

JHSR Reform - Draft 2

Draft Concept note prepared by the JHSR Task Force, April 2011

1. Rationale for a Change

The JHSR process as it has been implemented up to now is consuming substantial energy and resources (with many repetitions) and does not ensure proper representation of the LGAs, or sufficient consultation with representatives of civil society (including FBOs).

The aim of the proposed changes is to make efficiency gains and better reflect the decentralisation policy in the health sector, which has as its key function bottom-up planning and reporting.

Main objectives are to:

- Ensure a local level voice and interaction between health stakeholders of the periphery and the central government (MoHSW and PMORALG)
- Build on the bottom up practice of the sector, and strengthen the role of the regions and zones
- Offer a platform for Zones to assess progress in their respective regions and central government to clarify policies and milestones
- Avoid repetition between Technical and Main Reviews
- Streamline processes in order to save time, energy and money (esp. for central ministries)

The reform is built around three main proposed changes:

1. Switch from an annual review cycle to a biennial review cycle
2. A revised Review Mechanism (see outlined below in para 3)
3. Replace country-wide DMO conference with Regional/Zonal technical progress reviews to increase efficiency and effectiveness of these meetings.

2. Biennial Review Cycle

The SWAP Code of Conduct stipulates two SWAP meetings per year, "one of them being the JHSR". Some development partners (DPs) and Basket Partners need a "review" according to their bi-lateral agreements and MoU. In addition there is still need for a harmonized input into the annual GBS review.

The proposal is to have **every year a standard review process (review light)** in the 3rd or 4th quarter of the calendar year. This will deal with the Performance Report, the PER, financial report, budget priorities and annual milestones.

In addition, **every second year there will be a thematic review**, based on structured thematic consultation with LGAs and regions, as well as a thematic input (study or research on a theme related with the implementation of the HSSP).

Preparation	Full Review Every second year	Review Light Every alternate year
1. Selection of specific topic	YES	
2. Regional Meetings	YES	YES
3. Joint Field Visit	YES	YES
4. Zonal Meetings	YES	
5. Technical Review Meeting	YES	YES
6. Decision Maker Meeting	YES	YES

- c) Assessment of CCHP and RHMT reports
- d) Assessment of Milestones
- e) Report from Zonal Meetings including feedback on thematic review (years with Full Review)
- f) Report from Technical Review Study (years with Full Review)
- g) Alternative options for implementation of HSSP 3 strategies (funding scenarios)
- h) Priorities for next FY
- i) Draft milestones

Duration: 2 days

Participants: broad stakeholder meeting (max. 150 with sub-groups having clear mandate to produce recommendations to the Decision Maker meeting).

Proposed list of participants to be reviewed by the JAHSR Task Force in advance of the meeting to ensure that there is adequate and balanced representation from the various stakeholders.

4. Decision Makers Meeting

- a) Brief and condensed presentation of findings from TRM (PER, Performance Report, Milestones, etc.)
- b) Presentation and discussion of implementation alternatives for the HSSP 3 strategies
- c) Presentation, discussion, and endorsement of milestones
- d) Presentation, discussion, and endorsement of funding priorities

Duration: 1 day

Participants: max. 50 (one "speaker" and "two technical advisors" per MDA, Agency, Organization, Donors):

- **Minister of Health and Social Welfare (Chair)**
- PS MoHSW
- PS PMORALG
- PS MoF
- CMO, Commissioner of SW and Directors of Departments, MoHSW
- Director Sector Coordination, Directors LG and RA, PMORALG
- Representative of other relevant ministries
- Representatives for the regions (RMOs/DMOs)
- Lead sector development partners
- Civil society representatives
- APHFTA
- CSSC
- NHIF, NSSF, TFDA, MSD, etc.
- Representatives from Parliamentary Social Service Committee, Parliamentary Committee for Local Government Authorities

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