

Survey Questionnaire

Implementation of the Framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA)

Respondents: WHO/EURO Country Office – Albania

Introduction:

1. The 138th Executive requested the Secretariat to provide a balanced and objective report of the implications of the implementation of the Framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA) well in advance of the resumed session of the Open-ended intergovernmental meeting of 25-27 April 2016.
2. To this end, all WHO Regional Offices and Clusters in Headquarters and a selection of Country Offices are invited to provide their inputs through this questionnaire. In addition a more detailed matrix of analysis will be sent for comments to FENSA focal points in regions and clusters.
3. In order to assure that we can present a balanced and objective report to Member States, the External Auditor has kindly agreed to validate and comment this questionnaire, the more detailed analysis matrix and write the final report.
4. The adoption and implementation of FENSA will modify the way WHO manages its engagement with non-State actors (NGO's, private sector entities, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions). The main changes concern the following points
 - a. FENSA is covering all engagements within with all non-State actors, while the current policies covered engagement with private sector entities and NGOs in official relations only
 - b. Transparency will be increased through the Register of non-State actors (including information on objectives, governance and funding of non-State actors and description of engagements)
 - c. FENSA calls for a consistent implementation at all 3 levels of the Organization and all regions and hosted partnerships through an electronic workflow, due diligence by central unit for, a guide for staff, clear decision making
 - d. FENSA will increase accountability towards Members States by strengthened oversight of the Executive Board
 - e. The Director General will report annually on engagement with non-State actors
5. Some of the proposals made during the negotiation process have not been included in the text and are no longer under consideration. They should therefore also be excluded from the analysis of implications of FENSA implementation. Such issues include in particular:
 - a. FENSA applies only to engagement with non-State actors as institutions and not to engagements with individual experts.
 - b. There will not be a defined ceiling for contributions received from non-State actors
 - c. Due diligence and risk assessment is a process conducted by the Secretariat with no direct involvement of Member States
 - d. Free services provided by non-State actors are an in-kind contribution, but not covered by the not yet agreed provisions on secondments.
6. Several current policies are confirmed by the draft Framework and often made more explicit:
 - a. WHO does not engage with the tobacco and arms industries
 - b. Official relations (while currently all entities are called NGO's, non-State actors in official relations will in the future be distinguished in NGOs, International Business Associations and Philanthropic foundations)

- c. Several specific paragraphs on private sector engagement (such as clinical trials) are transposed from the current guidelines into the private sector policy.
 - d. The CPSC (Committee on Private Sector Cooperation) will be replaced by an engagement coordination group ECG
7. For information here are the elements which would likely be covered in the report on implications of implementation of FENSA:
- a. Changes to the work of WHO governing bodies
 - b. Costs of implementation
 - i. Direct financial costs of implementation
 - ii. Direct human resource costs
 - iii. Indirect human resource costs
 - iv. Regular training costs
 - v. Startup costs
 - GEM build up to provide the IT tool for the Register of non-State actors
 - Training costs
 - Additional burden of filling the register with first time entries
 - c. Potential efficiency savings through implementation of FENSA
 - i. Information gathering
 - ii. Clarity on actors, process and earlier decisions
 - d. Added value of FENSA
 - i. Stronger protection from undue influences
 - ii. Coherence in engagement across WHO and across different engagements
 - iii. Clarity on engagement
 - iv. Transparency
 - v. Better information, documentation, intelligence and lessons learnt on non-State actors and engagements
 - vi. Clear process of senior management decision making
 - e. Risks of FENSA
 - i. Potentially cumbersome process
 - ii. High number of engagement
 - iii. Lack of flexibility
 - iv. Potential bottle-neck in due diligence and risk assessment process
 - f. Changes to the engagement opportunities and risks
 - i. Policy changes in engagement
 - ii. Incentive changes for engagement

QUESTIONS:

8. Estimation of the volume of engagements. Questions in paragraphs 9 and 10 try to estimate the volume of engagements which should in the future be handled through the process defined by FENSA. The External Auditors will compile your input from country, regional and headquarter level into an overall estimation. Please note that this refers to formalized engagement as defined in the paragraphs 15-21 of the draft FENSA and not to informal interactions. Formal engagements include amongst others: a meeting with official invitations, agenda, list of participants, etc; any interaction involving a signature of an agreement or MoU to receive resources, work as implementing partner, allow the use of advocacy material, enter into technical collaboration, etc. Preparation for such engagement or informal contacts by phone, e-mail or informal discussion is not considered as engagements. For a meeting only the non-State actors who have actually participated should be counted, not all those who have been invited. A series of meetings in the same year on the same subject with the same or similar invitation lists should be counted as one engagement.
9. Please provide a rough estimate of the **numbers of non-State actors** you engaged with in 2015 by type of engagement in the following table for your region (excluding country level), cluster or country office respectively.

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	Participation	Resources	Evidence	Advocacy	Technical collaboration
NGOs	15 ¹		1 ²	1 ³	
Private sector entities	None				
Philanthropic foundations	None				
Academic institutions	1 ⁴				

10. Please provide a rough estimate of the numbers of **engagements** in 2015 by type of engagement in the following table. For engagements covering more than one type count them only once for the most relevant type.

