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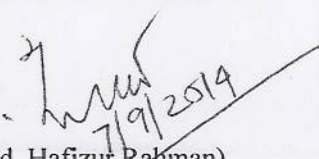
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Subject: Minutes of the sixth meeting of the "Health Financing Resource Task Group (HFRTG)" for HPNSDP.

The minutes of the sixth meeting of the "Health Financing Resource Task Group (HFRTG)" for HPNSDP held on 28 August, 2014 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Chair of the HFRTG is enclosed for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclosure: As stated.


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Copy for kind information & necessary action:

1. PS to the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
2. PS to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
3. PO to Director General, Health Economics Unit, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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Sub: The sixth meeting of Health Financing Resource Task Group (HFRTG) was held on 28 August, 2014 at 9:30 am. in the Conference Room of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with Mr. M M Neazuddin, Secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the Chair. The list of participants is shown in Annex-A.

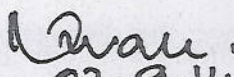
At the outset the Chair welcomed all the members of the HFRTG for their presence in the meeting. After that he requested the Director General, Health Economics Unit (HEU), The Member Secretary of the Task Group to present as per agenda items.

2. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Director General, HEU gave a brief presentation on the updates of activities undertaken following fifth meeting of the HFRTG as well as some challenges for the implementation of the activities in the area of health care financing. In his presentation DG, HEU focused on the objectives, content and present status of the following initiatives (a) Draft National Health Protection Act and its components, (b) Communication strategy for UHC, (c) UHC monitoring tools, d) Health Protection Pilot scheme for RMG workers and Civil Servants, (e) Strategic Plan for quality in health care, (f) Financing for SSK, (g) Publication of National Health Accounts (NHA) and (h) The Prime Minister's directives in relation to the implementation of Health Care Financing Strategy (HCFS).

3. During the discussion Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, Joint Secretary, MOHFW mentioned his experience of RTA fund and suggested that it would be important to give proper attention to the provision of proposed National Health Protection Act for create Health Protection Authority and Health Protection Fund as these things are very technical and complex in nature and thus require quite longtime. Ms. Lisa Steinacher from KfW has informed that due to changes in the priority, Federal Republic of Germany now intends to provide the committed support for SSK in pool fund instead of DPA as it felt that it would buy more donor support and govt. involvement. On the other hand World Bank (WB) wants more ownership of the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) for this scheme through its increased sharing. However, she expressed her opinion that WB and other DPs also should be reasonable in terms of government participation in the protection package.



4. The Chair wanted to be informed regard to the initiatives taken from HEU in order to keep German Financing for SSK as DPA instead of RPA. DG, HEU explained the initiatives taken so far including the engagement and discussion with Planning Wing, ERD, and Bangladesh Embassy in Germany and the German Embassy in Bangladesh. He apprised the meeting that actually Federal Republic of Germany had not changed its decisions to put its money for SSK in the pool fund despite the discussions and putting story rationale for funding the scheme through DPA.
5. Dr. F. Katayama from WHO expressed his understanding that the premium of SSK initially would be incurred from DPs contribution and gradually GOB contribution would be increased for this purpose. DG, HEU clarified the matter that GOB is already contributing for different components in the SSK pilot sites facilities including paying the salary and allowances for the health professionals and for hospital beds. He added that SSK has got the priority from the highest level of the Government which implied that GOB would gradually take over the scheme after the pilot is implemented.
6. After discussions on it the Chair decided that there should be a meeting soon preferably in next week with representatives from ERD, WB, KfW. and DP Consortium Chair to discuss and sort out the statement in SSK implementation.
7. As there was no more agenda to be discussed the meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.


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M M Neazuddin
Secretary
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
&
Chair
Health Financing Resource Task Group

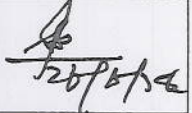

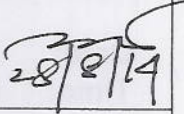
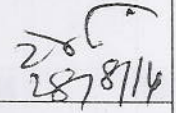

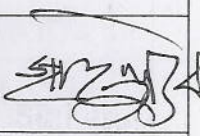
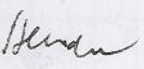

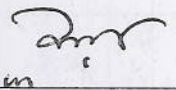

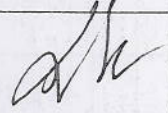

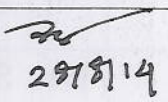
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Subject: 6th Meeting of Health Financing Resource Task Group (HFRTG).
Venue: MoHFW Conference Room, Room No. 332, Building No. 3, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Date: 28 August, 2014.
Time: 09:30am

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