

Health & Population Development Partners Meeting

Update on Health Sector Review

“Objectives, outputs and scope”

Overall Goal

To operationalize an updated health sector reform strategy, oriented towards attainment of the MDGs and leading to a better performance of the health system

Objectives of the HSReview

1. Review and update the major objectives and development priorities of the health sector in general and the MoPHP in particular
2. Review the progress of reform, update the health sector reform strategy and operationalize the reform strategy
3. Establish a mechanism of aligning health policies and new policy areas under one policy framework

4. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the major stakeholders in the health sector in relation to the core functions of regulation, financing, purchasing and provision of health services.

5. Continue the efforts of institutional set-up and ongoing decentralization of the MoPHP organization and in particular the role of GHOs, District Health System, Local Councils

6. Improve strategic and managerial capacity of the MoPHP with focus on human resource development and training
7. Ensure better linkage of health policy making and the budgeting process and budgetary allocations

8. Review issues of good governance and stewardship relevant to the health sector

9. Increase aid effectiveness through clarification of mandates through exploring and identifying the areas of expertise of the development partners

Outputs of the HSReview

- On the Policy Level
 - Joint vision for development of the health sector governed by an updated Health Sector Reform Strategy
 - Improved donor harmonization through endorsement of a Partnership Declaration by the Government and its partners

- Related to System Change
 - Improved inter-sectoral collaboration
 - Ensuring inter-departmental coordination
 - Improved management capacity within the MoPHP
 - Increased commitment of health care providers to comply with sector priorities
 - More universal adoption of key health policies like DHS, ESP, EmOC, etc.

Scope of the HSReview

- Analytical scope:
 - The HSRev will mainly be a policy review (no major studies)
 - Focus on issues that have a likelihood to be changed in the context of the reform
- Process Scope:
 - Emphasis to be placed on a participatory process
 - Keep in mind feasibility of review activities within limited budget and time
- Result scope:
 - Update of the health sector reform strategy and a plan of operationalization