

Stakeholders Workshop on National Health Policy Reformulation

Group Work Documents

Group VI

Partnerships in health

1.Strengthened and sustained active Community Participation and Ownership

Universal coverage could be achieved only on people-centred approach. It is critical that the community is totally aware of the available services and also at the same time, timely and effective utilization of the provided services. As such the policy goal will be defined as: *‘Strengthened people-centred approach, ensuring the effective utilization of resources in journey towards universal coverage.’* The policy priority strategies are:

- Strengthen systems for effective community health promotion;
- Institute community dialogue through effective use of the information, education, and communication methodology, especially in local languages among ethnic groups;
- Empower communities for active participation in planning, monitoring and evaluation and decision making for effective implementation of the health policy; and
- Strengthen effective community systems on the use of monitoring and evaluation to reflect gender and cultural issues for improved health outcomes.

2.Strengthened Public Private Partnership

The private sector keeps growing and for many reasons consumption of private health care services is increasing. Evidence indicates that the private sector provides health services extensively but with marginal regulation. It is essential that the private medical sector should be conscious and put more effort in imparting the quality of health care services, avoiding from depriving of the patient socio-economic situation due to high health care expenditure. As such the policy goal will be defined as: *‘Strengthened the provision of health services with a clear understanding in close coordination and collaboration between public and private sector.’* The priority strategies include:

- Clear understanding between the partners about mutual benefits;
- Clear understanding of the responsibilities and obligations between the partners;
- Strong community support;

- Develop and enforce Regulatory framework;
- Enhance capacity and expertise of the government at different levels in designing and managing contracts (partnership);
- Develop appropriate organizational and management systems for partnerships;
- Institute comprehensive management information system where private sector be involved; and
- Clarity on incentives and penalties.

3.Strengthened partnership with Development Partners in Health

While aid to health sector is increasing, it is key to ensure that it is spent effectively and achieves the intended results. It is vital to ensure that all supports are in alignment with the national priority both in terms of programme area and localities where the project operations are being taken place, observing the five principles of aid effectiveness: Ownership, Alignment, Harmonization, Mutual accountability, and Managing for results. As such the policy goal will be defined as: *‘Strengthened the close collaboration with all developmental partners in health observing the five principles of Aid Effectiveness.’* This brings the following policy priority strategies:

- Introduce well-coordinated periodic monitoring process for every two to three months at the technical/working level, while the annual monitoring process is taken place at the high-level for strategic consideration;
- Undertake an assessment together with the Development Partners and for a long-term cohesiveness in moving forward and structure a regular forum enabling an enhancement in transparency related to priority settings and project implementations; and
- Undertake a strategic investment approach, ‘affordability in sustaining the status within the domestic means’, is an obligatory to be applied in advance.