

P4HC+ Administrative updates

Greetings from P4HC+ secretariat!

Welcome back to the P4HC+ newsletter for January+ February. It presents a number of documents related to costing and health financing policies, mostly in Cambodia context. You could also find all materials from HFG workshops and meeting minutes and presentations from December 2016 in the hyperlinks.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

P4HC+ Secretariat

Regular Meeting and Special Meeting

Regular meeting and special meeting were held on **10th February 2017** at **WHO Office** from 1:30pm-5:00pm. Meeting minute will be attached in the next newsletter.

1. Regular meeting

- Sharing on Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2017 by Somil
- Updates of two HFG workshops by Kouland
- Updates on initiative for informal sector population by SHPA
- (1) Sharing results from TWG-H January meeting (2) Activities for which NSSF needs support; (3) Arrangement of meeting between P4HC+ and NGOs as stipulated in the Modus Operandi by Bart
- Overview health care financing activities 2017 by Bart/Kouland
- Progress of social protection legal code and the discussion on health financing principles for the code by Kelvin
- Sharing on recent Prakas and Royal Decrees by Betina

2. Special meeting (session 3):

Discussion on the health financing principles for chapter on social health protection for legal code on social protection by MEF

- Private sector
- Quality of care
- Sources of funds
- Regulation health sector

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[Meeting Minutes 9.12.16](#)

[Special Meeting Minutes 15.12.16 \(with NSSF\)](#)

[Presentation on informal sector project by JICA 9.12.16](#)

[Presentation on Sustainable Financing Initiative \(SFI Cambodia\), for HIV/AIDS 9.12.16](#)

[Materials from workshop on health financing and UHC on 19-20 Dec 16 in Siem Reap](#)

[Materials from workshop on Health Spending Efficiency 13 Dec 16 in Phnom Penh](#)

[Sequencing of Health Reforms: Results from Group Exercise at HFG workshop in December 2016](#)

[Overview health care financing activities 2017](#)

[Updated mailing list](#)

Featured publications

Universal Health Coverage—looking to the future

Authors: The Lancet, 2016

Summary:

“ 2017 will be a milestone year for UHC. It promises to be the moment when words are translated into deeds. UHC 2030’s role is not only to ensure that this opportunity is seized but also that governments don’t renege on their promises and commitments.”

[More Details](#)

[Link to Lancet](#)

System-wide analysis of health financing equity in Cambodia: a study protocol

Authors: Virginia Wiseman, Augustine Asante, Por Ir, Supon Limwattananon, Bart Jacobs and Marco Liverani, 2017

Summary:

To assess progress towards universal health coverage, countries like Cambodia require evidence on equity in the financing and distribution of health care benefits. This evidence must be based on the system-wide perspective that recognizes the complex roles played by the public and private sectors in many contemporary health care systems. This study aims to undertake a system-wide assessment of who pays and who benefits from health care in Cambodia and to understand the factors influencing this.

[More Details](#)

[Link to BMJ Journals](#)

Cost-estimation of enrolling the Cambodian non-poor informal sector population in Health Equity Funds through an integrated scheme approach (Jan 2016)

Authors: Henrik Axelson with contributions of Bart Jacobs, funded by GiZ under the Providing for Health Network (P4H) arrangements

Summary:

The objective of this analysis commissioned by the Providing for Health Network (P4H) upon the request of the Department of Planning and Health Information (DPHI) of the Ministry of Health (MoH) is to estimate the costs of expanding social health protection coverage through an integrated scheme approach. Specifically, the approach entails voluntary enrolment of the non-poor informal sector in Health Equity Funds (HEFs), which currently provide nationwide coverage to the poor.

[More Details](#)

Costing of policy options for covering the poor and vulnerable for implementing the Cambodian Health Financing Policy 2015-2020

Prepared by: Henrik Axelson with contributions of Jean-Claude Hennicot and Bart Jacobs

Funded by GiZ and ILO under the Providing for Health Network (P4H) arrangements

Summary:

This analysis is to assess the financial implications for the government budget of implementing the national health financing policy, whereby the primary focus of the analysis should be to estimate the costs of adding three new target population groups to the coverage of the Health Equity Funds (HEFs) that currently cover only the poor: namely people with disability (PWD), children under five years of age, and older people (defined here as age 60 and above).

[More details](#)

Impact of health financing policies in Cambodia: A 20 year experience

Authors: Tim Ensor, Chhim Chhun, Ton Kimsun, Barbara McPake, Ijeoma Edoka

Social Science and Medicine, 2017

Abstract:

Improving financial access to services is an essential part of extending universal health coverage in low resource settings. In Cambodia, high out of pocket spending and low levels of utilization have impeded the expansion of coverage and improvement in health outcomes. For twenty years, a series of health financing policies have focused on mitigating costs to increase access particularly by vulnerable groups. Demand side financing policies including health equity funds, vouchers and community health insurance have been complemented by supply side measures to improve service delivery incentives through contracting.

[More details](#)

[Link to online document](#)

HFG Technical review: Key Decisions For Social Health Protection Programs in Cambodia: Critical Decisions and Questions

Prepared by: Benjamin Picillo and Marty Makinen for the Health Finance and Governance Project

Supported by USAID, 2016

Summary:

This review highlights the social health protection context in Cambodia and current challenges as well as decisions. It provides key critical questions and decisions to support the design and evaluation of various institutional arrangement for social health protection programs.

[More details](#)

The Philippines National Health Insurance Act of 1995

Authors: Public document (Republic act No. 7875)

Summary:

Information including guiding principles for the national health insurance program, details of the national health insurance program, corporations, national health insurance funds, financing, management and functioning of the program etc. can be found in this act.

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