

One Health Model - Update, March 2011

The One Health model is moving closer to the pilot testing phase. This is now expected to take place in the third quarter of this year.

A UNDP-hosted meeting of the Interagency Working Group on Costing in January noted that major milestones have been reached in terms of the creation of key modules and usability features. Key sections and features such as the Human resources, Infrastructure, Financial Space, Scenario Generation and Impact calculations are now functional. Program costing for Maternal Health, Child Health, Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Vaccination, TB, Nutrition and WASH have also been developed.

A Country Reference Group, comprising staff from ministries of health in low-and middle income countries (to date from Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Ghana, Laos) has been formed. The group will be expanded over time. Some members of this Country Reference Group participated in the January 2011 meeting providing critical feedback on model improvements. They also provided advice on processes whereby the application and rollout of the tool in country will be facilitated.

The One Health model is on track for a desk review to be performed by members of the Interagency Working Group on Costing in 2Q 2011 where the model will be used to produce a sample costing of a national strategic plan. Following the desk review, plans are being developed for pilot testing in a few countries.

Communications experts from the different UN entities are collaborating on developing a coherent strategy to introduce the One Health model to staff members. A second phase of the strategy will focus on external audiences.

The One Health model is the product of an inter-agency working group composed of UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and World Bank staff that has been working since January 2008 on the harmonization of costing and impact assessment tools used in the health sector.