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### **Updates on Health Financing Technical Working Group meeting held 02, March 2020**

- 1. Update on Single National Health Insurance;** The Ministry has received an actuarial study report that explored the possibility of combining the proposed Single National Health Insurance and Workers Compensation Fund. The study was requested by the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee of the Cabinet as a condition to approve Health financing strategy including establishment of the Single National Health Insurance Scheme cabinet paper. The report has found out that it not feasible to combine the two. The Ministry is now planning to table the proposal to the IMTC in April 2020. We advised the Ministry to develop the proposed bill so that it expedites approval of the IMTC. The Ministry assured that the draft bill has already been developed.
- 2. Health services costing guideline concept;** the Ministry is planning to revise its cost sharing guidelines. The Ministry has already collected price schedules from various health providers. It was advised that the Ministry in revising the guideline should combine user fees and community health fund. The Ministry was reminded that the guideline usually has two components; the first component is for processes and procedures and the second is the price schedules. With regards to the second component, the meeting decided to organise a consultant that will come up with indicative prices for health services that can be used in the health system. The prices can then be adjusted to be used in government health facilities. MOH agreed to develop TOR to ensure that prices schedules are coordinated with other departments in the health sector. The meeting advised the Ministry to always consider financing this kind of activities based on the resources available in their own plan and budget including health basket fund to avoid separate request to donors.
- 3. Updates on HSSP IV;** Task forces for development of HSSP V have been identified including their TOR. The TWG for health financing will be in Universal Health Coverage task force. The future of the TWG will depend on the performance of the task forces. A few members of the TWG will be selected to attend the Task Force meetings the meetings will start on the 24, April 2020.
- 4. Update of Improve Community Health Fund;** All 26 regions are implementing Improved Community Health Fund they can enrol members and are getting benefits in all facilities. Kigoma and Mara are lagging behind since they started a bit late i.e. November 2019. We were also informed that ICHF is moving from cash payment to electronic payment. There are however challenges related to management of the software resulting in delays for payment. Some of these have been resolved and others are being addressed.
- 5. The Technical Working Group also received progress on some of the matters** that were raised in the last meeting these includes; update of the D Funds; We were informed that by September 2020 every year the Ministry of Finance will appreciate receiving information on D-Fund. The recipient departments are supposed to enter online beginning the first January 2020. All implementers will need to register on line for receiving funds that are outside the exchequer. We emphasised the importance of accounting for D- Fund as it is one of the best



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practices in the Public Financial Management as it monitors disbursements of funds and contributes towards Universal Health Coverage.

6. **Finally, the meeting was informed about preparations of the Global Fund application;** Stakeholders meeting will take place on the 15, March 2020. Members were requested to share with the Secretariat areas that can be addressed.