

## **SWAp Technical Committee meeting, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.**

Chair: Madame Blandina Nyoni, Permanent Secretary MOHSW

### **1. Reports by the Working Groups and Sub-Committees**

The following progress in the establishment of the subcommittees of the SWAp has been reported: Out of the 12 sub committees 8 of them have met at least once.

They have already developed draft Terms of References which were shared with the members of the TC SWAp and endorsed.

The four sub committees which did not meet are:

Pharmaceuticals, Commodities, Infrastructure (MAMM) and food safety,

Diseases Specific programs,

Emergency preparedness and response,

Multisectoral Nutrition Group.

**Decision:** *The Permanent Secretary directed the Chairs of these sub committees to explain to her by Friday 19, March 2010 reasons for not making progress.*

A draft calendar for the year including meetings of SC/WG was distributed.

**Decision:** *DPs will send their feedback to the HSRS not later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March (this has been done)*

### **2. Follow up on some Milestones**

- CCHP guidelines revision: as presentation was made of the process as well as of the main changes to be expected (see PPP on the website).

**Decision:** *The zero draft CCHP guidelines to be circulated next week, to be discussed within the Council and region health working group + HBF partners. The final draft to be submitted to the next TC SWAp. The guidelines are to enter into force for the next fiscal year.*

- Cost sharing guidelines: here also a short presentation was given.

**Decision:** *the draft cost sharing guidelines are to be discussed at the Health financing subcommittee, in line with the Health Financing Strategy.*

### **3. Ceiling and MTEF process**

The presentation on the MTEF process highlighted the priorities of the MoHSW (see separate document which was discussed at the HFWG). The ceiling for OC is lower than last year by 1.25% (1 billion less), and this is not really compensated by the slight increase of budget through PMO RALG. HBF expected contribution is 124 billion, and development budget 13 billion.

**Decision:** *DPs are to give figures to put in the MTEF (even tentative, in order to avoid the need for supplementary budget).*

*The draft MTEF should be discussed in a special session to be called by the PS*

*The PS promised to reduce expenditures on travel and workshops. Limit the travels, and ensure that workshops are better managed (save time and organise them in the MOHSW premises).*

*More resources have to be allocated for service delivery.*

### **4. Performance Profile Report**

The report is still not finalised. It has been difficult to collect the information for the part on Human Resources.

**Decision:** *Report to be finalised and discussed at the M&E WG*

## **5. Update on Health Workforce Initiative**

Canada informed that the Health Workforce Initiative would finally get the financing.

## **6. Update on HMIS strengthening initiative**

RNE and CDC confirmed their commitment to support the strengthening of HMIS, and requested the MoHSW to become more proactive, in view also of ensuring optimal use of additional resources to be given by the GFATM.

## **7. Health Sector in the MKUKUTA review**

Health isn't very prominent in the MKUKUTA outline whichj was circulated.

The DPGH has given oral and written comments, as well as proposals for the indicators (in line with the HSSP III).

**Decision:** *It is crucial that the MoHSW become more proactive to ensure that Health gets an adequate positioning within the MKUKUTA II.*

## **8. From Health Sector Reform Secretariat to Health Sector Resource Secretariat**

See PP presentation.

The Health System Strengthening issues will be dealt with by the HSRS (Basket, GAVI, GFATM...).

## **9. Revised TORs for the TC SWAp**

The draft revised TORs for the TC SWAp (in line with the new dialogue structure) have been shared at the last SWAp meeting in 2009.

**Decision:** *The MoHSW will give a feedback to the JAHSR task force which will finalise the TORs and submit them to the next meeting.*