

Post-2015 On-The-Ground A Shared Framework* Nomination¹

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What? (200 words or less)

1. **The opportunity:** What is the opportunity this concept represents (one sentence)?
2. **Goals and strategies:** What is this concept trying to achieve? What are some of the initial strategies you envision for getting there?

The report of the High Level Panel on Post-2015 Development Goals represents a high-water mark in process leading to the General Assembly's adoption of new development goals in late 2015, and gives us an opportunity now to begin to pursue the goals most closely aligned with Open Society's objectives on the ground in several countries.

Our aim would be to demonstrate that these ambitious goals set by the High Level Panel are measurable and achievable, making their inclusion in the final General Assembly resolution more likely and, regardless of the outcome of the debates at the UN, galvanizing domestic and international commitments to pursue them.

Why? (300 words or less)

1. **OSF Value:** Why should OSF work on this? What is our distinctive advantage(s) on this issue?
2. **Why Now?** What is the importance of this effort to the world now (one sentence)?
3. **Why Shared Framework?** How does your concept lend itself to a shared framework formulation? In other words, what is the added value of addressing this issue by using a shared framework approach?

Advocacy by OSF, including personal advocacy by George Soros, helped to shape the report of the High Level Panel, which now includes goals on land security, reduced violence especially against women and children, access to pre-primary education, sexual and reproductive rights, food and nutrition security, access to medicines, good jobs and livelihoods, government and corporate transparency, accessible justice systems, and accountable policing. Many of these goals are opposed by some governments who will argue that they are unmeasurable and unattainable. Pursuing them on the ground through OSF's

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global network of foundations and grantees would allow us to demonstrate what can be done even in the short-term. Success on the ground could strengthen support in the UN debates and would, in any case, bring more people and institutions into the effort to achieve them. George Soros and Chris Stone explained to the High Level Panel members in May their desire to help them make progress against their goals on the ground, even before the final goals are adopted by the General Assembly, and OSF remain eager to see this through.

Acting now would engage the support of those countries represented on the High Level Panel and maximize the chance that OSFs actions influence the goals to be adopted by the General Assembly by the end of 2015.

Because several OSF thematic programs are already committed to one or another of these goals, and because OSF foundations and geographic programs are already pursuing some of these in countries represented on the High Level Panel, alignment of our activities in a shared framework would maximize the chance that our efforts combine to influence other global actors.

How? (200 words or less)

- 1. *Internal and External Actors Engaged:* What are some internal OSF entities (programs, offices, instruments/tools) and external actors you envision would be relevant to the concept strategy and why?**
- 2. *Outstanding Questions?* What are some issues or questions to which further attention could help inform this concept/process?**

Any and all internal programs and offices could possibly be involved, as well as any foundations active in the 20 countries represented on the High Level Panel. External actors could also be involved.

Which goals lend themselves to measurement already widely agreed in the respective field, and which would require the creation of new indicators? Which goals in which countries are already trending in a good direction (even if this has not yet been documented), providing opportunities to demonstrate meaningful results in the shortest possible time (12-24 months)?

Results? (200 words or less)

- 1. If this effort moves forward, what would success look like at the end of four years? Describe specific results or products that might be achieved.**
- 2. Risk Analysis/External Challenges: What might prevent this effort from working in the way you foresee?**

This would be a short-term shared framework, with an assessment after 24 months to weigh the value of a further phase beyond adoption of the post-2015 development goals. Success would entail incorporation of the goals we were pursuing on the ground in the post-2015 goals, and the incorporation of the practical efforts we establish in the national plans of countries around the world. Other measures of success would be progress on the goals themselves in the countries where we push to make them real on the ground.

Design risks include taking on too many goals in too many places, stretching beyond what the High Level Panel agreed, and adopting goals without simple, persuasive proxy indicators. External risks include protracted arguments with other advocates, including our grantees, about appropriate goals and measures, and tensions between the advocacy agenda in New York and in national capitals on the one hand and our on-the-ground efforts on the other.