

MINUTES OF MEETING

HEALTH FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WITH THE HEU HEU Conference Room, MOHFW 03 Sept 2013, 9:30-11:30 AM

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and welcoming of new participants • Presentation of HF Implementation Plan and Priorities for the next 6 months • Discussion of key issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inputs and comments on the Implementation Plan 2. Government and DP support to activities and priorities 3. Clarification on implementing structures and TORs 4. Development of concept note on formal sector health protection/insurance scheme • Updating of HF Resource Task Group membership list • AOB – IT for UHC Conference in Manila and PhilHealth Visit
1		Introduction of new participants
	<i>Discussion & Comments</i>	<p>Dr. Katayama introduced the new WHO HF Advisor, Dr. Olivia Nieveras.</p> <p>Md. Ashadul Islam, DG (HEU) introduced the new HEU officials –Mr. Suleman Khan (Director), Dr. Aminul Hassan (Deputy Director), Dr. Rafiqul Islam (Deputy Director) and Lisa Steinacher, Director, Special Programs (Health) for KfW</p> <p>Mr. Kelvin Hui of GIZ informed the group about the on-going Program Progress Review of GIZ and introduced Suzanne Lein (PPR) and Jaidev Singh (Intern), GIZ</p>
2		Presentation of Health Financing Implementation Plan – Md. Ashadul Islam, DG (HEU)
	<i>Discussion & Comments</i>	<p>The DG presented the draft Implementation Plan of Health Care Financing Strategy and highlighted the priorities for the next 6 months to 2 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative of WB commented that there was a need to reflect the timelines of the Implementation Plan and consider the broader national context, e.g. upcoming election and transition period. She suggested to build on what is already existing, e.g. automation of hospitals, link and harness what is existing; think about financial implications and

	<p>sustainability within the context of falling resources; and to clarify the role of HEU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative of UNDP proposed to harmonize the laws on health insurance with existing legal and regulatory framework, to learn from policies like DSF and to think about the other strategies e.g. granting autonomy to government hospitals, upgrading hardware, system efficiencies. • The DG (HEU) informed the group that he had already presented the HCFS and SSK model to the Finance Division of Ministry of Finance on 20.08.2013. The issue of user fee retention was discussed during that time. He also emphasized that all are aware about the broader contextual constraints but it is important to be practical, do what is feasible and move forward. • The representative of GIZ Mr. Kelvin Hui commended the DG (HEU) for filling-up of some HEU technical positions. He also updated the group that meeting regarding IT issues with HEU had already started and a delegation from Bangladesh would attend the IT for UHC in Manila from 25-27 Sept, 2013 organized jointly by GIZ and WHO. He pointed out that on-going Program Progress Review (PPR) of GIZ would provide opportunities for strengthening GIZ support to HF. • Mr. Jan Borg of AusAID expressed the importance of linking the HF issue with the broader Social Protection Group. • Senior Program Manager of KfW reiterated the need for a good design and inclusive program for health insurance. He also clarified the positioning of SSK in the SHP scheme. • The DG (HEU) recognized the fact that the sector is evolving and health financing work is in progress. He requested every DP to provide suggestions and resources to implement the activities.
<p>Action points</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HEU of MOHFW will coordinate with the Microfinance Division of MoF on user fee retention issue and develop of a concept paper on civil servants' health protection/insurance scheme. 2. GIZ will support delegates of Bangladesh to IT for UHC Conference to be held in Manila from 25 – 27 September, 2013 as well as side visit to PhilHealth 3. AusAID and WB offered to assist HEU in linking with the SP Groups.

3	Priorities and Commitments		
<i>Discussion & Comments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO summarized the priorities for the next 6 months based on the discussion. The priority areas are: Communication, Developing the concept note for the coverage of the formal sector and Organization/Structures. • DG requested the group to agree on the priorities and implications in terms of resources and competencies in the next 6 months. 		
	Priorities in the next 6 months	DP Support	Remarks
	1. Communication	GIZ, WHO	<p>WHO supports the advocacy for UHC and communicate HCF as a track</p> <p>Suggest to start with internal stakeholders rather than political stakeholders</p> <p>GIZ to work closely with WHO on this</p>
	2. Defining the details of the SHP Scheme- concept note on formal sector and implementation of SSK pilot	WHO GIZ KfW (SSK)	<p>Need to have technical discussions among the members of the proposed HF WG</p> <p>GIZ proposed to explore the possibility of covering the garment workers in the formal sector scheme</p> <p>Use the experience and lessons learned from DSF in designing the SSK.</p> <p>Need legal advice on the draft law on HCFS Act</p>
3. Organization/ structures		<p>How can other stakeholders be harnessed? e.g. Social Protection group</p> <p>Organizing the Advisory Council within 2013 might be optimistic; focus on research and background for now and the mid-term review of HPNSDP</p> <p>More MoF engagement in HF is desired; personal relation of HEU/MoHFW officials with other ministries is important</p> <p>GIZ will support a 1-day HEU Planning Workshop</p>	

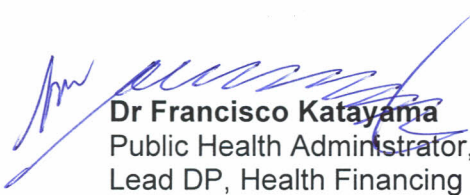
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDA also expressed its commitment to HF until 2015 - will confirm exact nature/form of support later
	Action Points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate the dissemination and review of the full report of DSF evaluation with the DPs (c/o WHO, in one month) 2. HEU to reach out with MoF for active engagement in HF 3. HEU will initiate the development of the concept note for formal sector with WHO and GIZ, to be consulted with other stakeholders 4. TWG on Health Financing will be formalized with TOR (WHO to draft TOR) 5. HEU to reflect more generally on its organization and its role– resource and competency implications (HEU Planning Workshop with GIZ)
4		Closing Remarks by DG (HEU)
		<p>The DG expressed his thanks to all participants and highlighted the fact that HFCS implementation is a collaborative effort and enjoined everyone to contribute their resources, experiences and knowledge to attain its goals.</p> <p>He welcomes all the development partners who would like to be part in the TWG.</p>
	Action Points	<p>WHO, as lead development partner, will extend the invitation to JICA and other interested agencies to be part of the TWG, on behalf of the DG (HEU). The updated list of members will be circulated as soon as completed.</p> <p>Proposed agenda for next meeting will include a presentation on Social Protection updates and the results of DSF assessment.</p>

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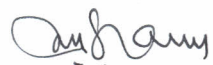
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