

Towards the signing of a Compact in Mali

1. Main stages in developing the Compact

- The Malian Ministry of Health signed the International Health Partnership in Bamako in October 2007;
- In February 2008 a multisectoral team representing stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Finance, civil society and technical and financial partners attended the Lusaka workshop and decided to start work on developing a Compact;
- A wide-ranging process of consultation and coordination subsequently took place to reach consensus on the scope of the compact for Mali;
- In June, acting on behalf of the monitoring committee, the technical committee mandated a small group to draft the Compact based on the wide-ranging consultations to date;
- The plan for developing a Compact and its component parts was presented to the steering committee, representing the monitoring committee, in September 2008;
- A group comprising various partners and IHP+ signatories convened for consultations on the Mali planning process in early December;
- The various components were subsequently drafted and submitted to the coordination group on Tuesday, 13 January 2009;
- Signing is scheduled for 29 January 2009.

2. Brief overview of Compact components

The Compact is a contract between the Government and partners with a view to expediting implementation of ratified policy documents and plans so as to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It is therefore based around the sectoral programme (PRODESS II 2005-2011) and its medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF). The following documents are attached to facilitate implementation of the goals outlined in the sectoral programme:

- The Human Resources for Health Development Policy;
- The Strategic Plan for Strengthening the Health System and the Plan for Consolidating the Health Information System;
- The National Health Research Policy;
- The Health Facilities and Infrastructure Maintenance Policy.

The Compact is therefore a document that reflects all aspects of national policy on sectoral development. It stresses increased predictability of aid and highlights the principles of responsibility and mutual indebtedness between the signatories.

3. Expected results of the compact

The aim of the compact is to ensure better harmonization and standardization of aid and to secure predictable funding over the long term. It also aims to strengthen the leadership of the Ministry of Health, intersectoral dialogue and extensive national buy-in. This should enhance the effectiveness of stakeholder actions and thus facilitate

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implementation of the sectoral programme, ultimately leading to quicker achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Intersectoral dialogue and the leadership of the Ministry of Health have already been strengthened in the course of drafting the compact.