Year 3 Report (2014 activities)

Country: SUDAN

EU-Lux-WHO UHC Partnership

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Main activities as planned in the Road Map

SO I

Activity 1: Policy dialogue on the "Review of the health financing system" in Sudan

Activity 2: Global Health Strategy

Main activities achieved and progress made

1. **(SO I)** Policy dialogue on defining pricing mechanism and thus improving the availability and affordability of medicine

This has been postponed as it has been rendered as a non-priority for now, by the federal ministry of health. Currently NHIF is undergoing a costing of their benefit package exercise which could be the basis to initiate a pricing dialogue.

2. **(SO I)** Policy dialogue on human resources for health policy

Not done. However, HRH Observatory and WHO regional workshop on work force planning have set the scene for the preparation for this policy dialogue.

- 3. **(SO I)** Policy dialogue on formula for the equitable distribution of resources Not done.
- 4. **(SO I)** Launch of the report of international conference on road to universal health coverage and the way forward defining the details of roadmap for UHC **100%**

This has been disseminated as soft copy on the NHIF website, as well as hard copies distributed to all relevant stakeholders. Copies have been shared with EU delegates in Tunis in the 2014 annual meeting. It was also presented as part of the FMOH and State MOH DG's meeting on planning for the year of 2015 as part of sensitization.

- 5. **(SO III)** Finalizing and signing of the local compact and joint review for better aid effectiveness Initial signing has been completed and communication is going on to add new signatories.
- 6. (SO I) Meeting and policy dialogue on: (i) health security; (ii) environment & health; and (iii)

human resource for health with focus on migration and retention strategies – **95%** Three workshops (Human Recourses, Health Security, Environmental Health) deliberated around different aspects of the Global Health Strategy for Sudan with the participation of the national and international experts, bringing local experience from around the globe.

The recommendations from these workshops were tailored into a global health strategy document, and discussed in a consensus workshop in September 2014. The participants discussed the global health strategy development process and road map for Sudan. These recommendations will be taken forward for 2015. Pending: Finalisation of document

Please explain any changes in circumstances or programme implementation challenges encountered affecting the original plan

- 1. High turn over of FMOH and continued awareness and education;
- 2. Also movement of some key staff from one directorate to another nationally like Dr. Talal from FMOH and Dr Mustafa Salih from NHIF.

Proposed modifications to Programme Road Map resulting from changes above

The road map was revisited in September 2014, and the activities were re-oriented according to MOH priorities and current ongoing seed work to meet the above objectives. The amendments are highlighted below on the 2015 roadmap section.

Lessons learned

- The continued communication and face to face meetings between WHO Team and FMOH;
- The enthusiastic committed Director of Policy and Planning and his active work on advocacy to move towards 'integration of policy;
- The communication of the Public Health Insitute in reaching our other sectors.

Road Map and timeline for 2015

- 1. Policy system (Dec 2014 Aug 2015) Deliverable: Policy system manual
- 2. National Health Finance Policy (Dec 2014 March 2015) Deliverable: NHF policy
- 3. Health Finance strategy (March 2015 Aug 2015) Health Finance strategy
- 4. National Health Policy update (Feb 2015 Aug 2015) with a focus on health for all and reorientation of the health system National Health Policy
- 5. Costing of the Benefit Package National Health Insurance Fund (Feb April 2015)

Visibility and communication

- 1. Proceedings of the conference "Road to Universal Health Coverage for Sudan" were published in a report, disseminated to all stakeholders
- 2. An article on UHC in Sudan was published in the uhcpartnership website.

Impact assessment

No information for this section.