

Minutes P4HC+ meeting

Date: September 18: 15.00-16.30hrs

Venue: World Bank

Participants: 22 people from the World Bank, KOICA, WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, USAID, ILO, SDC, GIZ, DFAT (Aus)

1. Strengthening the Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management.

Malika (ILO) clarified about the European Commission funded project jointly implemented by the ILO and UNICEF. Inception is scheduled to start in October and details will be shared later. The project links to various other initiatives, including amongst others, the pension for poor old people and the UN SDG Fund. The main recipient is the National Social Protection Council but line ministries working on social protection issues will also be supported.

2. Options Analysis of Cambodia's Health Financing Mechanisms to Inform Future Global Fund Funding Flows

Robert (USAID) clarified the objectives of the initiative, namely to assist the Country Coordinating Committee in reviewing existing innovations in service delivery and health financing in the Cambodian health sector and document the pros and cons of their potential use for future Global Fund funding for HIV, TB, Malaria and Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health. Henrik Axelson and Bart Jacobs will lead the assessment while a third person with thorough knowledge on the Global Fund and its mainstreaming is being recruited by GIZ HQ.

Participants pointed to the need for transparency and inclusivity, especially of civil society organizations working with or representing key affected people.

3. Monitoring for UHC

Robert (WHO) elaborated on WHO-supported activities to improve the accuracy of the tool to gather the information (socioeconomic survey questionnaire) as well as the capacity to analyse the information for monitoring UHC. For the former there has been some work on the health chapter as well as expenditure lines. A consultative meeting by the NIS on the health chapter content of the socioeconomic survey will be held in January.

WHO will facilitate an 8-week in-house training on analysing the socioeconomic survey for monitoring UHC for staff members of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), Ministry of Planning, and the Department of Planning and Health Information (DPHI), Ministry of Health.

Bart (GIZ) explained the training on econometric analysis for monitoring UHC that happened during September 17-20, facilitated by GIZ, with participants of NIS, DPHI, the National Institute of Public Health, University of Health Sciences and the General Secretariat to the National Social Protection Council. It is the last training following earlier ones focusing on the concept of equity and managing large secondary datasets for statistical analyses.

A joint exercise supported by the World Bank, GIZ and WHO concerning the official poverty line and agreement on methodologies for estimating impoverishment due to health expenses was announced.

4. Presentation on formulation of a guaranteed benefit package

Erik and Zina (WHO) presented about the formulation, associated challenges and possibilities of formulating a benefit package. Because the notetaker listened attentively and took part in the discussion reporting halts here as there are no notes.