

## P4HC+ Regular Meeting

### Minutes

**Date:** March 6, 2018

**Time:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Venue:** World Bank Office

**Attendees:** GIZ, USAID, World Bank, KOICA, SDC, ADB, UNICEF, WHO, DFAT

**Special guests:** Ass. Prof. Ir Por, National Institute of Public Health; DR Michael Thiede, Scenarium; Prof Wim Van Damme, Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine

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### Notes and results:

#### **1. Presentation on “stimulating utilisation of health services by pre-identified poor people under different HEF configurations” by GIZ**

- The presentation was to share studies on attracting people to public health facilities, reflecting on the impacts of two alternative health equity fund arrangements and associated initiation of care seeking at public health facilities: (1) Integrated Social Protection Scheme implemented in Kampong Thom Province and (2) Community-Managed Health Equity Funds (CMHEF) implemented in 12 provinces.
  - Integrated Social Protection Scheme implemented in Kampong Thom: non-poor could buy in to Health Equity Funds and get the same benefits. Additional interventions included vouchers for reproductive health services, performance-based financing, quality improvement and governance. HEF beneficiaries under these arrangements were significantly more likely to initiate care at at public facilities with resulting less out-of-pocket expenditure. The more health financing interventions there are in additional to the conventional health equity funds, the more health care is initiated at public health facilities.
  - Community-Managed Health Equity Funds initially implemented by Buddhism for Health in Takeo provincesd and later expanded to an

additional 11 provinces: The utilization especially in OPD increased in where the scheme was operated but declined later as the scheme was no longer active (no more HEF operator) though much less than in areas with conventional HEF arrangements.

- Partners asked for clarifications and comments on findings and methods (e.g. period of study, sample, other factors influencing the results) and other related issues such as the utilization of HEF in general, HEF performance, ID poor program, PMRS, CMHEF funding and the challenges in adopting the models in other places (resource mobilization, human resource, commitment, reliable reimbursement, quality) etc.

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## **2. Presentation on “organizational review of National Social Security Fund” by ILO**

- NSSF is scheduled to play a substantial role in Social Health Protection Sector and is to become a single operator in the future.
- The assessment was conducted last year and aims to help stakeholders better understand NSSF as an institution including its capacities, institutional constraints and environment to better support NSSF in social health insurance implementation and preparing for extending its services to other population groups.
- Employment Injury (EII) scheme was the focus of the study because it was NSSF’s initial institutional structure, established in 2007. The assessment looked into areas such as the financial system, power structure, human resources (turn-over rate, remuneration), capacity development (job training), communication, the roles of each division especially the policy divisions, registration process, accessibility of the program and other areas, and developed certain recommendations for the National Social Protection Council, the board of NSSF and its management team.
- Areas which need targeted support include communication (internal and external), organizational structure, governance structure, standard operating procedure, staff motivation, funding policy, additional divisions establishment (such as legal unit), payment mechanism, decentralization function, and others.

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### **3. GIZ's Appraisal mission – Health System Financing**

- GIZ is conducting its appraisal missions, one of which focuses on health financing for UHC activities and sought feedback and suggestions from P4HC<sup>+</sup> partners in this meeting

### **4. Brainstorming on outcome of P4HC<sup>+</sup> Consultative Workshop (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>) and ways forward**

- This part will be followed up in the next P4HC<sup>+</sup> regular meeting due to time constraint.

### **5. Other business**

- **Priya Agarwal Harding**, H-EQIP Pooled Fund Coordinator, had a farewell message to the P4HC<sup>+</sup> partners as she would leave her current position for further study. We will miss her and are indebted for her contributions to P4HC<sup>+</sup>
- **Next meeting:** To be decided, expected after Khmer New Year period