

P4HC⁺ Consultative Workshop

Minutes

- Date:** February 6, 2018
- Time:** 8:30 am - 3:30pm
- Venue:** Himawari hotel
- Attendees:** Session 1: P4H Coordination team, P4HC⁺ partners, Ministry (MoH), Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), and Ministry of Social Affairs (MSA)
- Session 2: P4H Coordination team, P4HC⁺ partners, and CSOs
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SESSION 1 (morning)

International Consultative Workshop

The event began with the welcome remarks by the P4HC⁺ Co-chairs (1) Dr. Somil Nagpal, Senior Health Specialist from World Bank and (2) Ms. Christina Lau, Deputy Program Director from USAID, and opening remarks by H.E Prof. Oum Samol, Under-secretary of State of Ministry of Health, and the lead of the Working Group for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The remarks lauded the efforts and significant progress the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), represented by relevant ministries, has made with regards to:

- Poverty reduction and economic growth
- Improved health care and health outcomes
- Improved social security through the expansion of health equity fund, the implementation of the current social health insurance schemes and other recent initiatives (creations of various funds for informal groups)
- and the government's commitment towards achieving UHC.

The good collaboration by the RGC and development partners was also acknowledged.

- ❖ The event continued with a number of presentations on P4H overview, experience sharing by other P4H countries, P4HC⁺ activities and expansion. The presentation by Ministry of

Economy and Finance also echoed the above remarks on Cambodia's progress in social health protection and UHC.

- ❖ After presentations, a panel discussion was conducted to allow clarifications on P4HC⁺ objectives and activities, and to discuss approaches and areas for collaboration for UHC (especially between the government and P4HC⁺ partners). Key areas identified by the panel members were:
 - Support to the development of the legislative framework – the umbrella law for social protection – not limited to health but including other aspects of social protection.
 - Evidence-based design of benefit package -- identifying policy options and guiding decisions on an essential benefit package based on the rationale that such health care package is accessible to everyone.
 - Development of user fee schedules
 - Support the extension of population coverage to the informal sector
 - Budget allocation, strategic purchasing and fiscal space analysis, especially considering the needs to cover the poor and vulnerable groups.
 - Costing study and quality improvement (with linkage to fee schedules and benefit package)
 - Linkages with regional network on health financing and social health protection
 - The promotion of P4HC⁺

- ❖ Afterward, participants of L4UHC programme (only delegates from MoH) reflected on their achievements concerning the respective Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI).

SESSION 2 (afternoon)

P4HC⁺ Regular Meeting

The meeting mainly focused on getting to know each other (P4HC⁺ and invited NGOs and International Consulting firms, all active in the field of health financing for UHC), discussing the main activities each institution is working on. Priorities included, but were not limited to:

- Financial and social support for people with disabilities, community fund and community-based health insurance
- Social protection policy framework
- Technical assistance to H-EQIP
- Advocacy for equal & equitable access to health information
- Social health insurance for informal sector
- Social accountability and social welfare
- Local coordination network on ID poor and HIV/AIDS
- Technical assistance to NSSF
- Non-communicable disease and also infectious diseases

This session ended with one big and essential question to be answered in the next gathering on the mechanism that would best connect CSOs and P4HC⁺ so that all relevant stakeholders' working on health financing will complement each other to meet the UHC goal in 2030.