

1. Participants:

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2. Agenda and discussion

Status of draft concept note:

P4H CD briefly recapped the development process of the concept note (CN); appreciated the open exchange and the inputs from UNICEF, DFID, USAID, GIZ and the WB.

CHAI enquired about the scope of this work, and whether it would include revisiting the HF strategy and looking at the bigger picture of UHC.

WB and GIZ both pointed out that the draft CN responds to specific requests from the MoH and MoF; with an initial focus on reviewing existing MoH work and products; however this may lead to further work, and depending on the feasibility of options, and possibly to a revision of the HF strategy if the MoH would ask for this.

WB also mentioned the importance of including a proposal for capacity development and elaborating on an implementation plan for feasible reform options.

WHO appreciated the CN, however the partners should not feel constraint by this and should not lose sight of the implications of this work for broader systems strengthening.

The group agreed that the CN is ready for submission to the MoH.

Division of labour and collaboration

WBG said that the lead agencies mentioned in the work packages including the WBG's lead role on the health fund are only suggestions and would still require discussion and confirmation. The WBG is willing to work with other partners in providing input across the four reform areas but is yet to make a decision on the area it will lead. The WBG will communicate this to the group after next week.

WHO agreed that WHO could take the lead on the decentralization and hospital autonomy package (WP3), however, all partners are welcome to participate in these activities.

WHO confirmed that WB would take the lead on the WP2 (Health Fund), and GIZ will take on the NHI topic under WP1; the lead on WP4 (CHAM), possibly DFID and UNICEF, was still pending.

GIZ reminded the group that the CN is already 3 weeks overdue and that we all need to speed up the process on our side.

FJ/ILO Consultant informed the group that he is currently enquiring with ILO HQ about possible contributions to the actuarial assessment mentioned in WP1 on NHI and will keep the group posted.

Submission to MoH for comments:

The group suggested that the P4H CD should continue facilitating the discussion during and after submission to the MoH; MA/CD emphasized the importance of building on and strengthening existing coordination mechanisms at country level, however agreed to further support this work as it also involves inputs from regional and global level.

WHO and WHO offered to discuss the CN with the WR (chair of the core group) for him to take this forward and submit it to the MoH for further dialogue and comments; the process would not need to be overly formal; the group agreed.

3. Conclusion and next steps

- The group agreed that the CN is ready for submission to the MoH.
- The P4H CD will forward the latest version of the concept note to the WR Eugene Nyarko for submission to the MoH.
- The meeting agreed that all partners should be willing to provide input across the four reform areas with the leads acting as coordinators of the review process by receiving and consolidating inputs, and presenting the final product to the main core group. Specific review instruments based on best practices may need to be developed for use during the review.
- P4H CD to invite the group to another Telco once MoH comments have been received.