

**Closing Remarks by Mr. Eliakimu Maswi *The Deputy Permanent Secretary, PMORALG* at the closing of the 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Health Sector Review Main Meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**

***Madam Chairperson; the Permanent Secretary, MoHSW;  
Representative of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare,  
Zanzibar;  
The Chief Medical Officer, MoHSW;  
Chairperson of TROIKA;  
Director General ECSA – Health Community  
The Development Partners Representatives;  
The Civil Society Organisations, and Private sector  
Representatives;  
Representatives from other Ministries;  
Directors and staff from the MoHSW, PMORALG, MoFEA and  
POPSM;  
Representative from Zonal Hospitals  
Representatives from the Regions, Districts and MoHSW Training  
Institutions;  
Media;  
Invited Guests;  
Ladies and Gentlemen.***

We have now reached the conclusion of our Joint Health Sector Review for 2010.

I am privileged to take this opportunity to thank you for your full participation in this 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Health Sector Review which

commenced on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all Leaders and members of the diplomatic missions from bilateral and multilateral cooperation for their tireless contribution to the sector. We also value their participation during the opening ceremony and majority of them staying while actively participating for the two days. Their attendance gave more weight to this Annual Review.

I wish to thank those participants who came from abroad to learn from us and exchange experiences in Health Policy and Implementation.

I would particularly thank participants from partner programs, sector departments, ECSA – Health Community, zonal resource centres, Regions and Districts for their outstanding, constructive and organized contributions.

### **Dear Participants;**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Health Sector Review is focused on the performance of the health sector, in particular health systems strengthening in line with the Health Sector Strategic Plan III (2009 – 2015). The achievements are attributed to continued improvement and use of the Sector Wide Approach as a tool of coordinating our efforts. I would like to thank all stakeholders who are participating in these coordinative efforts to bring about improvement in health indicators. Your participation in this review is a witness to your commitment. We are learning a lot from each other.

In particular I wish to thank the Leadership of all the involved Ministries, that is MoHSW, PMORALG, MoFEA and POPSM; the Resource Secretariat, Review Task Force, Presenters, Financiers, Organizers,

and the support staff involved in making sure that the review has become successful. You deserves sincere appreciation.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The review has enabled us to get the reports, discussions and deliberate on the following;

- Summary of the Health Sector Performance Profile Report, 2009
- MTEF tracking of HSSP III strategies
- Review of eleven HSSP III strategies (2009 -2015), in terms of progress, policy and implementation issues and future plans
- Short summary of progress 2009/10 Health SWAp Milestones
- MTEF 2011/12 priority areas for the Budget Guidelines
- Health SWAp Milestones for FY 2010/11

**Ladies and Gentleman,**

Before I end my speech, I would like to emphasise on a few key issues; The Government is committed to implement the deliberations agreed upon in order to improve the health systems and be in line with Health Sector Strategic Plan III, strategies.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and PMORALG will take appropriate actions to address the health sector challenges presented and discussed in this review. These include;

- Operationalisation of the health services scheme jointly by MoHSW, PMO-RALG, MoFEA and POPSM, responding to HRH requirements per facility and observing MMAM demands.

- Improving health services supervision, M&E and operational research through improved budgetary allocation, National, Regional and Council tools and processes
- Improving timely disbursement of funds to councils and Regions from the Government and Development Partners
- Improve Health staff deployment by fast tracking their salaries and further work on the retention strategies. This include posting of Nutritionists to Regional Secretariats and LGAs
- Improve services access through Public Private Partnership by ensuring that the reviewed CCHP guideline and Service Agreements negotiations guide human and financial commitment between Government and private service providers at all levels.
- Improve Regulatory arrangements to safeguard quality and availability of medicine and commodities to the health services
- Improving availability of qualified human resources by combination of traditional training space increase methods and innovative approaches like distant learning, e-learning, telemedicine and evening classes
- Continued address of the decreasing, though still high Maternal Mortality through implementation of well costed and funded RCH Strategic plan
- Intervene on the observed nutritional concerns through improved joint funding, food fortification, family education and staffing at all levels

- Improve health sector Governance through Community Involvement, Service boards and improve Government supervision of services in Public and Private.

However, this will depend on the availability and adequacy of health and social welfare resources.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This year Tanzania is blessed by receiving the WHO antismoking award. Congratulations to Dr. Lutgard K. Kagaruki from Tanzania Tobacco Control Forum. We need to join forces and strengthen the campaign by advocating for alternative income generation approaches for example, growing of sunflower crops instead of tobacco and talk of ill health effects of smoking to each other.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I also congratulate the moderator in the manner he conducted and summarized the proceedings of this meeting.

Once again I would like to thank all those who made this review a success. I wish all of you a safe journey back home and implement our joint deliberations. For those who come from various areas of this country, please take home the results of the review and disseminate to others. I thank you for coming and I now declare the 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Health Sector review Main Meeting adjourned.