

Introduction to P4HC⁺ for optimal coordination for Universal Health Coverage

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Background

The Providing for Health network (P4H) is a global network for universal health coverage (UHC) and social health protection that was created at the G8 Summit in 2007. It is made up of several partners that have different mandates, areas of expertise, and sector affiliations, including the World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, Global Fund, as well as the governments of France, Spain, Germany, USA, Morocco, and affiliated bilateral implementation agencies. P4H works across sectors with the ultimate aim of assisting governments to achieve universal coverage mainly by streamlining multi-/bilateral technical and financial support.

P4H has been operational in Cambodia since 2009, with membership of four development partners. In late 2015 the local network was expanded, its objectives and ways of operation clarified and was renamed as P4HC⁺ to highlight its focus on Cambodia (C) and the fact that bi/multilateral partners in addition to those signed up for P4H membership at the global level joined the coordination group (+). As such, P4HC⁺ is made up of sixteen multi-/bilateral agencies and operates in conjunction to other existing coordination platforms, such as the Ministry of Health-led Technical Working Group for Health and the WHO-led Health Partners Meetings, that each have a different focus as well as target audience. During its initial two years, P4HC⁺ focused on coordination between its members to maximize alignment, collaboration, and cooperation, in support of the Cambodian government's quest for universal health coverage.

These activities took place in a global context that saw UHC becoming prominent on the agenda of many countries and a key focus in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Cambodian government officials who were or are now key figures in the country's quest for UHC, strengthened their collaboration, coordination and alignment through participation in the P4H Leadership for UHC (L4UHC) Programme.

2017 marks the celebration of the global P4H network's 10th anniversary as well as 2 years of operation of P4HC⁺, during which time the mechanism achieved several objectives in terms of donor coordination and collaboration. P4HC⁺ allows development partners working in the field of social health protection toward UHC to engage with the Cambodian government in a harmonious manner by working toward a common view on behalf of its sixteen partners and maximizing technical/financial assistance. In order to clarify its activities in Cambodia during the last two years and to enhance its operations and engagement with the Cambodian Government, P4HC⁺ is organizing a half day workshop with government representatives from institutes active in the field of social health protection. They will be joined during this event by

P4H Focal Persons operating at other countries, P4H colleagues from Headquarters, and selected partners financially supporting P4H.

Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are to:

1. Exchange information on P4HC⁺ and experiences from P4H in other countries on approaches towards coordination, alignment of activities and financial support for health financing and social health protection for UHC.
2. Discuss perceptions and areas for collaboration on UHC between P4HC⁺ with the Government of Cambodia.
3. Reflect on experiences related to leadership for UHC activities in Cambodia.

Structure of the workshop

The event will include:

- Welcome remarks by P4HC⁺ co-Chairs and opening of the workshop and introduction to P4H
- Overview of P4HC⁺ activities and P4H configurations at the global, regional, and country levels
- Discussion on Cambodia's path to UHC and leadership activities for UHC in Cambodia
- Roundtable discussion with Government of Cambodia and P4HC⁺ partners on approaches and areas for collaboration in support of UHC

Proposed schedule

Time	Event	Responsible
Opening of Event		
8:00-8:20	Registration	
8:20-8:25	Introduction and National Anthem	All participants
8:25-8:35	Welcome remarks by P4HC ⁺ co-Chairs	Tina (USAID) and Somil (World Bank)
8:35-8:45	Opening remarks	TBD
Overview of P4H Experiences		
8:45-9:00	Presentation by P4H Global Representative on P4H objectives and approaches	Helga Mahler (GIZ)
9:00-9:15	Presentation on P4H experiences in other countries	Alexis Bigeard (WHO)
9:15-9:30	Overview of P4HC ⁺ activities in Cambodia	Bart Jacobs (GIZ)
9:30-10:00	Panel discussion/Q&A on P4H	Franz Von Roenne (GIZ)
10:00-10:15	Coffee & Tea Break	
Cambodia's Path to UHC		
10:15-10:30	Cambodia's Path to UHC—Presentation by MOH	MoH representative
10:30-10:40	Presentation on Leadership for UHC (L4UHC)	Claude Meyer (WHO)
10:40-11:10	Discussion on 3 Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI) and distribute L4UHC course certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment Certification Agency Establishment - Service Quality Enhancement - NSSF for Civil Servants 	Somil Nagpal (Moderator)
11:10-11:50	Round table with Government of Cambodia and P4HC ⁺ partners on approaches and areas for collaboration for UHC	Bayarsakhan Dorsjuren (WHO) (Moderator)
11:50-12:00	Summary of discussions	TBD
12:00- 13:30	Lunch	

Participants

Agency	Number of Persons
1. P4H Country Focal Persons	13
2. P4H Global Coordination Desk	5
3. P4HC+ members	20
4. Social Assistance Working Group members	5
5. Ministry of Health	5
6. Ministry of Economy and Finance	4
7. National Social Security Fund (NSSF)	2
8. Ministry of Social Affairs (NSSF-C)	2
Total Participants	56