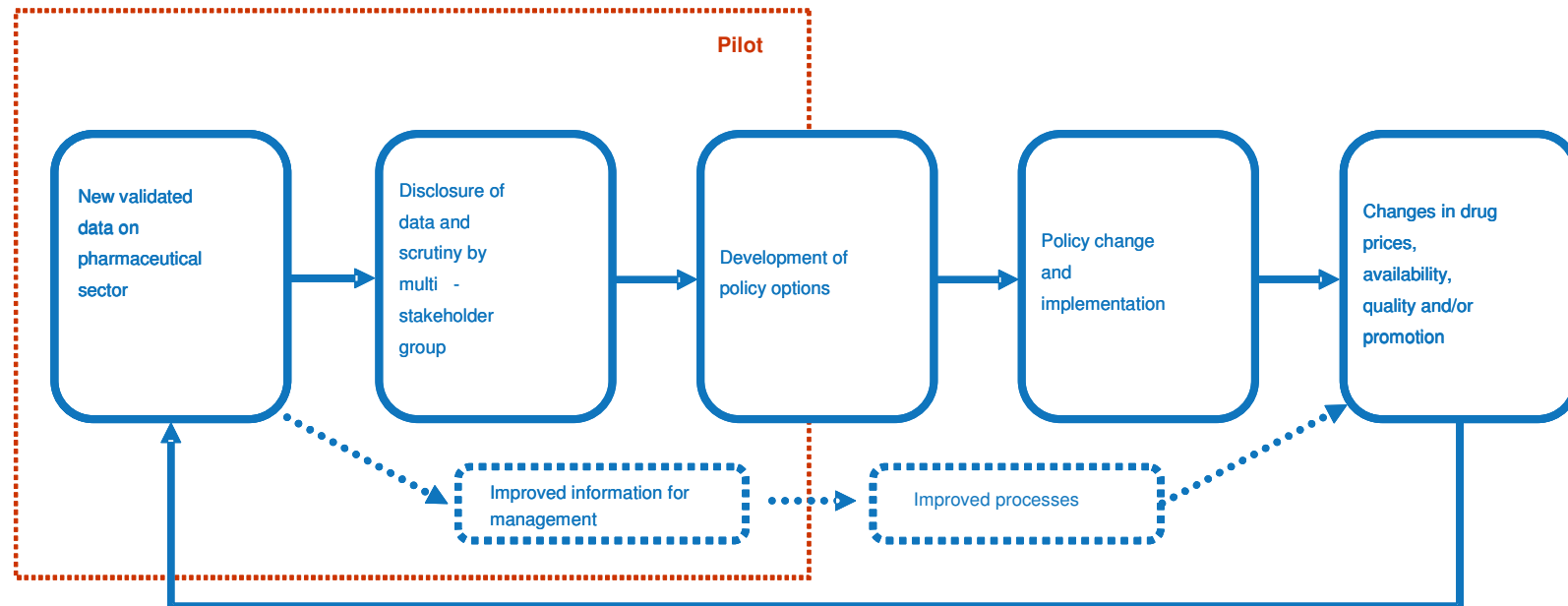
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# Evaluation Methodology

- Extensive document review
- Country visits
- Face to face and telephone interviews
- Attendance and observation at key events

# The MeTA model



# The evaluation tested whether

- Countries can establish functioning multi-stakeholder groups to agree plans for the generation and disclosure of robust policy relevant information on the price, quality, availability and/or promotion of medicines.
- MeTA can build capacity to and result in the disclosure and scrutiny of relevant and high-quality information on the price, quality, availability and/or promotion of medicines
- MeTA can facilitate the development of informed proposals for changes in policy and business practices

# Multi Stakeholder councils

- ✓ All established and operating
- Not all with balanced sectoral input
- Some need adjustments to constitutions to conform with international standards of good governance.

# Country Secretariats

- ✓ All established
- Consideration needed of support needs and competences required
- Location may affect their impact

# Building country capacity

- Regional events
- International learning events
  - Harvard flagship Pharmaceutical course
  - Wageningen Multi Stakeholder Participation course
- Country sharing and south; south learning

# Progress towards Data Identification

- ✓ Built on use of existing tools
- ✓ Significant body of information available



# Progress towards Disclosure

- ✓ Disclosure survey completed
- Need to maximise learning
- Must ensure rigorous verification/ quality assurance
- Must work with key stakeholders, including other programmes, to establish ownership and access.

# Progress towards changes in policy and business practice

Too early..but...

- ✓ Contributed to legislative change in Peru
- ✓ Work on Rational Drug list in Jordan
- ✓ Involvement of CSO and private sector in MOH strategic planning in Uganda

# Progress towards Logframe Purpose Level Objectives

- ✓ Purpose level milestones achieved to date
- ✓ Indications that Sept 2010 milestones will be achieved
- ✓ Indications of accelerating progress

# Genesis of MeTA

- ✓ Built on predecessor projects
- ✓ Some synergy with complementary initiatives
- Lessons to be learnt from design and contracting process

# Governance

Essential all Alliance members have a common vision of both the principles and implementation methodology of MeTA.

Necessary to have clarity about

- Expectations of what common activities and approaches will be undertaken
- Where there is an expectation of conformity (e.g. the multi-stakeholder approach) and what should be subject to local determination
- What resources are available to support this (from the IMS, the World Bank and WHO)
- Timescales and milestones which all countries need to meet

# MeTA Management Board

- ✓ Good input from Alliance partners
- Lacks separation between implementing body and oversight body
- Excessive focus on monitoring implementation

# International Advisory Group

- ✓ Huge potential of members
- Lack of clarity of role
- Communication with countries insufficiently developed
- ?VFM?

# International MeTA Secretariat

- Issues concerning overall management, communications and performance systems
- Lack of credible and consistent communications strategy
- ✓ Technical input appreciated
- ✓ Operations function well regarded



# Engaging the 3 Sectors

- MOH written commitment
- CSOs not uniformly developed in countries (e.g. Jordan)
- CSO Capacity building appears appreciated
- Lack of private sector buy in internationally and no demonstrable country level gains yet.

## Partner support (WHO and WB)

- ✓ Good input to MMB and IAG from HQ level
- Input at country level has been variable
- Level of resources available through WHO lacks transparency
- Financial input from WB not substantial

# Are the MeTA Hypotheses Proven?

- Probably too early to judge
- Problems in the performance of the IMS need to be separated from the general adoption of the principles and achievement in countries

# Are the MeTA Hypotheses Proven?

- ✓ MeTA councils can demonstrate that multi sector engagement is building both greater mutual understanding and a degree of trust
- ✓ Good indications and some hard evidence that this trust is leading to greater transparency and a willingness to identify and collect relevant information and there are plans to disclose this information, although the exact methodologies may not be finalised in all countries.
- It is not yet possible to attribute major policy or business practice change to MeTA although there is progress in Philippines, Jordan and Peru.

# **Are the MeTA Hypotheses Proven?**

- ✓ In all, a great deal has been achieved both nationally and internationally in a short period of time and there appear to be clear indications that progress is accelerating.**