

How to develop and monitor effective partnerships: the role of partnership agreements, including compacts

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WHY DID SIERRA LEONE DO IT?



BACKGROUND:

- ▣ SIERRA LEONE MOVING FROM EMERGENCY TO DEVELOPMENT PHASE
- ▣ POLITICAL WILL RESULTING IN POLICIES AND REFORMS IN GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES
- ▣ STRONG DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE MDGs THROUGH HARMONISED APPROACHES BY ALL SECTOR ACTORS

WAS IT WORTH IT? WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

- **THE PARTNERSHIP PROCESS THAT BEGAN WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE HAS BENEFITED THE COMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS:**
 - CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURES & MECHANISMS WERE ALREADY DEVELOPED
 - BROAD CONSENSUS ON ELEMENTS OF THE COMMON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN AGREED
 - BETTER APPRECIATION OF CONSTRAINTS AND CHALLENGES FACING THE SECTOR
 - THE NEED FOR AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF MOHS WAS IDENTIFIED
 - A WORKING DRAFT COMPACT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND SIGNING IS PLANNED FOR EARLY 2011

HOW HAVE BARRIERS AND CONSTRAINTS BEEN ADDRESSED?

- COUNTRY COMPACT STILL IN LAST STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT HOWEVER:
- **CONCRETE PLANS FOR REFORMS DEVELOPED**; e.g. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT; PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN REFORMS/STRENGTHENING; DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT;
- **USE OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS** TO ADDRESS ISSUES
- WIDE CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES UTILISED

3 KEY MESSAGES TO THOSE DEVELOPING A NEW AGREEMENT

- ASSURE **GOVERNMENT-WIDE CONSENSUS** ON NEED FOR A COMPACT & IDENTIFY INFLUENTIAL “**PARTNERSHIP CHAMPIONS**” FROM EACH MAJOR CONSTITUENCY
- **MOBILISE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL, MATERIAL, HUMAN AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES** FOR THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
- THE COMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS CREATES A **HEAVY DEMAND ON THE TIME AND COMMITMENT OF KEY MANAGERS** FROM GOVERNMENT, HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS.