

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF:
Thematic Working Group on Health Systems Research in Fragile and Conflict Affected States
Business Meeting at HSG Vancouver
Date: Wednesday 16th November 2016**

Attendees:

TWG Steering group: Tim Martineau (Chair), Egbert Sondorp, Suzanne Fustukian

TWG Secretary: Jan Randles, In Attendance: Nick Hooton

Others in attendance

Barbara Profeta, Joanna Raven, Alvaro Alonso-Garbayo, Joe Valadez, Noel Chisaka, Samiratou Ouedradgo, Kate Sheahan, Ann Canavan, Evati Phalkey, Rudi Coninx, Andre Griekspoor, Amanuel Gidebo, Majdi Ashour, Khalifa Elmushara, Goran Zangana, Zulfa Manguri, Shirah McNatt, Fiona Campbell, Ann Harmer, Wim Van Damme, Tariffe Elongo, Helen Carlin, Olga Bornemisza, Finn Schleimann, Nicholas Oliphant.

1. Introduction – Tim Martineau

TM introduced the steering group members (Tim, Egbert and Suzanne) and reported that the 4th member Steve Commins was unable to attend. TM also introduced Jan who is secretary to the group and Nick who helps with communications.

TM gave an overview of the background to how the Thematic Working Group on Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected States was set up in 2012 and reported that the main objectives was to stimulate research, to disseminate and to build a community to work with to obtain the objectives.

TM reported that an advisory group has recently been added and that membership on LinkedIn is now over 550 (it was 172 in Cape Town 2014). TM reported that having LinkedIn as the only main form of communicating with members is challenging and asked delegates how many have looked at or posted on the site? With relatively small number of hands raised!

TM talked about governance of the group and although not following all of the rules he confirmed we are focusing on tasks first before looking at including more diversity in the group and reported that we want to get more engagement if possible. TM confirmed that the TWG panel session that took place earlier today was attended by over 50 people.

2. Update since Cape Town 2014 – Suzanne Fustukian

SF provided an update of what has been happening since Cape Town 2014. SF reported the increased number of members from 172 to over 550 which is the most of the TWGs (except for Shapes). SF reported that apart from LinkedIn postings by TM and NH there has been a special issue of conflict and health with 13 articles and twitter chat and over 200 unique tweets, 3 networking events in Iraq, Zimbabwe and Liberia with reports posted on HSG website and LinkedIn. SF reported on the 'research need' assessment and that lots of members were involved in an extensive consultation and that from this ES and AW produced a publication in HRPS and a briefing paper. SF confirmed there has been lots of interest and that we want to build on this.

3. Future Plans – Egbert Sondorp

ES discussed plans to develop a strategic plan 2016-2018 for the TWG. Having adapted a logframe from HSG for use by our TWG, this served as a tool to elicit inputs from the audience. This was then discussed in small groups during 20 minutes and the key points were noted and collected. These notes will be used as input to develop a draft of the Strategic Plan, that will later on be shared with Advisory Group and membership for comments.

4. Summary and next steps – Tim Martineau

ES will work on a first draft of a more narrative strategic plan for 2017. The TWG will then organise a consultation process based on the first draft.