AGENDA

Health Financing Strategy Workshop 4:

2nd-4th December 2013, White Sands - Dar es Salaam

Background

Tanzania is entering a new phase of health financing reforms based on the reforms undertaken since the early 1990's.

In 2007, the Government of Tanzania adopted a *Health Policy* with the policy vision "to improve the health and well being of all Tanzanians with a focus on those most at risk [...]". This vision remains still valid, and the GOT is committed to moving towards *Universal Health Coverage (UHC)* and to ensure that all citizens have access to quality services and are protected from financial risk. As part of *the Health Sector Strategic Plan III*, a decision was taken to develop a Health Financing Strategy to ensure that this vision would become reality.

Oversight for the development of the strategy has been given to an Inter-ministerial Steering Committee (ISC), comprised of key ministries and departments, to ensure that proposed reforms are comprehensive, accepted and supported by all stakeholders, and implemented with the support of all stakeholders. To achieve this aim, the ISC has identified key areas for reforms and requested several reports to inform the development of the strategy. These are:

- 1. Insurance Market Structure: options for the Social and Private Health Insurance architecture;
- 2. Minimum Benefit Package(s): options to sustainably structure access to benefits;
- 3. Inclusion of poor & vulnerable: options for identification and financing of services for this group:
- 4. CHF reforms: options for the re-design of the CHF system;
- 5. Performance-based financing: options for linking allocations to performance of service providers;
- 6. Resources Allocation: options for improving the equity targeting of (esp. budget) resources;
- 7. Public Financial Management: options for improving accountability and timely availability of funds:
- 8. PPP: options strengthening equitable funding from the private sector;
- 9. Fiscal Space: options for increasing public financing for health;

In addition to the 9 key areas identified by the ISC, the Ministry of health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) has now identified additional information needs in formulating a coherent health financing strategy. Thus it commissioned two additional studies on the Institutional and Organisational Assessment of its current Social Health Insurance System and on Provider Autonomy Options.

The different studies will have largely rendered results by mid-November. These results and recommendations will have to be reviewed and consolidated further by the HCFC in order to provide advise on the HFS development to the ISC. Furthermore as the HFS is being written, the strategic interventions need to be defined based on the option paper recommendations. In order to achieve these tasks a 3-day HCFC Working Retreat is proposed to take place at White Sands in Dar es Salaam, as 4th Workshop in a series of HFS Options Workshops.

Scope

The scope of the 3-day retreat is to consolidate available evidence and study results to better inform the ISC on different HF design options and to develop a proposal of strategic interventions for the HF Strategy.

Objectives and tasks

The overall objective of the Retreat is to:

- 1 . Consolidate the information, recommendation and options provided by the different HF Option Papers and supporting studies in order to help inform the design of the future health financing model for Tanzania and
- 2. Jointly elaborate relevant strategic interventions for the HFS oriented by/ based on the different study recommendations

Session	Monday 2 nd of December 2013
09:00-09:30	Arrival and Registration (plus Tea and Coffee)
	Introduction
	Session 1: Opening and Introduction to the workshop
09:30-11:00	- Mariam Ally, MOHSW
	Session 2: Introduction to achieving UHC through Health Financing
	- WHO: Sheila O'Dougherty and Priyanka Saksena
	International principles and experiences
	Innovation potentials in resources generation, purchasing health
	services and pooling risk/ funds
11:00-12:30	Session 3: Focusing on 3 HIM Options (as per ISC selection) and Introduction to group work
	- Nina Siegert, P4H
	At the end of this session participants
	recall the main characteristics of the different HIM
	form groups for HIM working sessions
12:30-13:00	LUNCH BREAK
13:30-15:30	Session 4: Group work on HIM continues
	The group work will enable the participants to:
	Review the main characteristics of the allocated options in relation to
	the 3 pillars of HF (resources allocation, pooling and purchasing) as well

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	as in consideration of governance/ stewardship aspects
	 Assess pros and cons and feasibility aspects of the allocated options
	This exercise requires taking into account recommendations from the HI
	Regulatory Study, Institutional Assessment, Provider Autonomy and Allocation
	Formular recommendations
15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45-17:00	Session 5: Group Work continues
	Adding considerations for MBP to the HIM Options
	Discuss how an MBP can be embedded into the different HIM-CHF
	structures
	Discuss preferred modalities for an MBP
	Public Health Package included or dealt with separately
	Disease vs service oriented package
	MBP as legal entitlement, away from provision orientation to needs
	based/ individual orientation etc.
	taking reference to the MBP study and the recommendations regarding MBP in
	the HIM paper and Institutional Assessment
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up and remark, observations by WHO experts

Session	Tuesday 3 rd of December 2013
08:00-10:00	 Session 6: Group Presentations: 3 HIM Option Designs (status quo) Groups are given the opportunity to share their work/ thinking and compare with the other HIM options The plenary, guided by the external experts, discusses the 3 different Models
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
10:15-11:45	 Session 7: CHF and Inclusion of the poor – a general remark, contribution Gemini Mtei intro of CHF Options 2-5 Session 8: Group Work continues Discuss CHF integration into the HIM and inclusion of the poor - in relation to your Option Design (targeting, inclusion/ access through which HF mechanisms, at which layers of the system, in relation to MBP etc.)
11:45-12:45	Session 9: Groups Present their thoughts on Inclusion of the Poor and CHF into HIM • Discussion in plenary guided by the content experts

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12:45-13:45	LUNCH BREAK
	Session 10: Brief presentation: Overview of P4P WS results
13:45-15:30	- P4P task force member: Susna De
	Session 11: Group work on HIM Option design continues:
	Interlink purchasing and service delivery functions into your Design:
	Draw from P4P assessment and WS results on how a re-designed strategy would fit into the HIM system
	 What would a P4P roll-out mean in terms of required capacity and management structures – how do these link to the proposed HIM and CHF Options and Provider Payment mechanisms in general
15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45-16:45	Session 12: Group Work on PFM recommendations
	In your groups discuss PFM requirements for the functioning of your HIM
	drawing also from the PFM recommendations available
16:45-17:15	Wrap-up and remark, observations by WHO experts

Session	Wednesday 4 th of December 2013
	Session 13: Group Presentations : 3 HIM Option Designs with P4P element
08:00-10:00	included – narrowing down the options
	Groups are given the opportunity to share their work/ thinking and
	compare with the other HIM options
	The plenary, guided by the external experts, discusses the 3 different
	Models and selects the 2 most feasible ones
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
	Session 14: Introduction to Health Financing Strategy Development
	- Sheila O'Dougherty, WHO
10:15-10:45	- Mariam Ally (making link to Health Sector Priorities/ HSSP)
	At the end of this session, the participants will be able to:
	 Understand what the different building blocks of a HFS are
	What a HFS in the context of a HSSP aims to achieve
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10:45-12:30	Session 15: Group Work on developing Strategic Interventions/ priorities for
	the HFS
12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK

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13:30-15:00	Session 16: Presentation of Group Work Results and Narrowing Down the Strategic Priorities
15:00-16:00	Session 17: Defining the Roadmap for the HFS
	- Plenary discussion
16:00-16:45	Session 18: Summary and Closing of the WS
	- Concluding summary and remarks by WHO experts
	- Way forward and closing remarks by Mariam Ally