
Health Financing TWG UPDATE February, 2019

Last HFTWG met August 2018

Social Health Protection (SHP):

1. Social Protection Policy

- **The National Social Protection Policy has been drafted with its final draft dating to December 2018.** UNICEF involved partner supporting the Policy and Implementation Plan development. Consultations with stakeholders on the SHP part have taken place end of 2018 and are reflected within the policy (by stating the government's commitment to create a mandatory social health insurance system with adequate social assistance for enabling access to the poor). The draft policy has not yet been endorsed for wider circulation.

2. Social Health Insurance (ICHF/ SNHI)

- **ICHF: Symposium on Social Health Insurance for the informal sector** took place February 12th and 13th in Dar es Salaam. This was organised by the MOHCDGEC and PORALG in support of the Swiss Tropical Institute. It was attended by representatives of the Parliament, the MOH Minister, PORALG PS and other important national stakeholders. The Symposium was conveniently placed at the beginning of the year setting the tune for the **roll out of the improved CHF system country wide**, drawing in also experiences and lessons from other countries in the region and beyond.
At the Symposium the government affirmed their commitment to strengthen and roll out SHI for the informal sector through ICHF and eventually a **Single National Health Insurance (SNHI)**. The MOHCDGEC pointed out that it was aiming to submit the **SNHI Bill to Parliament this April**.
- GIZ supported **Health Insurance Management Information System Workshop: openIMIS** Workshop took place in conjunction to the SHI Symposium (14th & 15th February 2019) in Dar es Salaam and was attended by Tanzanian government and health insurance stakeholders as well as representatives from Rwanda, Chad, Cameroon (who had also attended the Symposium). openIMIS (based on an open source software) is the system which has already been used in the ICHF support through HPSS and is now being adopted for application to the entire ICHF system in the country ensuring inter-operability with the IMIS system used by NHIF.

3. DHFF, RBF, NHA, PER

- No current up-dates, due to HF TWG not taking place

Next HF TWG was announced for Wednesday 20th March 2019 in Dodoma - tbc