

Meeting Minutes - P4HC+ group

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (2PM-3:30PM)

Teams Meeting

Participants: GIZ, WHO, SDC, JICA, AFD, ILO, World Bank, Australian DFAT, KOICA, USAID, KfW

Agenda items:

- Collecting feedback from P4HC+ partners on the draft MoU on the coordination between the National Social Protection Council and Development partners, particularly on the Social Health Protection Pillar which will be led by P4HC+.
- Discussion on the P4HC+ 2017 modus operandi.

Summary of discussion points

- The idea of coordination mechanisms was discussed years ago within P4HC+:
 - To overcome the challenge at the government's side to handle with duplicated project-based requests and implementation by various development partners, which does not well produce consolidated outcomes
 - To ensure that development partners could contribute to government's efforts in achieving universal health coverage more efficiently in harmonization
- The memorandum of understanding (MoU) is put forward for both development partners and the Cambodian government in a hope to develop and strengthen mutual cooperation and responsibilities in a more serious manner.
- P4HC+ partners appreciate the initiative and decision of General Secretariat to National Social Protection Council in selecting P4HC+ as a coordination mechanism for Social Health Protection area in this MoU.
- P4HC+ partners group endorses the sole objective of this DP-Government platform which is a well coordinated implementation of initiatives to progress UHC within the National Social Protection Policy Framework. However, MoU in its form poses a number of administrative challenges for P4HC+ group due to different regulations by each individual partner. Hence, P4HC+ partners proposed an alternative format which is less formal but still ensures the same substances of cooperation as envisioned by the MoU.
- The suggested Terms of References by GSNPC are in line with the P4H vision. However, they could be elaborated with more clarity by naming relevant actors (co-chairs, members, and rotations) with assigned roles and responsibilities (resources or coordination), providing timeframe and further agreed guidelines.
- The P4HC+ group would like to suggest to the GSNPC to use the modus operandi as a base and foundation for providing more clarity to roles and responsibilities. The P4HC+ group and

secretariat is open to suggestion for revising the modus operandi and making it more adaptable to the needs of the GSNSP.

- P4HC+ partners recognize the importance of categorizing the coordination mechanisms into three pillars (Social Assistance, Employment-based Social Security, and Social Health Protection), but also suggest that a plenary platform for the three groups is also important for them to jointly work on cross-cutting issues.
- There is a question on whether civil society organizations should be allowed to join P4HC+ platform or plenary platform of this mechanism. This question should be discussed further if it should be reflected in the P4HC+ modus operandi and currently P4HC+ partners are only from bilateral and multilateral agencies. This should be agreed before hand although P4HC+ group is functioning by its yet informal structure. This modus operandi also needs to be revisited to reflect the terms of references which has to be agreed upon by government and P4HC+ partners.

Next step

- P4HC+ secretariat will submit the responses from P4HC+ partners during this meeting to the co-chairs of development partners group in order to submit the consolidated comments to GSNSPC. However, some partner agencies already submitted individual comments directly to GSNSPC. In common, P4HC+'s position is that the group supports the GSNSPC's initiative on developing this coordination mechanism with Terms of References and prefers an alternative format to MoU, which requires less formality.