

Modus Operandi

Providing for Health Network Cambodia P4HC⁺

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Preamble

The Providing for Health Network was launched at the G8 meeting in 2007 as a support network to Universal Health Coverage¹ (UHC) for multi- and bilateral development partners. Network members who signed up at global level include the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, WHO, ILO, and development cooperation agencies from France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland and the United States. Membership configurations at country level are termed P4H⁺ and the resulting network is open to any bi- or multilateral organization engaged in health financing activities related to universal health coverage.

Due to its setup as a Network Organization, it offers a flexible and responsive structure that focuses on cross-sectorial promotion of universal health coverage through:

- Stimulating exchange of information and promoting dialogue;
- Coordinating technical and financial support to attain a maximum degree of alignment and complementarity;
- Supporting host countries with formulating and implementing a structured approach to effectively address issues toward Universal Health Coverage/Social Health Protection

P4HC⁺ Partners

Partners of P4HC⁺ are representatives of bilateral and multilateral organizations that have joined P4H at global level or provide technical and financial support in Cambodia to activities for health financing and SHP towards UHC.

Purpose

The purpose of P4HC⁺ is to reinforce the Cambodian government's capacity to provide its population universal health coverage by maximising development partners' effectiveness of financial and technical assistance for health financing and social health protection (SHP) toward UHC through optimal alignment, collaboration, cooperation, coordination, and use of P4HC⁺ partner's respective comparative advantages.

Specific objectives of P4HC⁺

- Exchange detailed technical and financial information and evidence on planned or implemented health financing and SHP activities in support of UHC.
- Discuss models for developing and/or scaling up locally appropriate best practices for activities and practical arrangements contributing to UHC.
- To understand and share P4HC⁺ partners' individual or pooled financial and technical support to active or scheduled health financing and SHP interventions to avoid overlap and duplication, assess scope for complementarities, identify gaps in

support of government strategies that should be addressed, and find common solutions.

- Harmonise and build consensus for P4HC⁺ partners' responses on pertinent issues related to health financing and SHP towards UHC and methods for communicating these to the government.
- Coordinate the implementation of activities and products specific to the government's strategies for health financing and SHP towards UHC.
- Jointly identify and coordinate opportunities for building capacities and skills of administrators and policymakers from national institutions contributing to UHC/SHP to maximise resources and avoid duplication.
- Stimulate engagement of south-south and triangular collaborations and exchanges.

Working operations

- Timely inform P4HC⁺ Partners and provide regular updates of individual or pooled program plans and amount of proposed allocation in support of the overall objectives of achieving UHC.
- Agree on a joint support plan with references to possible linkages and synergies of activities, work plans and programs.
- Where feasible, develop individual support plans in collaboration with other P4HC⁺ partners, hereby duly considering funding and commitment gaps and identifying resources to address these gaps.
- When relevant, develop terms of reference, timing, and members of individual planned technical missions in consultation with P4HC⁺ Partners.
- Throughout activities duly promote south-south collaboration.
- Exchange information on individuals supported for participation at trainings and workshops related to health financing and SHP toward UHC for stocktaking with the aim of promoting continuity of capacity building activities.
- Where possible, use the various entry points and diverse sectorial perspectives of the P4HC⁺ members to advance UHC on the political agenda.
- On regular basis exchange information on P4HC⁺ activities with Development Partners and government and at relevant forums.

When to use the label P4H

- The label P4H can be used for any activity conducted by at least two P4HC⁺ partners, with no objection of the P4H Coordinator. Representation and correspondence on behalf of P4HC⁺ must be conducted with due agreement of the majority of P4HC⁺ partners.

Communications on behalf of P4HC⁺

- Matters will be communicated to the government using existing mechanisms, as appropriate.
- Spokespersons for P4HC⁺ matters are to be agreed upon by the majority of partners and ideally based on characteristics like seniority, expertise regarding the topic of concern, familiarity with the target persons or institution.
- A rotating Convenor and co-Convenor for P4HC⁺ will be elected on annual basis.

Schedule of meetings

- Quarterly with P4HC⁺ partners to exchange plans, progress, requests, updates and to arrange for joint activities.
- Six-monthly with all interested parties to disseminate relevant information on activities by P4HC⁺ and associated partners and counter partners.
- Ad Hoc to timely respond to emerging issues that can affect health financing and SHP toward UHC in Cambodia.
- Annually with representatives of the Cambodian government.

What P4HC⁺ is not?

- P4HC⁺ is not a donor agency although can it serve as a platform to fill funding gaps and identify potential sources of fund for relevant initiatives.
- An activity is not labelled P4HC⁺ if conducted by only one P4HC⁺ partner or is executed without no objection of the P4H Coordinator.
- P4C⁺ is not a talking club. It is a country support coordination mechanism to improve the quality and the impact of the technical and financial assistance provided in the area of health financing and SHP towards UHC.

Review

P4HC⁺ members will review on an annual basis this modus operandi and P4HC⁺ performance, and appoint a P4HC⁺ Convenor and Co-Convenor.

¹ The concepts of UHC and SHP are very close in that they both focus on guaranteeing needed health care to the whole population while at the same time protecting people from financial hardship due to the costs incurred in seeking that care. In practical terms, this means for the joint work of the P4H network that UHC and SHP are more or less interchangeable terms. **UHC** is defined by the World Health Organization as ensuring that all people can use the promotive, preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship. **SHP** is defined by ILO as a series of measures against social distress and economic loss caused by the reduction of earnings or the cost of treatment that can result from ill health.