

## **Providing For Health (P4H) – Update on Operational Plan - April 2009**

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**(OP 0.3) Analytical framework.** After the constructive kick-off meeting on 7-8 April (minutes and presentations will be circulated), the consultants Axel Weber and Soonman Kwon have started their work.

It has been agreed that

- (1) A first draft will be submitted to P4H by 15 May;
- (2) Feedback from P4H partners to consultants by 15 June;
- (3) A draft for testing at country level shall be submitted to P4H by 1 Jul 09.

**(OP 0.4) Communications Strategy.** A suitable communication agency has been contracted (<http://www.mondofragilis.net/>). The process of developing the strategy over the next 6 weeks includes

- (1) a consultative process with the partners
- (2) a draft outline of the strategy and report
- (3) some round of comments
- (4) possibly – if you feel that it is helpful – a joint meeting and presentation of the consultants and the P4H partners
- (5) a final report and strategy.

### **(OP 1.1 and 2.4) P4H country update**

**Category 1 / Priority Countries.** In the context of the P4H analytical framework process, below some feedback on the first contact with priority countries about possible collaboration with P4H.

**Cambodia [Germany/France]:** In the process of concluding a P4H Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Cambodia could serve as a potential model for P4H collaboration. Country requires support for improving SHP including design, strategy and implementation of SHP. P4H needs to clarify how global and regional level can best complement country work. There is interest in commenting and potentially testing the P4H framework and toolkit.

**Nepal [Germany/WHO]:** Held workshop on Social Health Insurance options in March 2009. Recently signed IHP compact. Signaled interest in commenting on P4H analytical framework, potential country for testing.

**Uganda [Germany/WHO]:** Coordinator scoping visit in Feb 2009. Demand for P4H support, in particular on the 'bigger picture' of health care financing (e.g. link envisaged Social Health Insurance (SHI) scheme to health reform; options of including the poor in SHI; link of SHI to broader social protection framework). Opportunity for P4H to contribute to health sector strategic planning process 2009. Awaiting TOR from Uganda for specification of P4H support required (for more detail see report sent on 18.2.09).

**Pakistan [WHO/Germany]:** P4H information exchange on ongoing GTZ, ILO and WHO studies/appraisals and WB mission on the possibilities of technical support to the government of Pakistan to increase social health protection coverage. Further P4H engagement depends on outcome of studies and mission.

**Tanzania [Germany]:** Request from Dr. Njau (Head of Health Sector Reform Secretariat) to P4H for establishing a national association/hub for the existing 113 Community Health Insurance Funds. Following discussions with GTZ expert in TZ (on 9 April) about possible entry points for P4H collaboration a P4H visit to Tanzania on 3 June 2009 was suggested for the discussion of (1) proposal to P4H, (2) possible contributions of P4H to broader health care financing strategy and of (3) P4H analytical framework (presentation and country feedback, potential for testing).

**Philippines [Germany]:** In recent years, many studies on improving the SHI scheme have been carried out, e.g. on enrolment of informal sector, support value, provider payment, admin efficiency, etc. However, there is little progress with implementation – more a political than technical issue. The process on developing a broader health care financing strategy appears stuck, partly due to insufficient stakeholder involvement and process design. PhilHealth signaled interest in working with P4H. Philippines are a potential country for testing the P4H analytical framework.

**Senegal [WHO/France]:** *info will follow*

**Madagascar: [WB/France]:** *info will follow*

**Columbia: [WB]** *info will follow.*

## **Category 2 countries**

**Mongolia:** The national stakeholder group that was formed after the ADB GTZ ILO WHO Workshop in May 2008 has held meetings twice a month and prepared a proposal for technical support to the reform process of social health insurance. The proposal has been sent to the German and Luxembourg government. The P4H funded independent expert group is facilitating the process and the work of the national stakeholder group and collaborating with ADB on its consensus building project with the national Social Policy Standing Committee.