	Participation	Resources	Evidence	Advocacy	Technical collaboration
NGOs	7 ⁵				
Private sector entities					
Philanthropic foundations					
Academic institutions	1				

¹ Albanian Red Cross, Citizens' Society for Road Safety, Institute of Road Accidents, Association of Driving Schools, Association of People with Para – and TetraPlegia, Roma Active Albania, CRCA, Save the Children, INCA, GADC, Association of People with haemophilia, MEDPAK, Order of Doctors, Order of Dentists, Order of Nurses.

² INCA was involved as the local technical partner for gathering evidence in the GYTS framework.

³ INCA was involved as the local partner for the WNTD events

⁴ Albanian Academy of Sciences

⁵ Engagements in the following areas: WHD, RS, NHP, CHIP, MNH, TOB, Roma Health

Comments on the methodology used and its difficulties of this estimation

The methodology consisted of going over the participants' lists from various events jointly organized by the CO and MoH during 2015, as well as from the calendar of events of the HCO. However, the definition of engagement is not very clear, and the volume of engagements needs to be further explained.

11. Please estimate the number of non-State actors your cluster / regional office / country office engages with in emergency situations (as described in the Emergency Response Framework) and describe the type of these engagements

NA

12. Please describe the main opportunities you see for the work of your region / cluster / country office through the adoption and implementation of FENSA

13. Please describe the main risks you see for the work of your region / cluster/ country office through the adoption and implementation of FENSA. This question does not refer to the risks of individual engagements as defined in FENSA but rather to the overall risks and challenges of implementing FENSA as a new policy.

- In countries where NGOs strive to grow amidst hostilities to non government sector, FENSA might be perceived as an extra layer of control over them and WHO may therefore be seen as an instrument for controlling them;

- In addition, most NGOs WHO should engage with (i.e. patients' or carers' NGOs), are usually small organisations, with weak and insufficient capacities that would enable them to comply with the FENSA requirements.

- It is therefore likely that most NGOs will not bother to engage with WHO if, through FENSA, extra admin burden shall be imposed on their already inadequately staffed resources.

- It should also be noted that at the other end of this spectrum large size partners like independent Academic institutions will also be disinclined to engage with WHO, if they will be required to go through a complex process of providing their details when simply invited to attend a WHO event or when they invite a WHO staff to give a standard presentation to their events.

All in all, with FENSA adopted, the number of partners interested to engage and continue collaboration with WHO might decrease, by thus reducing WHO reach among partners and thus impacting the very spirit of the way how we get our products done: through partnership and consultation.

14. Please describe the specific resources (staff and activity costs) currently working on engagement with non-State actors within your region / cluster/ country office.

- The WHO CO in Albania is a small size CO; it does not have the necessary staff required to follow the FENSA requirements, in dealing with NGOs, requesting their registration details, tracking correspondence and chasing the non- or late- responders, uploading their credentials in the system and so on.

15. Please describe the specific incremental resources (staff and activity costs) that you would expect to be necessary to implement FENSA. If applicable please give resource needs for the focal points and central processes in regions / clusters separate from estimations for resource needs of technical units and explain your assumptions and methodologies :

One off resources/costs: **NA**

Recurring or On-going resources/costs:

- As explained in the above item 14., being ALB CO a small size one, should FENSA be adopted, the lack of capacities at the CO would be transferred to the Regional Office, imposing burden on their end.

Additional Remarks

- In paragraph 8, please note that we always count non-State actors as entities. If 5 representatives of the same NGO participate in a meeting it should be counted as one engagement with one non-State actor.
- Paragraph 9 refers to the number of non-State actors. Therefore if OHE engages in the PIP process with 2 meetings with 200 invited and 40 attending both meetings and 20 attending only one of the meetings, this will mean 60 non-State actors under participation. In paragraph 10 this will be counted as one engagement
- If EURO co-sponsored some panels at the European Health Forum Gastein it should be counted as one engagement with one non-State actors, since the forum was co-organized by the European Health Forum Gastein (a non-State actor) with the Austrian ministry of Health and the European Commission (state actors). In this case the due diligence will also assess 15 co-sponsors of the event and assess the panellist on panels where WHO is involved, but we will not ask them to provide information to the register of non-State actors.
- When WHO participates at the WEF in Davos it is considered one engagement with one non-State actor.
- Paragraph 10 refers to the number of engagements. 7 different grants from the BMGF are to be counted as 7 engagements in paragraph 10 but only 1 philanthropic foundation in paragraph 9
- When WHO is organizing a conference, it is one engagement in paragraph 10 with x number of non-State actors in paragraph 9 (the number of non-State actors who have participated)
- In paragraph 11 the same table as in paragraph 9 and 10 can be used if this facilitates your answer.
- As a working scenario we will use the flow-chart discussed earlier in the FENSA process (see attached) this does not mean that it is the final workflow but should allow all of us to use the same assumption. Please note that this will only enter into force when FENSA is approved and GEM rolled out.
- For paragraph 15 we cannot provide you with a fixed common methodology. The Auditors wish to see your own assumptions and proposals for a methodology in order to capture the uncertainty and ranges of estimates of resource requirements.