

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

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Outline of the presentation

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

Why did we do it

- Ethiopia was in the process of developing a fourth Health Sector Development Plan (HSDP IV)
- The zero draft was prepared by the federal ministry of health together with the regions and districts, taking into consideration the National Growth and Transformation Plan and the Millennium Development Goals
- The zero draft was circulated to all stake holders for comments
- The consultative process was planned to take place using the usual ways i.e the document would be sent to all stakeholders and they would discuss on the document and come with their comments (individual DPs or as HPN) during a workshop
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Why did we do it

- At this point the JANS idea came and consultations were done according to the JANS tools
- Using the structured JANS tools was timely and ideal to develop the strategic plan and have structured consultations among various stakeholders
- To prepare a standard document to be used by the government, DPs and other stakeholders for the coming five very crucial years where harmonization and aid effectiveness are needed critically

How did we do it?

- A briefing was held on 8th February 2010 at MoH, by a “JANS mission” including IHP+/WHO, WB, UNAIDS, GFATM and GAVI where MoH decided to do JANS
- A JANS country TWG was established (MOH and HPN)
- JANS tool and guidelines were adopted for HSDP
- Three JANS teams comprising of development partners and chaired by FMOH established
- Road map was developed and agreed for “two waves” of assessment
- The first wave of assessment was done by the JANS team; CSOs and NGOs working in the health sector have provided their comments

How did we do it?

- FMOH-HPN Joint Steering committee discussed on the JANS feedback
- Agreed comments were incorporated to the HSDP IV document
- A one day workshop was organised only for CSOs to strengthen their involvement
- A two days workshop was organised for all in-country and visiting Dps, CSOs and other stakeholders to discuss on the second draft document
- Comments were compiled from the workshop and addressed in the finalization of the document.
- The final document is almost ready and will be distributed with the JANS report and the paper to show the commitment to change behavior by each stakeholder

What has been achieved

The JANS process has achieved the following:

- ▣ Enhanced the quality of the strategy and partners confidence to the strategy and system for implementation
- ▣ Provided structured, comprehensive framework for partners engagement on development of the strategy
- ▣ More partners align their plan with national strategy and priority (GAVI, USG more to come)
- ▣ More streamlined processes for getting funding approved(HSS platform)

What worked

- The process was inclusive & used existing structures/systems
- The transaction cost was lower than done otherwise
- The JANS process has resulted in obtaining constructive structured comments and suggestions; the existence of the second round was instrumental in getting valuable inputs.
- The JANS process is expected to have strengthened the credibility of the national strategic plan.
- The JANS tools provided a systematic lens to review critically the draft strategic plan, and appraise the document in an organized manner.

What didn't

- The change of behaviour from the donors is not yet realised into practice except for GAVI



Thank you!!!