

Be-cause health external evaluation

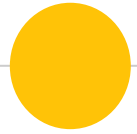
Key observations and recommendations

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Structure of the presentation

- Purpose of the evaluation (TORs)
- BCH objectives and expected results
- Recommendations (linked to most important findings)



Purpose of the evaluation / Terms of Reference

- Assess the **performance of the BCH** platform during the last 5 years
- **Contribute to the formulation** of the next BCH 5-year strategic plan



BCH objectives and expected results (1)

“BCH aims at strengthening the role and the effectiveness of the actors of the Belgian development cooperation to make quality health care accessible worldwide” (TOR evaluation).

Intended results:

- A greater **influence on international health policy**;
- A better **exchange** and circulation of scientific and technical knowledge;
- Important progress in the field of **complementarity, synergy and cooperation**; and,
- A better anticipation to the **needs identified by actors in the South**.



BCH objectives and expected results (2)

Result 1: SHARING

- Belgian development actors are connected as a Belgian health community and share field experience.

Result 2: LEARNING

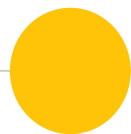
- Belgian health actors (BCH members) strengthen knowledge and capacities based on shared (scientific) knowledge, insights and innovations. Members obtain better access to learning at national and international level.

Result 3: INFLUENCING

- Be-cause health provides policy advice to Belgian policy makers (incl. DGD) with an effective Belgian (BCH member) contribution to global health policies and the policy debate based on the right to health and healthcare for all.

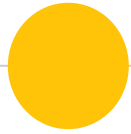
Result 4: COORDINATING

- The governance and management structure of Be-cause health is being strengthened.



Key recommendations (1) – *Steering Group*

1. Assess whether the **vision**, objectives and result areas of BCH need to be **updated**
 - Consider an update of the Antwerp Declaration / BCH vision addressing new global health priorities
2. Clarify **roles in advocacy activities** of the BCH platform and WGs
3. Continue the current BCH **Governance** structure
 - Maintain ITM as host
 - Keep BCH 'Belgian'
 - Maintain the voluntary nature (+VfM)
 - Clarify the membership profile with members, as many are not aware of their profile (e.g. voting member; not-voting member; observer).



Key recommendations (2) – *BCH Coordination*

4. Promote **communication between WGs**

- Look at opportunities for added value
- WG coordinators could regularly share progress and results between them, for example using a shared but password protected internet portal such as SharePoint
- Learn from other WGs how to best convene and manage WGs

5. Continue and enhance the **policy dialogue with DGD**

- Updating 'Antwerp Declaration' may be an opportunity to widen the scope / horizon of the policy dialogue and policy support with DGD
- Ensure close collaboration between BCH and ITM policy advisor supporting DGD

6. Invite and **involve senior managers of member organisations**

- Promote their involvement in the development and 'signing off' of important BCH 'products'. This will strengthen the internal 'cohesion' of the platform. It may also address the issue of representativeness of BCH members, participating as members of a specific organisation (and 'signing off' on a specific product)



Key recommendations (3) – *BCH Coordination*

7. Promote **diversity, inclusion** and learning of the BCH platform by promoting the involvement of **young professionals** and experts from the global **South**
 - Request young participants of WGs to register as BCH member
 - Request organisations to delegate young professionals to participate in BCH
 - Make use of innovative online facilities to involve the global South

8. Keep **membership records up-to-date**
 - Contact inactive members to motivate them to participate
 - Remove inactive members from the BCH register
 - Consider maintaining communication with ‘inactive’ members in order to ensure broad sharing of BCH products and results.

9. Continue to strengthen **internal and external communication**
 - Introduce other means for improving internal communication, such as SharePoint
 - Think about ways and means to improve visibility of BCH and its high-quality products
 - Think about making the BCH website more attractive for users.



Thank you all for your time spent on the various evaluation activities.

Good luck with the formulation of the next BCH programme under the new five-year framework agreement with DGD (2022-2026).