

Joint assessment of national health strategies and plans: a review of recent experience

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Outline of the presentation



- ▣ Why JANS and
- ▣ How did we do the JANS?
- ▣ What has been achieved through this process?
- ▣ Insights on what worked and
- ▣ Lessons learnt/what didn't work?

Why JANS?

- Ten-year National Health Policy (1999) under review
- Conclusion of Health Sector Strategic Plan II (2005/06-2009/10)
- To improve Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan (HSSIP) process & content
- Need to approach issues differently given noted challenges
- Revitalise and increase functioning of the SWAp
- Increase (opportunities for) funding for the HSSIP – focus on Health Systems Oriented Funding – High Level International Innovative Funding for Health Systems; US – new initiative; GFATM/GAVI – National Strategic Applications
- Improve Stakeholder involvement including Civil Society in design and implementation of National Strategic Plans

How did we do the JANS?

- Country led process; Ministry of Health requested for Technical Assistance support from Harmonization for Health in Africa (HHA) through WHO with positive and timely response
- Ministry of Health IHP+ Taskforce put in place to lead the process and work as in-country counterparts
- Scoping mission in March 2010
- Main JANS mission in June/July 2010

What has been achieved

- Broadened consultations
- Fresh, external non-biased perspective
- Guidance used to improve quality of HSSIP
 - ▣ Focus
 - ▣ Prioritization
 - ▣ Appropriate costing and financing projections
- Opportunity to engage Civil Society Organizations in a unique way
 - ▣ Detailed guidance from JANS tool
 - ▣ Constant support from IHP+ team
 - ▣ IHP+ catalytic fund

What worked

- JANS tool provided very useful and detailed guidance
- Process was well planned and facilitated
- JANS team with wide range of skill undertook wide range of in country consultative process involving frank discussions
 - ▣ Health Systems, Public Health, M&E, Process, Social development, Health Financing, Disease programmes, decentralisation, Monitoring & Evaluation
- JANS team worked with in-country counterparts (IHP+ taskforce) to facilitate the process
- IHP+ Task Force conducted an Internal assessment of HSSIP using the JANS tool and had opportunity to highlight areas in the JANS tool that needed adaptation

Lessons Learnt



- JANS team was engaged late given the deadline of July 2010 as the effective start date of HSSIP
- HSSIP drafting process took longer than planned and at time of JANS mission, document was still in draft form with pending costing and drafting of M&E plan.
- In the future there may be need for two missions, one early in the process and another later to review the response to comments