

DPG H Closing Remarks at Joint Annual Health Sector Review Technical Meeting, Dodoma,

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The Director of Government Business and Policy Coordination from the Prime Minister's Office,

Government officials of the United Republic of Tanzania,

Representatives of CSOs, NGOs and the private sector,

Fellow Development Partners,

Invited guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen, good Afternoon.

On behalf of the Development Partners, it is a pleasure for me to be here with all of you for three days to make closing remarks and pass our gratitude to all those who made this event a reality supporting the health sector in Tanzania at this year's Joint Annual Health Sector Technical Review Meeting.

The road to UHC requires strong stakeholder collaboration under high level Government Leadership, with a focus on equitable access to good quality primary promotive, preventative and curative health services that ensure financial protection. As a critical part of this effort to have strong and aligned stakeholders, we appreciate again government's effort in bringing RMOs/DMOs and medical officers in charge from Regional Referral hospitals to this event.

We are all excited to be with all of you for the past three days to learn our success as well as identify the barriers and weaknesses. We have witnessed good and productive dialogues happened between the Government, DPs, RMOs/DMOs, Medical Officers from RRH, CSOs, NGOs and Private sectors. We encourage these dialogues to continue and shape the development of HSSP V.

We also managed collectively to come up with focus areas for development of HSSP V that will able to respond to shifting context in achieving universal health. During discussions, we have noted our ongoing challenges such as quality of care, management of human resources like high maternal mortality, chronic malnutrition among children, sustainable health financing, gender and equity which all of us should strive to address. At the same time, we also need to respond to shifting contexts such as non-communicable diseases, urban migration, pandemic and climate change that require our urgently attention to respond in order to build a stronger system for the future. We thank you for your hard work and contribution throughout the presentation as well as group works.

DPs would like to thank the Permanent Secretary, Dr Chaula, MoHCDGEC and Deputy PS, PORALG for their leadership over the period of this work and thank all the people in this room who contributed time, ideas and finances to the process.

We congratulate and thank the core team members who have conducted the recent Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV (HSSP IV), 2015-2020, Health Basket

Fund and One Plan II. Without their hard work and dedication, we couldn't have these key reports to guide the next HSSP.

On behalf of development partners in health, we reiterate once more our full commitment to ensuring we reach all households in Tanzania with quality health care, as we continue together to promote good quality primary health care that is accessible to all.

Asanteni kwa kunisikiliza.