TERMS OF REFERENCE

TWG 3 – Health Financing and Social Protection

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Area of Focus

Sustainable financing of health care delivery system with social protection

- resource mobilization from Public and Private,
- Public Financial Management,
- Universal Health Insurance,
- Identification and addressing needs of the Poor

Cross subsidization and pooling of risks and resources

Strategic Outcome: Health System Investments and Functioning

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Implementation of a health financing strategy, which maximises equitable access to quality health services for all, provides financial protection against ill health, and promotes strategic purchasing. All citizens are protected from catastrophic health expenditure

Health insurance

- In collaboration with stakeholders expand the scope of health insurance.
- Mobilise citizens to join health insurance schemes to ensure that every citizen has access to health care without financial constraints at the time of service use.
- For people who do not have formal employment, the iCHF benefit package includes critical primary health care interventions
- Support Government to establish a mechanism to identify those in need of health services, identify vulnerable groups, such as children, pregnant women, people with

chronic diseases, and elderly, and ensure that they are incorporated in the insurance schemes.

- Strengthen the payment system for health care providers, in order to improve service delivery in public and private health care facilities.
- Undertake costing exercise to determine the actual cost of providing various health interventions in health facilities at different levels, in public and private health facilities.
- Support government to provide further regulations regarding the gatekeeper system, reimbursements of claims, with clarification on eligibility, automation, and maximum period for reimbursement, to guarantee continuity of care (e.g., replacement of medicines given to insured clients).
- Ensure the expansion of public health insurance schemes so as to increase the extent of strategic purchasing of services from health care providers whereby payments are based on services used rather than inputs.
- Support the Government to stimulate corporate social responsibility in financing health activities.

Financial support to the health sector

- Resource mapping
- Strengthen capacities to improve timeliness of routine Public Expenditure Reviews and National Health Accounts, supplemented by occasional Public Expenditure Tracking Studies.
- In collaboration with stakeholders develop a resource mobilisation plan, monitoring and evaluation.
- Revise and expand the Wadau portal developed by PO-RALG to all levels to record budget, activities and financial contributions from DPs, NGOs and community-based organisations (financed by DPs), private sector, philanthropies or social enterprises.

Financial management

- Continue to strengthen planning, budgeting, execution, M&E throughout the health system. Increased attention will be given to management of public finances at all levels, including reporting on expenditures in relation to outputs.
- Ensure Regular audits to be undertaken.
- The partners in the health sector should continue improving the efficient use of available resources for example through strategic purchasing and harmonization of funds flows.
- Ensure Partners increasingly align with GOT public financial management systems. PlanRep and the Facility Financing Accounting and Reporting System will be used as the basis for financial management at facility level. Complete and timely disbursement and use of funds is critical to maintain continuity of service provision.
- Explore and address bottlenecks that lead to delayed disbursement by GOT and DPs.