

L4UHC In-Country Progress Report

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<p>Cambodia</p> <p><i>To establish a Payment Certification Agency (PCA).</i></p> <p><i>To advance the National Quality Enhancement Initiative.</i></p> <p><i>To set up the NSSF for Civil Servants.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ MoH is in the process of creating an inter-ministerial working group for establishing the Payment Certification Agency. □ The existing MOH working group has completed the first draft of the transitional (SOP) manual. They will meet again on 28th October to discuss the draft. □ Quality verification tools have been developed, tested once and finalized for the second round of testing in the second half of October. □ A master TOT training has been planned for 21st November – 9th December. □ Phase 1 of the quality verification process is planned to commence in April 2017 to cover all 36 Special Operating Agencies (SOAs). The quality verification process will be rolled out to reach national coverage by the end of 2017. □ An inter-ministerial working group (IMWG) on NSSF for civil servants has been established comprising representatives from relevant agencies, and has been meeting regularly. □ The IMWG has finalized a draft of the Royal Decree establishing the NSSF for civil servants framework to be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval. □ The IMWG is currently collecting data to assist in setting the contribution rate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ There is the need for oversight and coordination of the various activities. This is happening effectively through the L4UHC group under the leadership of H.E. Mdm Sokha. □ There is a need for integration of common processes across the focus areas e.g. registration and certification of health providers. □ In an L4UHC meeting on 18th October, it was proposed that a concept note regarding the cooperation and sharing of information amongst all relevant agencies and development partners to ensure integration and harmonization of activities towards achievement of UHC goals.

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<p>Laos</p> <p><i>To Integrate the three Social Health Protection schemes HEF-CBHI-FMNCH with a National Health Insurance scheme under the MOH/NHIB in order to expand SHP in additional geographic locations</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ MoH has been reorganized with Dr. Bounfeng appointed as the new Director of the National Health Insurance Bureau making the NHIB a department of MoH. □ Technical review of SHP schemes are expected by Oct. 20th. □ Participants are preparing for a 3 day workshop on health sector reform on Oct 18-20 and a 2 day workshop on Financing for UHC on the 23-24 of November. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Opportunity to harmonize understanding of UHC complexity beyond financing schemes. □ MoH departments can work to bridge silos. □ Implementation capacity of NHIB.

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<p>Nepal</p> <p><i>To ensure availability of essential drugs in 5 districts: Achham, Baglun, Bhktapur, Illam, and Kailali</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ministry of Health has a new Minister that the L4H focal point has been trying to engage. □ Engagement with MoHs Secretary was successful with the latter giving a green light on formalizing the coalition through a National Steering Committee and a Technical Working Group. □ Draft ToRs for a UHC National Steering Committee and Technical Working Group (L4UHC participants) have been created. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Formalizing the Steering Committee and Technical working group so that implementation on drug availability can be organized and financed. □ Keeping the many participants engaged. □ Maintaining collaborative decision making.